

# Wadden Sea Board

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**Proposal:** The meeting is invited to take note of the WSF progress report and to comment as appropriate.

## **Overview of the Activities of the Wadden Sea Forum since WSB-17**

### **A) WSF plenary**

The 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Wadden Sea Forum took place on 13-14 October in Husum. The emphasis was laid on Goose management on AEWA level. The WSF supports the establishment of the AEWA Goose Management Platform to elaborate management plans for Grey-lag and Barnacle Geese. As a second main topic the WSF discussed – on the basis of a presentation from Tennet – a Tennet plan to construct an artificial island at the doggerbank for off-shore wind energy transformation and distribution.

Further items were risk management and sustainability indicators.

### **B) Working Groups**

In the following, brief summaries of the working groups activities are given.

#### **1. ICZM**

In line with the new working structure, agreed at the last plenary meeting, the working group discussed in detail the role as well as the contents of work of the ICZM group. The ICZM group will be responsible for the WSF instruments indicator tool, planning portal and climate atlas. For these, the following actions were taken:

a) indicator tool: application of new approach and data update are currently elaborated; Results for the German municipalities along the coast will be available in November. Two master thesis at the university Kiel will analyze causes and consequences of developments.

b) planning portal: cooperation with other partners working in this field have to be established.

c) climate atlas: collaboration with HZG has been taken up again to update the instrument. Firstly, the atlas will be updated with new scenarios, covering the latest research results in this field.

The WSF plenary as well as the ICZM group agreed that risk management would be an important issue and an emphasis in the future work. This will also build on the outcome of the Enhance project. Risk management will be continued on a more concrete and applied level. Following, the concept of risk management, including the dealings with causes and consequences of risks and uncertainties, will be an integrational part of ICZM and the indicator tool should be used to focus on concrete questions.

How the work on risk management can be integrated in coastal management in detail and which concrete tasks can be defined will be discussed at the forthcoming ICZM meeting on 15 November.

#### **2. Agriculture**

The WSF is still involved in a regional goose management group in Lower Saxony. Also in 2016 the group has met several times to work on monitoring and draft management schemes.

Furthermore, the work of AEWA in elaborating management schemes for Grey-lag and Barnacle Geese is supported. Goose management was also an emphasis of this WSF-29.

#### **3. TG-Climate of the TWSC**

With the secretariat, the WSF cooperates with the Task Group Climate (TG-C) of the Trilateral Cooperation to discuss climate change adaptation strategies, taking into account social requirements and spatial planning developments. Also best practise examples are compiled and discussed and communicated.

**C) Projects:**

a) "Municipalities innovative", a project on demographic change in the WSR and co-financed by the German ministry of research has started recently. A pre-meeting took place in August, and end of October an initial meeting will take place to structure role and contributions of the partners.

b) The participation in the introduced Interreg Europe project under priority 4, environment and resource efficiency, is standing on feet of clay. The lead partner has not been found yet, the role of UK partners is unclear and the requirement that 50% of the partners have to be involved in national structural funds cannot probably be met. Decisions have been taken within the coming weeks.

c) The Interreg VB project with regard to sustainable islands with green economy has been launched. It is envisaged to have a kick off meeting soon.

**D) Topical Issues**

Besides the work in the different working groups, the WSF elaborates on topical issues, which have an overarching character and concerns different stakeholders and authorities.

**ENHANCE**

The WSF has continuously contributed to the ENHANCE project. The project is almost finished, but the WSF is still involved in some publications, carried out by colleagues from HZG research center Geesthacht.

**Green Harbor**

At the WSF-28 meeting it was proposed to reactivate the shipping and harbor working group. On administrative level, a working group has been established, focusing on PSSA matters and an administrative operational plan.

It is still a goal for the WSF to proceed with green harbor issues. A meeting between the WSF secretariat and MARIKO (maritime competence center Leer) took place mid September to discuss cooperation in this field. A common workshop or symposium is envisaged.