

Final Draft **SUMMARY RECORD**

**MEETING OF THE WADDEN SEA BOARD
TRILATERAL WADDEN SEA COOPERATION**

WSB 12

Niehove/Schiermonnikoog, 20-21 May 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

The chairman, Mr Verdaas, opened the 12th meeting of the WSB at 13:30 h and welcomed the participants. Mr Gabanyi and Mr Staghouwer had apologised. There is not yet a new representative of the municipalities in the Dutch delegation. For the time being Mr de Hoop represents the Dutch Wadden Sea municipalities. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**. A list of actions is in **Annex 4**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Document: WSB 12/2/1 Draft Agenda

The agenda was **adopted** without amendments. The agenda is in **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SUMMARY RECORD WSB 11

Document: Draft Summary Record WSB 11; Final Summary Record MC2014

The draft Summary Record was **adopted** with the amendments on page 2 that the correct name of the German federal environment ministry is “Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety”, BMUB, and that this ministry is not responsible for construction.

With regard to the Summary Record of the Ministerial Council Meeting 2014, Mr Verhulst remarked that it is important that responsible politicians be consulted more often than once every four years. He thanked Denmark for the organisation of the conference.

Responding to a question by Mr Verhulst, Mr Ilsoe informed that it is planned to produce a printed version of the Tønder Declaration.

The meeting **adopted** the Summary Record of the MC2014 and **approved** of its publication on the website of the secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Netherlands

- Mr Waalkens is no longer delegation member for the Dutch Wadden Sea municipalities. A new member is being looked for. For the time being Mr de Hoop represents the municipalities in the Dutch WSB delegation.
- The annual World Heritage weekend 2014 will be held near Harlingen. The weekend will be combined with the Oerol festival on Terschelling. The company Arriva is organising a World Heritage tour to Dutch WH sites. The Minister for culture will open the tour.

Denmark

- An application has been received from a local company for the dredging of Pacific oysters. So far there has been only handpicking, and the application encompasses a pilot project that will be carried out to investigate the feasibility of dredging for oysters. Mr Verhulst informed that such is also the case in the Netherlands and that it would be good to exchange information.
- Denmark has a new environment minister and a new board of directors of the Nature Agency. There has been a budget reduction 10 mi Euros and a loss of 90 employees. Also international affairs has been subject to cuts, although not for the Wadden Sea.
- In the framework of the World Heritage celebration on 4 August, a reception is planned (but not yet confirmed) at the castle Schackenborg in Møgeltønder by HRH prince Joachim. There will also be local receptions in each of the Wadden Sea municipalities.
Furthermore there will be an exhibition on Wadden Sea World Heritage on the quay of Esbjerg.

CWSS

- Mr Hubert Farke will represent the trilateral cooperation at a workshop in China on remote sensing in the framework of the World Heritage.
- Mr Harald Marencic will present the trilateral tourism strategy at a UNESCO conference on sustainable tourism in China.

The meeting **noted** the information.

AGENDA ITEM 5: WADDEN SEA COOPERATION 2014 - 2018

The chairman invited the delegations to present their ambitions and expectations for the period under the Dutch presidency. He himself had the ambition that all WSB members would consider the Wadden Sea as one ecosystem and World Heritage site and behave accordingly. He realised that this would need much patience, while acknowledging and respecting different backgrounds and contexts. He considered his main role of chairperson as a moderating one.

Mr Verhulst presented the ambitions and priorities of the Netherlands under the Dutch presidency. In general terms he would like to see those issues prioritised that would draw the attention of the general public and politics. These issues should be feasible and there should be annual deliverables. The products should show the added value of cooperating on a trilateral level. He furthermore expressed the wish to assign lead partners for specific issues and not to leave everything to the secretariat.

He proposed to follow a three-layer approach consisting of

1. Long-term issues (mainly obligations) that must be continued and in which the CWSS plays an important role;
2. Projects that will deliver products within the coming years and for which lead partners must be assigned;
3. Projects for which external financing and/or external leadership is needed.

The World Heritage Foundation should in this respect provide an impulse for the whole area and should be used for realising the ambitions.

With regard to the contents of projects the following priority scheme was proposed:

- A. World Heritage
 1. Foundation. Decisions on organisation, financing, role CWSS
 2. Educational network. Start a project soon
 3. Tourism strategy. To be further elaborated
 4. Scientific agenda. An impulse must be given for cooperation of scientific institutes. Students should be involved in relevant projects.
- B. Nature conservation
 1. Flyway
 2. Breeding birds
 3. Invasive species
- C. Sustainable use
 1. Shipping (including calamity approach)
 2. Fisheries. Support of competent authorities needed
 3. Small scale introduction of LNG (external lead organisation to be found)
 4. Code of conduct offshore energy
 5. Green port concept (impulse to be given).

