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SUMMARY RECORD

22nd Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 22)

2 February 2018
Hamburg, Germany

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the chairperson Mr Verdaas at 09:00 on 2 February 2018. He thanked the Hamburg delegation and particularly the Hamburg Environment and Energy Authority for the dinner the night before and for providing the meeting venue;

The new WSB member Erica Slump (Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands) introduced herself.

Annex 1: List of participants

2. Adoption of the agenda

Document: [WSB 22/2 Draft Agenda WSB 22](#)

The participants adopted the draft agenda of the meeting.

Annex 2: Agenda

Annex 3: Action items

3. Summary record WSB 21

Document: [WSB 22/3 Draft summary Record WSB 21](#)

The participants adopted the final draft Summary Record of WSB 21 with minor changes.

4. Announcements

Denmark

- The Danish government has commenced the second phase of decentralisation of agencies from Copenhagen. From 2019, there will be a re-location of the Environmental Protection Agency to Odense;
- In the fall of 2017, the topic of a perceived lack of Wadden Sea monitoring by Denmark was brought up in the Danish media, including the national news, which resulted in a hearing of the Minister of Environment and Food on 5 January 2018 in the parliament. He responded to criticism raised by scientists noting the lack of monitoring. The [minister responded by referencing to the comprehensive environmental monitoring program based on EU directives and designed on national level explaining that monitoring is adapted to local conditions](#);
- The Danish Wadden Sea National Park and the Municipality of Esbjerg have entered into collaboration with the Danish Nature Fund on the island of Mandø. A sizeable nature area has been acquired and will be preserved especially for nesting meadow birds. The area has a total size of 177 hectares.

Germany (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection Building and Nuclear Safety)

- Germany received a letter from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre on the impact of the storm Herwart, which caused the stranding of the freighter Glory Amsterdam in German waters. Germany will provide a draft answer for the World Heritage Centre and present this to TG World Heritage (TG-WH) for further consultation.

Netherlands

- On 24 January 2018, the Wadden Sea was on the agenda of the Dutch parliament. The minister gave a short overview of the preliminary agenda of the trilateral Wadden Sea conference in Leeuwarden;
- Regarding the discussion around a future management authority for the Wadden, the situation in Denmark and Germany will also be taken into account in the on-going investigation;
- There will be a conference about threats and management of the Ems Dollart estuary on 23 April 2018.

Waddenvereniging

- There is a small subsidy for monthly fish monitoring in the Ems estuary, in addition to the regular yearly monitoring. This reflects a growing interest in swimways and fish in the Wadden Sea. The fishing community will be involved. An encouraging sign are signals of the fishing community to provide knowledge, time and equipment to the process.

WWF

- As reported at WSB 21, environmental NGOs rejected the Marine Stewardship Council's (MSC) certification of the Wadden Sea shrimp fishery. After successful negotiations, the shrimp fishery sector and NGOs signed an agreement on additional measures that the shrimp fishery must undertake to receive MSC certification. The MSC certification was awarded and a final report, including conditions and recommendations, as well as the additional [documents of the certification process](#) are available. MSC certification was followed by press conferences in Brussels, Belgium and Hamburg, Germany. WWF stresses that the agreement states that the Wadden Sea shrimp fishery would comply with the present MSC standards, which includes fulfilling all conditions and measures ([Link](#)). The NGOs, however, criticise that the present MSC standard as such does not take account of protected areas, such as the Wadden Sea to the required extent. In the view of the NGOs, the agreement therefore does not mean that Wadden Sea shrimp fishery was nature-friendly or sustainable, but it marks an important step in this direction. As part of the agreement, shrimp fisheries and NGOs agreed to set up a joint working group to follow the process of implementation. This group is intended to be open for other parties (e.g., state parties) to join.

