

Wadden Sea Board



WSB 23

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| Agenda Item: | 5.9 International Cooperation |
| Subject: | MoU Banc d'Arguin – Wadden Sea Draft action plan 2018-2020 |
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| Submitted by: | CWSS |

Attached is the revised draft action plan of the MoU for the time period 2018 - 2020.

The action plan has been developed between the National Parc Banc d'Arguin (NPBA) and the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat in 2017. The invitation of PNBA at TGC Leeuwarden 2018 will promote the cooperation between both World Heritage sites within the MoU and the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI).

Secretariat's note

As per the request of WSB 22 (February 2, 2017, Hambrug, Germany) CWSS is herewith submitting an MoU action plan that has been revised to take account of the actual funding available for the MOU in the 2018 supplementary budget.

The MoU activities in 2018 can be carried out according to the agreed Supplementary Budget 2018 (v23_11_2017), as well as partly by the TMAP/WSP implementation budget.

Proposal: **The meeting is invited to comment and is asked to endorse the draft action plan.**

Memorandum of Understanding
BANC D'ARGUIN NATIONAL PARK – WADDEN SEA
DRAFT Action Plan 2018 - 2020



At the Trilateral Governmental Wadden Sea Conference, Tønder 2014, the Parc National de Banc d'Arguin (PNBA) and Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in support of strengthening their cooperation for the conservation of migratory birds along the East Atlantic Flyway. Within the framework of the MoU Banc d'Arguin National Park and Wadden Sea Secretariat proposed an action plan for 2018 - 2020, which includes the following activities and actions. For the proposed joint activities with Bijagós, Guinea Bissau, the Instituto da Biodiversidade e das Áreas Protegidas (IBAP) will be invited. All three sites agreed on twinning at the WSFI workshop at the AEWA MOP 2015.

Activity 1 (I.1.1 - I.1.3):

Scientific Workshop in 2018 to deepen knowledge on Banc d'Arguin ecosystems

Actions:

- Bring together national and international experts and researchers to deepen scientific knowledge on the resilience of PNBA ecosystems,
- identify the main lines of a scientific research strategy at the PNBA,
- develop a common strategy (Wadden Sea - PNBA) for monitoring and conservation of migratory birds at the two most important sites along the East Atlantic Flyway.

Location: Iwik, PNBA

Responsible: PNBA, Conseil scientifique du Banc d'Arguin (CSBA)

Activity 2 (I.2.1):

Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change on Birds at the two sites (2019).

Actions:

Bring together experts from both sites to assess the major impacts of climate change on migratory bird habitats at the two sites including on-going Dutch activities (Theunis Piersma).

Location: to be identified

Responsible: CWSS, PNBA

Activity 3 (II.1.1 - II.1.3):

Development of communication plan 2018 – 2020 with support of UNESCO

Actions:

- Produce a documentation on the importance of the three sites PNBA, Wadden Sea and Bijagós, for the conservation of migratory birds in four languages (Arabic, French, English, Portuguese),
- produce joint communication media for the general public and organizations,
- integrate the three sites (PNBA, WS, Bijagós) with the international networks of Environmental Interpretation Centres,
- integrate the three sites Wadden Sea, PNBA and Bijagós into the international networks of flyway initiatives,

- develop raising awareness for PNBA in Nouakchott.

Location: CWSS, PNBA

Responsible: CWSS, PNBA

Activity 4 (II.2.1: II.2.4):

Twinning between the three sites of the East Atlantic Flyway (PNBA, Wadden Sea and Bijagós).

Actions:

- Strengthen cooperation between the three sites,
- organize meetings of heads of information centres,
- develop common products on the bird migration route,
- organize exchange visits between the different sites (CWSS, PNBA, IBAP).

Location: Wadden Sea, Mauritania, Guinea Bissau

Responsible: CWSS, PNBA, IBAP

Activity 5 (II.3.1: II.3.5):

Publication of a joint counting report for migratory birds 2018 in English and French

Actions:

- organize, analyse and interpret data collected at the site level,
- editing the joint enumeration report,
- outreach to international organizations,
- sensitize the general public at both sites,
- develop, print and disseminate a joint PNBA - Wadden Sea flyer on key migratory bird species at the two sites.

