

Wadden Sea Board

WSB 21
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Vester Vested, Denmark



Agenda Item: WSB 21/5.4 Climate

Subject: Task Group Climate (TG-C) Progress Report

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Submitted by: CWSS

Proposal: The WSB is invited to consider the progress report of TG-C.

TASK GROUP CLIMATE

Progress report to WSB 21

Wilhelmshaven, 25 October 2017



The TG-C 18 (June 2017) and TG-C 19 (September 2017) meetings were held under the chairmanship of Mr Willem Kattenberg (Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, NL).

The following issues were addressed:

1 Trilateral Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (CCAS) Monitoring Report

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- The Task Group Climate (TG-C) finalised a report to monitor the implementation of the Trilateral Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (CCAS) (§52 Tønder Declaration).
- The CCAS Monitoring Report tackles all seven strategic objectives and principles of CCAS (Tønder Declaration, Annex 4) and includes the outcome of a CCAS workshop on best practices for adapting to climate change in the Wadden Sea, held in Wilhelmshaven, Germany in September 2017.

2 Workshop on Best practices of Climate Change Adaptation in the Wadden Sea Region

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- The Task Group Climate together with the EU Interreg project “Building with Nature” held a workshop on “Best practices of Climate Change Adaptation in the Wadden Sea Region”, on 26 – 27 September 2017 at the UNESCO World Heritage Wadden Sea Visitor Centre, Wilhelmshaven.
- Workshop insights were integrated into the CCAS Monitoring Report.
- Overall, the workshop showed that CCAS, including the seven principles, is considered in the majority of projects in the Wadden Sea Area, which emphasizes the applicability of the strategy. While the strategy with its seven principles was recognized by the participants during the workshop, it was apparent that the majority was not familiar with both before. Hence increased efforts in communication are required.

3 Climate change information platform

An open access information platform with projects related to best practices, policy, monitoring and communication of climate change adaptation in the Wadden Sea was created as part of the CWSS website. The information

platform contains a comprehensive collection of projects; missing input will be delivered until the next TG-C meeting in December 2017.

4 Study: Ebb Tidal Delta Study

A comprehensive report on Ebb Tidal Deltas by Mr Albert Oost (Deltares) was finalised, in collaboration with a subgroup of TG-C. Mr Oost presented main results on available knowledge on (geo)morphology of ebb-tidal deltas to TG-C in September 2017.

5 Ministerial Conference

- TG-C provided final drafts of climate-relevant chapters of the Policy Assessment Report and statements and conclusions for the Ministerial Declaration.
- TG-C welcomed the idea of a side event on climate adaptation in the Wadden Sea at the Ministerial Conference in Leeuwarden. TG-C will discuss a detailed concept at the upcoming TG-C meeting (6 – 7 December 2017).