CWSS

- The social media workshop held in December 2017 with social media channel operators from all three Wadden Sea countries resulted in two major outcomes: 1) there is a high potential for social media in the trilateral Wadden Sea, but this potential has to be better leveraged. Thus a strategy or action plan has to be formulated and executed; 2) A trilateral expert group was formed out of the workshop's participants to work together more closely and to create the strategy/action plan. The group is planned to meet 1-2 per year;

- The new WSWH/CWSS demo website is technically complete and content is being developed in English. To ensure translations to the three national languages, a Dutch translator is available, but CWSS encouraged Denmark to suggest a Danish agency that can provide support on short notice also in the future;
- The Quality Status Report (QSR) was published online in December 2017;
- The chair of the TG Sustainable Tourism was invited to this WSB but had to decline due to other obligations. He sends regards and hopes to join WSB 23;
- The PROWAD Link application is under revision until 15 February 2018. The budget amounts to EUR 4.1 million. All partners of the trilateral cooperation are involved in this project, CWSS leads the project and participates in all Work Packages;
- The programme for the ITB, which will take place in Berlin from 7-11 March 2018, is close to finalization. It will include approximately 13 presentations as side programme at the WS/WH stand and four presentation at the PoWow for Tourism Professionals from partners from across the Wadden Sea region and beyond, including the tourism network, the UNESCO World Heritage Dolomites, and the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg (Germany). A photo and art exhibition on landscapes and best practice examples on dealing with threats of the Wadden Sea and 10 interactive activities on the weekend for the public will complement the fair programme. CWSS thanks all trilateral partners for the joint effort and support. The final programme will be circulated by the end of week 6, 2018. The WSB members are invited to participate. All interested participants will receive a digital code for a free day ticket from Ms Domnick upon request;
- CWSS is in the process of organizing the trilateral shipping symposium that had to be cancelled in the fall of 2017. The symposium is slated to take place 28 March 2018 in Wilhelmshaven. Invitations will be sent out soon and CWSS encourages all partners to further distribute the invitation through their networks.

The participants of the meeting **noted** the information.

5. Implementation of the Tønder Declaration

The participants were invited to remark and comment on documents delivered regarding activities related to the implementation of the Tønder Declaration. In conjunction with the sub-items below, the meeting took note of and discussed progress of the respective Task Groups.

5.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage

Marine Programme Wadden Sea workshop

Document: [WSB 22/5.1/1 marine programme](#)

The [UNESCO World Heritage Marine Programme](#) is currently preparing the next triannual conference of the marine site managers in spring 2019. In this context, CWSS was approached to explore the possibility of organizing a specialised manager workshop in the Wadden Sea in autumn 2018.

Ms Liburd agreed that knowledge sharing with UNESCO is a prerequisite for the cooperation, but asked for an alignment of the proposed workshop themes with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. However, the objectives of the proposed workshop needed to be sharpened.

Ms Paulus stressed the importance of UNESCO marine sites and exchange but also echoed the point raised by Denmark regarding the proposed themes. Ms Knoke therefore suggested to sharpen the focus

and suggested that TG-WH should review the draft program before addressing UNESCO for more clarification.

Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands underscored the importance of branding for the Wadden Sea World Heritage community and agreed with the joint workshop organisation, given that TG-WH reviews and sharpens the objectives.

The WSB instructed CWSS to 1) inform TG-WH to sharpen objectives and decide which of the two (marine litter or branding) to choose and report back to WSB 23 and 2) communicate the outcome to UNESCO.

5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management

5.2.1 TG-MM report (reported by Mr Baerends, the Netherlands)

Document: [WSB 22/5.2/1 TG-MM report](#)

Flyway cooperation: The Netherlands reported that a leaflet for the Trilateral Governmental Conference 13 (TGC 13) would be prepared and funding clarified before 15 February. Joint funding by the Netherlands and Germany was envisioned. The connection between trilateral bird monitoring (as part of TMAP) as a fundamental basis and flyway cooperation would be shown in the brochure.

The WSB noted the information.