Mr Verhulst announced that the above scheme will be elaborated in more detail, also based upon consultations with the trilateral parties, and presented to WSB-13.

Mr Ilsøe made a differentiation between the strategic and the practical level. Strategically he considered the World Heritage to be the central issue to focus on. Furthermore it was important to involve other authorities and organisations in the work.

From a practical point of view the work should be based more upon enthusiastic people and on strategic partnerships. The role of the CWSS should be more focused on facilitating, network building and fund-raising. In particular local and regional resources should be used. The work of the WSB should focus more on prioritising the level of activity and balancing the work with an awareness of the resources available. TWSC should be aware not to build parallel institutions.

Ms Paulus stated that the Joint Declaration is the framework from which to start. In the coming years the cooperation, including the CWSS, should be organised and further developed from the perspective of one World Heritage site. It was in this respect essential to find a common understanding of the meaning of the World Heritage status. In her view the feasibility study for a Wadden Sea World Heritage Competence Centre or network (§ 13 Tønder Declaration) can help guiding the restructuring process and should therefore be initiated soon. It must be realised that not only the structure but also the contents of the Foundation should be clarified.

Mr Verheij identified the following issues as priority issues:

- A consensus document on sustainable fisheries, agreed upon by all stakeholders
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Regeneration of estuaries
- Sustainable tourism
- Shipping safety

- Support of the World Heritage status through education.

Mr Rösner generally shared the listing by Mr Verheij and added some issues from the side of WWF and the Wadden Sea Team:

- In order to implement the WH strategy, the Foundation should be realised
- The actions from the tourism strategy should be implemented on the ground
- The IWSS/the WH-education must become permanent
- With regard to the impacts of fisheries it is important to start investigating biodiversity developments in non-fished areas
- It is important to continue the exchange of experiences in pilot projects in the framework of TG-C
- The aim of a climate neutral Wadden Sea region by 2030 is also a responsibility of the governments and should not be left to WSF only
- It is important to start a trilateral project on alien species
- There is a need for a shipping group, but strong support for just one which would include governments, WSF and green NGOs
- Experiences with regard to fresh-salt transitions (such as fish migration) must be exchanged.

Mr Vollmer presented the priorities of the Wadden Sea Forum which are

- To increase the cooperation with the TWSC, in particular regarding using the World Heritage status to counteract negative impacts of demographic change in the region
- To get more involvement of the Wadden Sea states in achieving the CO2 reduction aims
- Energy transition and its impacts
- Shipping.

Ms Knoke emphasised that the World Heritage status should be used to involve people and to make the region more attractive.

Mr Ilsøe supported this and stated that it should be one of the top priorities.

To this Ms Knoke added that the essence of the World Heritage status is the OUV and that the WH strategy is essential in this respect.

The chairman **concluded** that there is much common ground for an agenda supported by all parties. It is important to further specify projects, activities and deliverables in the coming months and to identify for each activity the roles of the WSB, the CWSS and external partners, as will be done in the document by the Dutch delegation, as announced by Mr Verhulst, to be submitted to WSB-13.

The meeting then discussed in more detail the WH Foundation in conjunction with the Competence Centre.

Ms Paulus pointed to the fact that capital and personnel will be needed for the Foundation. She indicated that Germany is in principle willing to invest money but that it cannot provide personnel. It should in this respect also be investigated what the role of the CWSS will be.

Mr Holst-Christensen remarked that the Danish Wadden Sea National Park is established as a foundation under the Ministry of Environment and has already successfully engaged in fund raising activities with various stakeholders including private companies. There is therefore a concern on how to balance fund raising for a trilateral Foundation with the existing Danish National Park Foundation. He furthermore asked whether the Competence centre was intended to be a physical centre or a network and expressed the fear for too much concentration of activities in one spot.

Mr Verhulst proposed and the meeting **agreed** to install an ad-hoc group, consisting of the chair and the delegation leaders, with the remit to prepare the discussion in WSB-13. The group should address the Foundation, the Competence Centre and the tasks of the CWSS in an integrated manner and prepare decision point for WSB-13. The group should also prepare the Terms of Reference for a feasibility study into a Competence Centre.

