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The Alien Species Management and Action Plan has been further developed by the WG-AS, but TG-MM 19 considered the current version as not sufficient for consideration by the Wadden Sea Board, due to reservations to major parts of the document by members of WG-AS.

The TG-MM emphasises the added value that this trilateral paper represents for the cooperation, a task that was encouraged by the World Heritage Committee in the wake of recognizing the Wadden Sea as World Heritage in 2009, which was followed up by the WSB commissioning The World Heritage Strategy (2015) and - Road Map (2016/2017). The paper is drawn up in accordance with section 1.4 in the Road Map, and aims at a submission to the 2018 TGC.

Vital progress has been made by TG-MM to define a common ground on the handling of alien species on a trilateral basis, on which monitoring continues to be based on relevant existing and upcoming international and EU Regulations. Differences in extent when implementing the obligations at national level may occur though, but will in that case be based upon different natural conditions. In the TG-MM, there is a general agreement on the monitoring aspect and on the proposed trilateral actions; these should not pose additional resources beyond the above mentioned obligations.

Primary actions will be the harmonization of data arising from national alien species monitoring programmes and their continuous inclusion into the TMAP. In addition, a regularly updated list of alien species in the Wadden Sea based on national ditto should be established, and be accessible via the CWSS website.

Furthermore, a need for a trilateral coordination exists. This could be done by the WG-AS and encompass e.g., coordinating information and citizens science programs, while involving national institutions responsible for alien species management in the Wadden Sea, with the role to suggest appropriate common conclusions and measures. The TGMM will consider and come forward with this coordination aspect.

At the approval of the WSB, TG-MM will thus instruct WG-AS to further elaborate the Alien Species Management and Action Plan accordingly, for delivery to WSB 22.

Proposal: **WSB is invited to note the information and to endorse the approach.**