Location: Wadden Sea, Mauritania

Responsible: CWSS, Observatory PNBA

Activity 6:

Participation of Mauritania (PNBA) and Guinea Bissau at the 13th Intergovernmental Conference of the three countries of the Wadden Sea in 2018

Location: Leeuwarden, Netherlands

Responsible: CWSS, PNBA, IBAP

Joint WBP-Wadden Sea Action Plan 2018-2020

| Activities | Actions | Place | Responsibility | Period | Budget Estimation | | Priority |
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| I. Scientific Research | | | | | | | |
| I.1 Organize a scientific workshop to deepen the knowledge about ecosystems Banc d'Arguin | <p>I.1.1 Bring together national and international experts and researchers to deepen scientific knowledge on the resilience of PNBA ecosystems</p> <p>I.1.2 Identify the main lines of a scientific research strategy at the PNBA</p> <p>I.1.3 Develop a common strategy (Wadden Sea - PNBA) for the monitoring and conservation of migratory birds at the two most important sites along the East Atlantic Flyway</p> | Iwik, PNBA | PNBA, Conseil scientifique du Banc d'Arguin (CSBA) | 2018 | € 15,000 | € 14,000 | high |
| I.2. Assessment of Impacts of climate change on birds at the two sites | I.2.1 Bring together experts from both sites to assess the major effects of climate change on migratory bird habitats at the two sites including on-going Dutch activities (Theunis Piersma) | to be defined | CWSS, PNBA | 2019 | € 10,000 | € 15,000 | medium |
| II. Communication | | | | | | | |
| II.1 Development of communication plan 2018 - 2020 with support of UNESCO | <p>II.1.1 Produce a documentary on the importance of the three sites for the conservation of migratory birds in four languages (Arabic, French, English, Portuguese)</p> <p>II.1.2 Produce joint communication media for general public and agencies</p> <p>II.1.3 Integrating the three sites PNBA, Wadden Sea and Bijagós with the international networks of centres of environmental interpretation</p> <p>II.1.4 Integrate the three sites Wadden Sea, PNBA and Bijagós into the international networks of flyway initiatives</p> <p>II.1.5 Development of raising awareness for PNBA in Nouakchott.</p> | CWSS, PNBA | CWSS, PNBA, IBAP | 2019 | € 5,000 | € 5,000 | medium |

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| <p>II.2 Twinning between the three sites of the East Atlantic Flyway (PNBA, Wadden Sea and Bijagós Islands)</p> | <p>II.2.1 Strengthen cooperation between the three sites II.2.2 Organize meetings of heads of information centres, II.2.3 Develop common products on the bird migration route II.2.4 Organize exchange visits between the various sites (CWSS, PNBA, IBAP)</p> | <p>to be defined</p> | <p>CWSS, PNBA, IBAP</p> | <p>2020</p> | <p>€ 12,000</p> | |
| <p>II.3 Publication of a joint report counting migratory birds 2018 English and French</p> | <p>II.3.1 Organize, analyse and interpret the data collected at the complete flyway survey of migratory birds in 2017 on site level II.3.2 Editing the joint enumeration report II.3.3 Outreach to international organizations II.3.4 Raising public awareness at both sites II.3.5. Develop, print and disseminate a joint PNBA Wadden Sea flyer on key species of migratory birds at the two sites</p> | <p>CWSS, PNBA</p> | <p>Observatory PNBA, CWSS</p> | <p>2019</p> | <p>€ 2,000</p> | <p>€ 7,000 high</p> |
| <p>II.4 Participation Mauritania (PNBA) at the 13th Intergovernmental tripartite conference of countries in the Wadden Sea</p> | | <p>Leeuwarden, NL</p> | <p>CWSS</p> | <p>2018</p> | <p>€ 6,000</p> | <p>high</p> |