AGENDA ITEM 6: IMPLEMENTATION TØNDER DECLARATION

Documents: WSB 12/6/1 Implementation 2014-17; WSB 12/6/2 Task Groups ToR; WSB 12/6/3 QSR 2016; WSB 12/6/4 TMAP bird data; WSB 12/6/5 Alien species; WSB 12/6/6 WSF cooperation

Implementation Tønder Declaration

All delegations made a formal reservation regarding the allocation of resources as proposed in document WSB 12/6/1. The meeting then discussed the document in more detail, resulting in an amended implementation matrix as in **Annex 3**. Additional comments not contained in the matrix are listed below.

Wadden Sea World Heritage

§12. Mr Verheij suggested to discuss the implementation plan in cooperation with the WSF.

Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management

§16. Ms Knoke emphasised the importance of having all relevant non-governmental and governmental organisations in a future steering group of the Flyway Project.

§23. Mr Ilsøe indicated that the relevance of this task should be judged in relation to other priorities. Germany offered to take the initiative.

§35. The meeting **agreed** to the proposal in document WSB 12/6/6 not to submit an amended LIFE proposal and instructed TG-M to develop a proposal for a trilateral project for developing a trilateral alien species management and action plan, including a budget. All delegations made clear that fund raising would have to start again on the basis of the new project proposal.

§40. Mr Verhulst underlined that the competent authorities must participate. Ms Knoke emphasised the political sensitivity of the issue and stated that the German Länder should be integrated. She suggested a high level group to prepare the procedure. Mr Ilsøe stated that a decision could not be taken before he had consulted the competent authorities. It was **agreed** that Germany will take the lead to prepare a proposal for a procedure, to be discussed at WSB-13.

Energy

§44. Mr Vollmer informed that the WSF energy group is working on energy transition and best practices in the region. He emphasised that it is important that also regional authorities participate in the work.

Mr Rösner would like to have more clarity about the code of conduct mentioned in

§44. Mr Verhulst promised that more specific information will be provided in the Dutch presidency document (see agenda item 5).

Climate

§47. Mr Vollmer repeated his plea for having more regional authorities participating in the WSF energy group. It was **agreed** that WSF will report regularly to WSB on this issue.

Maritime safety and pollution prevention of shipping

§§56-58. Ms van Grol underlined the importance of implementing the operational plans and of having competent authorities participating in the work.

The German delegation indicated to be in favour of the WSF leading this theme.

Mr Vollmer informed that the WSF intends to invite competent authorities to participate in the WSF shipping group and to look for an independent chairperson of this group.

The meeting **agreed** that the Dutch delegation will work out a proposal for the next WSB meeting, taking account of the discussion.

TMAP

§§60-61. Responding to questions by the Danish and German delegations about the role of the TMAG in implementing these paras, the secretariat expressed its position that this work could be done more efficiently by the CWSS and relevant expert groups, in close consultation with TG-M. It was emphasised that TMAG had not functioned properly and that there was no need for regular meetings of the group. The delegations indicated that consultations at the national level were needed before a decision on the future of the TMAG could be taken. The meeting **agreed** that the chairman and the secretariat will elaborate an information/discussion paper for WSB-13. Mr Ilsøe suggested to involve the TMAG chairman in the preparation of this document.

Communication and education

§74. Mr Ilsøe commented that the information in the matrix indicates that it concerns here a new staff member for communication.

Ms Paulus remarked that it is not much use having a communication strategy and not being able to implement it.

Mr Ilsøe stated to support this remark but that the implementation of the strategy should be done within the existing resources.

The meeting **agreed** upon the implementation matrix including the amendments made by the meeting, as in **Annex 3**.

Task Groups

The meeting then discussed the Terms of Reference of the Task Groups, as proposed in document WSB/12/6/2.

The ToRs of Task Group Climate were **adopted** with the amendment that task 2 should read "2. Consider the results of the trilateral sedimentation study. "

The meeting **agreed** that the Danish chair of TG-C will be continued.

The ToRs of TG-M were **adopted** with the amendment that task 3 should read "...including actions contained in the WSP" and the addition that TG-M will have the mandate to install ad-hoc working groups.

It was **agreed** that the German chair will be continued.

The meeting discussed a proposal by Denmark to merge TG-STS and TG-WH. The Dutch delegation stated that it would not be possible to decide now and that time was needed to look into the matter. The German delegation was not in favour, arguing that TG-WH has several formal responsibilities towards UNESCO and is very different from TG-STS in which also equally stakeholders participate in a very committed way.

It was **decided** to continue with both TGs now and to look into the Terms of Reference to see whether official reporting obligations can be separated from practical tourism issues. Denmark will prepare a proposal for the next meeting.

The ToRs of TG-STs and TG-WH were **adopted**.

It was furthermore **agreed** that the Dutch chair of TG-STs will be continued and that Denmark will chair TG-WH.

