



Wadden Sea Forum
WG ICZM, 2021-7 Meeting
Online, 7 December 2021

Final DRAFT Minutes

1. Opening

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The meeting commenced at 10:00 hours. The participants (Annex 1) adopted the agenda. Ms Sewig has to leave earlier, around 10:30 hours.

2. Last meeting was ICZM 2021-6

As the WG ICZM 2021-6 was held as an online meeting at 27 September 2021, no minutes were prepared.

3. Announcements

No announcements

4. New Interreg Programme Period

The EU Interreg program North Sea opened its first Call from 15 December 2021 to 7 March 2022. Different opportunities for project proposals, .e.g. small scaler projects, expression of interests and full applications (until 22 April 2022).

5. WSF information on Activities

The WSF secretary informed the participants on the recent developments within the WSF as follows:

- ***Project status***
 - o "MediaWatt"

Cooperation of volunteers in the MediaWatt project is due to the Corona situation somewhat complicated. The solution is to decide on specific topics and conduct separate meetings with selected persons and institutions. The progress of the WSF movie for the 20th anniversary is satisfying.
 - o Cooperation on "Arts and Sustainability" – WE_ARE_OCEAN_Wadden_Sea

The cooperation between ARTPORT and WSF has been cancelled. Different reasons led to a complicated way of working. The aim of having artist-science-education projects conducted in the four WSR stopped because of lack of funding. On 15 December 2021 the dissolution of the agreement from spring 2021 was signed.
 - o "TrilaWatt"

The TrilaWatt projects was approved in beginning of November 2021. The official project start is 1 January 2022. The project will last until 31 December 2024 and the WSF will

employ new member of staff (50%, E13). The main task of the WSF is to organise the stakeholder involvement on trilateral level. The aim of the project is to compile a trilateral big database on sediment, geomorphology and hydrology in the Wadden Sea area. The main aims are the development of methods on assessment and automatic reporting with regard to European directives and support of the TMAP database.

- "DBU Shipping"

The DBU shipping project was approved in the beginning of November 2021. The cooperation between representatives from the trilateral harbour/Shipping sector and the trilateral green NGO's (Wadden Sea Team) is the main aim of this project. Jointly they work on a neutral dialogue platform in the WSR.

- "Water as Leverage"

The WSF is cooperating the trilateral approach on "Water as Leverage. It is envisaged to enable several trilateral projects in the water management sector. Different partners in the trilateral WSR have been approached in order to become part of the entire project idea. The WSF is organising and supporting the "Water as Leverage" in Germany. Furthermore, the WSF is investigating if a future community on water management could be started in the WSR. "Water as Leverage" supports the WSF financially.

- "Crisis Management"

In beginning of November 2021, the WSF was approached by its members DRK Wesermarsch and OOWV in order to get partner in a new Interreg project proposal on crisis management. The main topics in this proposal will be evacuation and recovery. The WSF organised a first meeting in mid-November 2021. The preparation process is going on. Currently, the WSF is not able to become partner in an Interreg project due to lack of co-funding. The WSF secretariat is seeking for solutions.

- ***Green Coastal Deal***

- Regional Round Tables

An invitation of the Omgevingsberaad Waddengebied (OBW) in the Netherlands for the introduction of the WSF is on 16 December 2021. The OBW will decide on the one hand to act as Regional Round Table and on the other hand to cooperate in the topic of shipping and Wadden Sea.

December 20 a meeting between the WSF secretariat and both head of district Nordfriesland and Dithmarschen will take place. Within this meeting, the options of cooperation between WSF and the National Park Advisory Boards in Schleswig-Holstein will be discussed. In Lower Saxony, the inventory and identification of potential participants in the RRT in Lower Saxony is closely connected to the shipping topic. The WSF members, Hans-Joachim Uhlendorf (WHV e.V.), Ulf Berner (DENKflut e.V.), Heinz-Gerhard Elsen (Maritime Police) and Erich Hinrichs are supporting the WSF.

- Energy Transition

The WSB requested the CWSS (SIMP) to start working on the topic of energy transition in the WSR. The WSF informed the WSB-34 that a first half-day webinar has been conducted in spring 2021. The WSF offered support to the CWSS (SIMP). Furthermore, the WSF together with S4F Wilhelmshaven/Friesland are organising a webinar on hydrogen in the northwestern region of Lower Saxony, 13 January 2022.

- Goose Management

In 2021, the WSF was involved in the organisation of two webinars in the AEWA EGMP Task Force Agriculture. The second webinar took place at 9 December 2021 with more than 130 participants. The WSF secretariat decided to summarise the presentations held in the webinar and start a dialogue on future process of goose management in the WSR. Former

members of the WG Goose Management or Agriculture agreed in this process. The WSF is going to start writing a summary report, which will be enhanced to a position paper.

5. Any other business

The meeting is invited to raise issues not covered by the agenda.

6. Next meeting

The meeting decided to have the next meeting ICZM 2022-1 at 19 January 2022, 14 to 17 hours (online).

7. Closing

The meeting closed at 11:30 hours.