

Wadden Sea Board

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Attached is a draft work programme of the MoU for the time period 2018 – 2022 which covers five main topics as endorsed at WSB 13 (January 2015). The programme builds on the [first work programme \(2016-2018\)](#) which was approved by WSB 16.

The preparation of TGC Leeuwarden 2018 offers the opportunity to present the successful MoU at the conference and to invite the Korean Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries to the Ministerial Council.

The activities under the work programme will be carried out within the MoU core budget, the IWSS budget and the proposed Supplementary Budget 2018 (for specific activities not covered by the core budget).

Proposal: **The meeting is invited**

- 1) To comment respectively endorse the draft work programme,**
- 2) To consider a presentation of the MoU at the TGC Leeuwarden 2018 and to invite the Korean MOF to TGC 2018.**

Memorandum of Understanding
Wadden Sea - Korea
DRAFT Work programme 2018 - 2022

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Introduction

The work programme 2018 – 2022 was prepared cooperatively by the CWSS, the Korean Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM) and the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries (MOF) in 2017. It builds on the first work programme for the period 2016 – 2018 and focusses on five main topics

1. Policy and management,
2. Monitoring and waterbird management,
3. Eco-tourism, information centres and education,
4. Science and research
5. MoU Communication

The programme will serve a framework for the MoU activities and will be further specified for each year in cooperation with all involved parties.

1. Policy and management

The aim is to exchange of experience on management issues

- marine spatial planning
- restoration projects,
- adaptation to climate change,
- exchange of reports and publications,
- participation at workshops and conferences, also internationally

In the previous period (2016-2017), a joint side even at the UNFCCC COP 23 in Bonn in November 2017 was carried out presenting examples for adaptation and mitigation in the Wadden Sea and Korea.

Focus 2018 – 2022

- Policy and management events / workshops in Korea and the Wadden Sea,
- Participation of a Korean delegation at the Ministerial Conferences (Leeuwarden 17-18 May 2018, Germany, 2022).

2. Monitoring and Waterbird Management

- Strengthening bird monitoring network and exchange in Korea (using experience and know-how from the Wadden Sea),
- Exchange of knowledge and know-how on ecosystem monitoring,
- Further enhance connection between science and policy,

In the previous period (2016-2017), the MoU was presented by the Korean MOF at the Hawaii IUCN World Conservation Congress as contribution to a Yellow Sea workshop on coastal migratory birds. A Korean delegation of KOEM attended the 14th International Wadden Sea Symposium in May 2017 and presented a talk about the Korean Getbol monitoring.

Focus 2018 – 2022

- Participation at bird conferences / workshops
- Preparation of a fourth MoU Symposium, possible themes:
 - o Climate change (adaptation),
 - o Aliens species (monitoring, management),
 - o Waterbird monitoring and management,
 - o Partnership cooperation and networks,

3. Eco-tourism, information centres and education

- Cooperation and exchange on sustainable tourism
- Continue cooperation between info centres
- Develop partnerships between Korean and Wadden Sea info centres
- Develop joint education products,

In the previous period (2016-2017), representatives from Korean visitor centres visited the Wadden Sea information centres. In 2016, IWSS members attended a workshop in Korea to support the development of school-related education programmes.

Focus 2018 – 2022

- Joint participation at international conferences,
- Study visits of NGOs,
- Cooperation of info centres in Korea and Wadden Sea.

4. Science and research

- Definition of research themes which integrates issues relevant for the MOU,
- Approach scientists and institutions who are willing to cooperate on these issues (building on the existing scientific structures at both sites),
- Encourage to attending scientific workshop or symposium.

In the previous period (2016-2017), the scientific networks in the Wadden Sea (e.g. Wadden Academy) and Korea (by KOEM) were informed about relevant scientific conferences and workshops. Representatives from KOEM attended the ISWSS in May 2017.

Focus 2018 – 2022

- Participation at scientific conferences (Korean and Wadden Sea)
- Special MoU session 15th Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium 2021,
- Exchange between Scientific Cooperation Programme of MOF/KOEM and Trilateral Wadden Sea Research Agenda,
- Exchange on monitoring (Korean survey programme KOEM)

5. MoU Communication

- Extend communication on MoU to a broader audience and multipliers
 - o MoU leaflet and brochure
 - o Information about MoU on various channels such as website, social media, and information centres

In the previous period (2016-2017), MoU events were regularly posted on the CWSS website (<http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/about-us/international-partnerships/cooperation-with-the-republic-of-korea>), and the [MoU information leaflet](#) (version 2014) was distributed at selected events as appropriate.

Focus 2018 – 2022

- Update/develop MoU communication material (by May 2018);
 - o Updated MoU flyer,
 - o Develop new material (MoU brochure, poster and/or roll up),
 - o Continue CWSS MoU website as archive of all MoU related events, use social media channels to communicate MoU,
- Prepare annual MoU Progress reports.