Management and wardening: The Netherlands reported that a workshop was scheduled for 22-23 March 2018 on the island of Ameland, Netherlands. **The WSB noted the information.**

Natura 2000 roof report: on behalf of the Chair of TG-MM, Bernard Baerends reported that TG-MM would hire a consultant to complete the process soon. **The WSB endorsed the approach.**

Breeding Bird Action Plan: The Netherlands reported that a national plan for the next 10 years provided for around 50 million EUR for improving the conservation of breeding birds is drafted. **The WSB noted the information.**

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Wadden Sea Seals Agreement: CWSS stated that the seal management plan for the upcoming five years was almost completed. Schleswig Holstein recalled that the WSB would like to see a joint discussion of TG-MM and TSEG, or, barring that the participation of a member of the TSEG in the next TG-MM meeting. TG-MM would take note of this suggestion, and submit the document to WSB 23.

The WSB noted the approach.

Fish Targets: CWSS referred to the first Swimway action plan draft that was submitted to WSB. This was the basis for the Swimway Vision, which would be annexed to the Ministerial Conference Declaration. TG-MM would finalise the document and CWSS receive comments from the WSB. TG-MM was currently outlining the planned signing ceremony for the trilateral ministerial conference. The Netherlands confirmed that a slot for this event was reserved at the Trilateral Governmental conference (TGC). **The WSB noted the document and endorsed the approach.**

Alien Species: CWSS introduced the first draft trilateral alien species management and action plan (MAPAS), which was submitted to WSB for comments on the draft for its finalisation before WSB 23 on 23 March 2018. The MAPAS would be discussed in detail in TG-MM and the WSB was invited to offer guidance regarding the document. **The WSB acknowledged the progress concerning this**

document, noted that there was no basic disagreement on the MAPAS, and stressed the importance of trilateral coordination.

Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme (TMAP): Mr. Baerends expressed the view that the TMAP methodology as developed in the past 30 years would continue. TG-MM was currently tackling the apparent lack of proper TMAP data delivery, which was mainly a matter of the transfer of existing data in a TMAP-standardised format.

Ms Paulus noted that this was a complex topic that it intended to tackle during its upcoming presidency and proposed to proceed with this issue in the upcoming presidency and to come up with a guidance document (Cf 5.6 below).

The chairperson suggested also including this issue in the ministerial declaration.

The WSB endorsed the initial-step approach of TG-MM, while taking into account the German proposal to follow up on the data handling issue during the upcoming presidency (Cf 5.6 below).

Quality Status Report: Cf 5.6. below. **The WSB noted the information.**

Trilateral Research Agenda (TRA): The WSB discussed the degree of involvement of the policy level in the scientific community's suggestions and prioritisation of future research topics.

The WSB agreed that scientific research must remain independent but that a vehicle was needed to steer research directions towards a sustainable Wadden Sea future.

For the next meeting, a one/two pager should be prepared to prioritise topics of importance for the World Heritage Property, under the aspect of pending issues and missing trilateral knowledge. The document should be based on the executive summary of the TRA but could also include missing aspects. Three priorities within each of the four themes should be selected. The responsible authors for the paper would be determined by chairs of TG-MM and TG-WH.

Meanwhile, Mr Jouke van Dijk (scientific level) will proceed with the proposed approach.

The aim was to complete the agenda on a high abstraction level by the Trilateral Governmental Conference in May 2018.

The WSB decided to follow a two-step approach: 1) Come up with a uniform approach on a policy level (one/two pager); 2) Follow-up discussions with the scientific community as proposed.

B. Evaluation of TG-MM and affiliated expert/work/steering groups: The WSB endorsed the approach.

Additional note from the chairperson of TG-MM on the subjects of tasks and resources: The WSB noted the information.

5.3 Energy

No document.

5.4 Climate (reported by Ms Busch, CWSS)

5.4.1 Ebb tidal delta report

Document: [WSB 22/5.4/1 Ebb tidal delta report](#)

Chairperson: CWSS informed the Board that the chair of TG-C, Mr. Willem Kattenberg, would not be available as chairperson for the next meeting and the following period. Upon his proposal (and in agreement with TG-C), Mr. Robert Zijlstra would act as interim chairperson.

