

Wadden Sea Board

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Wilhelmshaven



Agenda Item: 8.1

Subject: **MTR 2014-18 of the Implementation of the Trilateral WS Cooperation
Tønder declaration**

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Submitted by: The Netherlands

Proposal:

A Mid Term Review of the Implementation of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation 2014-2018, prepared by the Netherlands, was submitted to the WSB June 2016.

It was noted that most of the actions were assessed as being on schedule. However, for a minor amount of 6 items the indications were red, indicating these were not being on the required schedule.

As a next step, the WSB June meeting invited the Netherlands to submit proposals for a follow-up focussing on those items being assessed as not on target to be achieved (marked red in the MTR; in total 6 items)

The WSB is invited to note the proposals formulated in this discussion paper and consequently to decide how to proceed.

The items depicted in the boxes, originate from the MTR itself (June 2016).
The proposals are given in italic.

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Nature Conservation for the Wadden Sea

Innovation in monitoring	No changes yet. Waiting for suggestions out of the QSR – 2016.	
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The results of the QSR-2016 are not available yet. The issue of 'Data' in a broad sense will also be taken up at the next International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium in Denmark. Proposal 1 is to wait for these inputs.

Proposal 2 is to investigate whether a promising satellite monitoring issue, f.i. satellite monitoring of Primary Production or flyway-tracking of certain migratory bird species, can be taken up. The latter issue was embraced enthusiastically by prof Theunis Piersma at the occasion of the last Wadden Sea Day.

Wadden Sea World Heritage Site

Boosting education network through IWSS	Education network/centres in place.	
	No significant increase in number of children attracted to Wadden Sea	

Proposal 1 is to wait for the results of the evaluation of the International Wadden Sea School, which is running now and will deliver recommendations.

Proposal 2: In the context of the next Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Conference (Leeuwarden, 2018), the Dutch presidency considers to develop a youth conference, school-competition or another students-programme, to attract and involve the next generation. This might well be coupled with the International Wadden Sea movie-initiative which has started already and is scheduled to be launched at the time of the wadden Sea Conference.

Sustainable use of the Wadden Sea

Shipping	TG-S just recently established (?): considerable delay in providing deliverables	
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The DenGerNeth Maritime Administration Group has been established and their 1st meeting took place; accordingly the actual progress should be marked yellow now. However, as the progress is difficult to assess at this stage, the WSB is proposed to take a careful and alert attitude towards this Group.

Sustainable Fisheries	Closed area concept in several places established.	
	No coherent, level playing field approach yet started at trilateral level	

It is noted that relevant developments have taken place in the different regions over the last few years (like f.i. the signed agreement on mussel fishery in summer 2015 in Schleswig-Holstein).

The proposal is to start with an update (inventory) of measures applied (installing closed areas/ application of appropriate assessments/other measures on sustainability for fisheries).

This update should be submitted to the next WSB. Based on this update, the WSB could proceed on defining next feasible steps forward.

Other main items of the Tønder declaration

35. Alien Species: further development of framework AS, as well as AS Management Plan and Action Plan	Life application rejected. Further work in progress	<div style="background-color: red; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: yellow; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
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*Despite the fact that the Life application was rejected, further progress has been reported by the ad-hoc group Alien Species and workshops are scheduled.
Proposal: no further actions at this stage recommended.*

Cultural Heritage Issue, consistent with preamble of the Tønder Declaration	Dutch presidency to initiate. at workshop level trilateral exchange is realised as part of the research agenda in progress. QSR will give an update.	<div style="background-color: red; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: yellow; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div>
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Progress can be reported: it is noted that a trilateral workshop on this issue is scheduled in december 2016 (Heide).

It is anticipated from the Dutch presidency that linked to the Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Conference the cultural heritage issue will be highlighted. How this will be organised is still open; a collaboration with the Wadden Sea Forum on this topic is envisaged.

Proposal: further actions will be reported by the Dutch presidency in the context of the development of the Wadden Sea Governmental Conference programme.