The WSB noted the information.

Ebb Tidal Delta Study: CWSS reported that a comprehensive “Overview of the hydromorphology of ebb-tidal deltas of the trilateral Wadden Sea” by Mr Albert Oost (Deltares) and co-authors, in collaboration with a subgroup of TG-C, was now available. It underscored the importance of ebb tidal deltas for the geomorphological development of the trilateral Wadden Sea. The WSB acknowledged and commented favourably on the report and its insights into the functioning of the Wadden Sea.

The WSB acknowledged the document and recommended the related task groups (e.g., TG-C and TG-MM) to consider recommendations and outcomes for future activities. The WSB invited the author of the document to give a presentation of this work at a board meeting after the Trilateral Governmental Conference.

Trilateral Governmental Conference: CWSS reported that the TG-C had agreed to prepare a side event on climate adaptation in the Wadden Sea for the Trilateral Governmental Conference in Leeuwarden, Netherlands. It should focus on the seven principles of the Trilateral Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

The WSB instructed TG-C to organise a side event at the Trilateral Governmental Conference in Leeuwarden.

Interreg project Building with Nature mid-term event: CWSS explained that TG-C was invited to the up-coming mid-term event within this project on 8 March 2018 in Petten, Netherlands. This would include a conference on “[Climate change adaptation in the North Sea region](#)”.

The WSB noted the information.

5.5 Maritime safety and pollution prevention of shipping

No document.

5.6 Trilateral monitoring and assessment programme

Document: [WSB 22/5.6/1QSR Process Evaluation](#)

The Chairperson thanked CWSS for and commented favourably on the QSR 2017.

With reference to the QSR evaluation, Mr. Baerends stated that it had revealed challenges in the production of the QSR 2017. For the next QSR, lessons learned from this evaluation should be taken into account. The use of the TMAP database had not been part of the evaluation but merited a separate evaluation. The web-based version of the QSR was well received, but it remained to be assessed if this was the best way forward.

Many scientists had devoted considerable effort to producing the QSR, which underlined the strong shared value of the trilateral Wadden Sea assessment. Thanks were due to the scientific community for their contribution and dedication. All delegations echoed the Netherlands in thanking the scientific community for their committed work.

Mr Verheij again stressed the need to ensure that the QSR was finalized before the trilateral ministerial conference so that the results could be reflected in the decisions of the ministers. Ms Knoke noted that

both scientific and political levels were connected in the synthesis report which was under preparation. The WSB agreed that a draft of this synthesis report should be submitted to WSB 23.

Germany reiterated its intention to prepare a guidance document for the next QSR during its presidency (cf. 5.2.1).

The WSB requested to receive a draft QSR synthesis report by WSB 23.

The WSB considered the findings and conclusions of document WSB 22/5.6/1 and endorsed that TG-MM, following the TGC 13 and in due time before the next QSR, prepare a next-generation QSR project description. In addition, Germany will together with CWSS prepare a proposal and follow-up on the results of the evaluation report in its presidency. The German proposal to rephrase the approach was accepted: “*The German presidency will follow up on the results of the evaluation report, in cooperation with TG-MM including the data handling*”.

5.7 Science cooperation

No document

5.8 Wadden Sea Forum

Mr. Staghouwer commented that the letter from the WSF as received for WSB 21 had not been properly discussed. The Netherlands underlined the high responsibility of the WSF and their current problem of financing, which jeopardized the forum’s continuity. Ms Liburd fully agreed and stressed that the importance of local engagement was stated in the Ministerial Declarations and hence suggested to also include a passage acknowledging the importance of the WSF.

The WSB noted the information.

5.9 International cooperation (reported by Ms Domnick and Mr Strempel, CWSS)

5.9.1 MoU Korea workplan

Document: [WSB 22/5.9/1 MoU Korea](#)

CWSS reported that the Korean application for inscription of the Getbol on the World Heritage List had been submitted to UNESCO. The WSB welcomed this submission and the effort of the Korean colleagues.

Ms Liburd questioned, whether a signing event for the new work plan for the MOU was a suitable and necessary part of the Leeuwarden TGC 13.

Mr. Baerends suggested to send a letter of invitation to the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries (MOF), but hesitated to integrate a signing event into the TGC 13 programme as the signature of a working document of this kind was not a suitable event for the TGC. CWSS concurred.

The WSB endorsed the draft work programme of the MoU for the 2018-2022 period and to renounce the idea of having a signing ceremony of this working document.

The WSB endorsed the invitation of Korean partners (MOF) to the TGC 13.

5.9.2 (MoU) Dolomites – financial and work time implications

Document: [WSB 22/5.9/2 Cooperation Dolomites](#)

CWSS elucidated potential benefits and presented the overview of expected financial and working hour-related implications of a possible MOU with the Dolomites and explained that in 2018 these could mostly be covered through the work of the CWSS tourism and communication officers. Therefore no additional resources were envisioned for 2018. For the upcoming years, actions should be determined on a year-by-year basis in the context of the supplementary budget.

CWSS stressed that the MoU with the Dolomites was an important and beneficial addition to the current MOUs. Ms Paulus thanked CWSS for the information, but pointed to a lack of expertise in the WSB to determine which UNESCO sites would be the most important ones for intensified cooperation. Germany suggested discussing this issue within TG-WH before proceeding with a decision on the necessity of a MoU. If TG-WH saw an added value, this issue should be brought back to the WSB.

The Netherlands agreed with Germany in its general support of cooperation with the Dolomites World Heritage site, but also expressed uncertainty as to the need for a MOU. The Dutch delegation suggested inviting representatives from the Dolomites to the TGC 13 in Leeuwarden, but not yet for a MoU signing event.

Ms Liburd agreed, and pointed out the problem of termination of contracts of the two CWSS project officers, which might prove problematic in seeking to bring a MoU with the Dolomites to fruition.

CWSS reiterated that a MoU with the Dolomites offered the prospect of benefits for the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation that exceed those of the current MoUs.

CWSS raised an additional issue in connection with the Dolomites. The Secretariat had been approached by the director of the Wadden World Heritage Visitor Centre in Wilhelmshaven. She had informed the Executive Secretary of a projected photo exhibition by two eminent nature photographers from the Wadden Sea respectively the Dolomites region, planned as an event to mark the 10th anniversary of the Wadden Sea World Heritage. Organized by the former editor-in-chief of National Geographic Germany and supported by the Dolomites World Heritage, the exhibition was supposed to tour the entire Wadden Sea region and also be shown outside the area and the publication of a related book was also planned. CWSS suggested that this would be a suitable event for the 10th anniversary and pointed to the fact that the projected book could be used as a commemorative volume for the anniversary. CWSS therefore requested the WSB to authorize matching funding of EUR 6,000 for the exhibition.

WSB acknowledged the cooperation with other UNESCO sites, but decided to bring the MoU issue to TG-WH to assess a MoU with the Dolomites on a more strategic and general level.

The WSB postponed the decision on funding for the exhibition to the next WSB and invited CWSS to prepare a related paper.

5.9.3 MoU Banc d'Arguin – Wadden Sea Draft action plan 2018-2020

Document: [*WSB 22/5.9/3 mou pnba mauritania*](#)

Ms Liburd inquired how the fact that the total budget for the MoU for the year 2018 in the papers submitted to the WSB was EUR 45.000 when the HoD approved budget from November 2017 was only EUR 20,000? The WSB decided that CWSS would revert to the WSB on this issue by email.

The WSB endorsed the general draft action plan, with the reservation to investigate and clarify the budget issue and to possibly adapt the plan.

5.10 Communication and education

5.10.0 Without reference to any document,

Mr Rösner briefly announced that the final layout for the Education Strategy requested by WSB 21 was under preparation and would be presented as pdf to WSB 23. A printed version would be prepared for the TGC.

5.10.1 TWSC/CWSS logo competition briefing

Document: [WSB 22/5.10/1 TWSC Logo briefing](#)

CWSS proposed the Wadden Sea Day in August 2018 for logo presentation instead of the TGC 13.

Germany requested to clarify which different target groups for the World Heritage logo and the new TWSC/CWSS logo CWSS had referred to and also inquired about the process as such (e.g., who would approach the designers), and asked the Secretariat to outline implementation costs beyond the proposed EUR 3,000 (e.g. for creating technical guidebooks). Germany further requested to invite the designers responsible for the World Heritage logo to the competition for the new logo.

Mr. Baerends appreciated the efforts of CWSS but doubted that two logos were needed for the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation (TWSC) and CWSS. They requested not to limit proposals to three agencies and asked to clarify who the jury members for logo selection should be.

Ms Liburd requested to keep costs under control and asked whether the interests of the new partnership hub would need to be taken into account.

CWSS explained that the logos for the TWSC and CWSS used the same icon, but differed in terms of the lettering (TWSC/ CWSS). The difference between the World Heritage logo and the TWSC/CWSS logos was that the former should convey the World Heritage message to the broad public, whereas the TWSC/CWSS logos were primarily organizational, or “official” logos. The respective sentence in the document should therefore be changed from “on the contrary” to “additionally”.

“~~On contrary~~ Additionally, the WSWH-logo is directed at the inhabitants of the region, (potential) visitors to the Wadden Sea area, (local, regional, national) authorities, societal organisations and business companies”.

In regard to additional costs, CWSS pointed out that the competition prize includes the transfer of ownership of the logo to CWSS. A technical guide is also mentioned in the briefing and is thought to be included in the competition. However, CWSS has to explore first whether including the guide book in the competition prize of EUR 3,000 is justifiable.

Regarding the procedure, CWSS suggested to initiate a call for tender and to spread this through the usual channels of CWSS and the WSB, including the agency that designed the World Heritage logo. Of the submitted logos, the three to five best logos would be pre-selected. CWSS invited all WSB members to make one communication specialist per state available as a member of the jury.

The WSB thanked the CWSS for the logo briefing and requested one textual change in the document, as well as an investigation of additional costs. The WSB instructed CWSS to follow-up with the initiation of a call for a new logo.

The WSB decided to discuss interests of the new partnership hub at a later stage, as this depends on the structure of the Partnership Center.

6. Status of discussion on Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center and Foundation

Mr Hebbelmann informed the WSB that the jury of the architectural competition for the Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center would meet on 7 February 2018 to select the winning entries. On 22 March 2018, the outcome would be presented in an award ceremony with press conference starting at 5 pm, followed by a dinner invitation by the Lower Saxon Minister of the Environment Olaf Lies. On 23 March, a ground-breaking ceremony on the future grounds of the PC would be conducted in Wilhelmshaven with Minister Lies from Lower-Saxony.

The Executive Secretary informed the WSB that the pre-jury for the architectural competition, of which he was a member, had met in January 2018 and discussed 14 interesting entries in a double-blind evaluation. The entries had varied considerably in terms of the approach taken to designing the future PC and he was confident that they offered a number of suitable and attractive options for the jury to choose from.

The WSB noted the information.

6.1 Letter of Intent by "Die Nordsee"

Document: [WSB 22/6.1 letter of intend die nordsee](#)

The WSB noted the document.

6.2 WSWH foundation

Document: [WSB 21/6.2 WSWH foundation one-pager](#)

The WSB considered the document and noted that the Wadden Sea Team forwarded comments regarding the WSWH foundation.

7. Preparation 13th Trilateral Governmental Conference

7.1 Draft Programme

The WSB discussed the progress in working towards the 13th Wadden Sea Conference.

Document: [WSB 22/7.1 Draft Programme](#)

Mr Rösner remarked that one week ago comments on the draft MCD delivered by the Wadden Sea Team had been forwarded to the WSB by CWSS.

Mr Baerends informed the WSB that the official programme of the TGC 13 would start on Thursday 17 May at 5 pm. In the evening, a dinner and the CWSS 40 year anniversary is planned, as well as a Wadden Sea movie. On 23 March, last discussion on final concept for the conference would be decided upon.

Mr Rösner inquired if there would be a process of nomination of new advisors during the conference. The Netherlands stated that this issue would be taken up by the organising committee.

The WSB noted the document and thanked the Netherlands for organisation and for sending out invitations to the ministers.

The WSB acknowledged the attempt to submit the list of their delegations for the TGC 13, including the contact details, before 15 February 2018 to b.baerends@minez.nl. A delay is expected for Germany and Denmark, e.g., due to re-organisations and re-assignment of persons.

8. Any other business (12:30-12:30)

There was no other business.

9. Closure

The meeting was closed at 12:30 hours on 2 February 2018.

ANNEX 1: PARTICIPANTS WADDEN SEA BOARD

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ANNEX 2: Agenda of the 22nd WSB

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1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chairman at 09:00 hours on 2 February 2018.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting will be invited to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting.

3. Record WSB 21

The meeting will be invited to adopt the final draft Summary Record WSB 21 and to check progress in the implementation of the Action List.

4. Announcements

Delegates and observers will be invited to make announcements relevant to the cooperation.

5. Implementation Tønder Declaration

The meeting will be invited to discuss progress in the implementation of the Tønder Declaration. In conjunction with the sub-items below, the meeting will be invited to take note of and discuss progress of the respective Task Groups.

- 5.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage
- 5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management
- 5.3 Energy
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- 5.6 Trilateral monitoring and assessment programme
- 5.7 Science cooperation
- 5.8 Wadden Sea Forum
- 5.9 International cooperation
- 5.10 Communication and education.

6. Status of discussion on Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center and Foundation

The meeting will be invited to discuss the status of preparation of the WH Partnership Center and the World Heritage Foundation.

7. Preparation 13th Trilateral Governmental Conference

The meeting will be invited to discuss progress in working towards the 13th Wadden Sea Conference, including the preparation of the draft Council Declaration.

8. Any Other Business

The meeting will be invited to discuss any other business.

9. Closing

The meeting will be closed no later than 16:00 hours on 2 February 2018.

ANNEX 3: Action items arising from the 22nd WSB

ACTION ITEMS

22nd Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 22)

Action #	Agenda item	Actions agreed upon	Person responsible	Deadline
1	5.1	1) Informing TG-WH to sharpen objectives and reporting back to WSB 23; 2) communicating the outcome to UNESCO.	CWSS/ TG-WH/ TG-MM	
3	5.2.1	Jointly discussing seal agreement and preparation of document.	TG-MM/TSEG	23 February
4	5.2.1	Finalisation of Swimway action plan and submission to WSB 23.	TG-MM	23 February
5	5.2.1	Finalisation and commenting on trilateral Alien Species Management and Action Plan (MAPAS) and submission to WSB 23.	TG-MM/WSB	23 February
6	5.2.1	1) Following TMAP initial-step approach. 2) Follow-up by German presidency on the results of the evaluation report, in cooperation with TG-MM including the data handling.	1) TG-MM 2) Germany	German presidency
7	5.2.1	Preparation of a two-pager with prioritisation of Trilateral Research Agenda topics for WSB 23.	To be appointed by TG-MM and TG-WH chairs	23 February
9	5.6	Preparation of QSR synthesis report draft and submission to WSB 23 via TG-MM.	CWSS/Synthesis drafting group	23 February
10	5.6	Preparation of a comprehensive next-generation QSR project description, considering that Germany together with CWSS will come up with a proposal.	TG-MM	Before next QSR. German presidency.
11	5.9.3	Clarification of budget for MoU Banc d'Arguin action plan and, if required, adaptation of the action plan. Email	CWSS	23 February

		clarification to WSB.		
12	5.10.1	Clarification of additional costs for the new TWSC/CWSS logo process. Preparation of and publication of an open call (qualification round) for a new logo.	CWSS	End of March