Then the matter of NGO participation in the Task Group was discussed. Germany and Denmark indicated not to have objections to NGO participation. The Dutch delegation was in favour as well but wished to limit the number of NGOs.

The delegations **acknowledged** that they will have to designate members of the TGs as soon as possible. The secretariat was **instructed** to coordinate this process.

QSR2016

The meeting **adopted** document WSB/12/6/3 and instructed the secretariat to prepare a more detailed proposal, including a budget for WSB-13.

Bird data

The meeting **agreed** on the proposals in document WSB/12/6/4

WSF

Mr Vollmer emphasised that the implementation of the goose management scheme is also a responsibility of competent authorities.

Mr Verhulst stated that the Dutch provinces are preparing a reaction to the scheme and that it will be investigated how it may fit into national and regional policy and management.

Mr Ilsøe informed that Denmark is looking for possibilities for implementation.

The meeting **took note** of document WSB/12/6/6 and requested the WSF to identify trilateral elements.

It was **agreed** that the chairman and the secretary will draft a response to WSF.

AGENDA ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING

WSB-13 is scheduled for **28 October 2014** at the secretariat as a one day meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting was informed that the coming Wadden Sea Day is scheduled for 28 August and is dedicated to the theme World Heritage and to the retirement of Jens Enemark.

On the suggestion of Mr Ilsøe the future of the annual Wadden Sea Day will be discussed from a strategic perspective at the next meeting.

Upon request of Mr Verheij, the secretary explained that comments on the World Heritage strategy will be reviewed by TG-WH with a view to a final adoption at WSB 13 and signing at a coordinated event.

Mr Verhulst memorised that this was the last WSB meeting in which Jens Enemark has participated as secretary. He thanked Jens for his efforts for the trilateral case.

AGENDA ITEM 9: CLOSING

The chairman closed the meeting 21 May, 12:30 hours and thanked the participants for the constructive cooperation.

Annex 1

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Annex 2

**AGENDA
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Annex 3

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| WADDEN SEA WORLD HERITAGE | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Instruct the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) with the further consultation of a strategy with the aim of having it signed by the strategic partners on the occasion of the foreseen inscription of the Danish World Heritage site. | Discuss draft strategy submitted to previous WSB and agree on consolidated version for consultation with strategic partners to be identified until mid-June autumn 2014, review of comments by TG WH and signing of Strategy on the inscription of the Danish Wadden Sea by all stakeholders at a coordinated during regional public events (draft Strategy Attachment 1). | Consolidated and signed Wadden Sea World Heritage Strategy. Business Plan 2014-18 agreed by the Strategic Partners | | | | | WH | |
| 6 | Aim at efficient implementation, by pooling efforts and creating synergies, also at the local and regional level, in close cooperation with the secretariat and relevant institutions and organizations in the three states. | Feasibility study to be initiated with the aim to have the study ready for discussion at the WSB 13 (autumn 2014) | Feasibility Study | | | | | | € 40,000 by Nds & WA |
| 7 | Agree to investigate the feasibility of a Wadden Sea World Heritage Competence Centre or network, including work contents, cooperation partners, organization, structure and budget. | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Continue to contribute to the work of the World Heritage Convention, in particular the World Heritage Marine and the Sustainable Tourism Programmes. | Ongoing part of tasks of TG-WH | | | | | | WH | |
| 13 | Regard the [Sustainable Tourism] Strategy as a contribution to the aims and objectives of the World Heritage Convention and the implementation of its sustainable tourism programme. | Ongoing part of tasks of TG-STs | | | | | | STS | |

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| 10 | Agree to consider establishing a Wadden Sea World Heritage Foundation, aiming at taking a decision before 2015. | Foundation Committee report including proposals delivered to WSB 10. Discussion of procedure to facilitate decision at WSB 13 (Committee Report, Attachment 2). | Procedural agreement on discussing recommendations report Decision on Foundation | | | | | | |
| 12 | Welcome the joint strategy “Sustainable Tourism in the Wadden Sea World Heritage”, as in Annex 1, as a shared responsibility of governments and stakeholders and their willingness to jointly implement it, and instruct the WSB to oversee the implementation of the strategy and action plan. | Instruct the Task Group Sustainable Tourism Strategy with the preparation of an implementation plan for the strategy and action plan including definition of products/outcome (trilaterally and regionally). Approval Discussion by WSB 13 | Implementation Plan | | | | | STS | |
| NATURE CONSERVATION AND INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Agree to continue and where necessary expand the cooperation on management and research along the entire East Atlantic Flyway, as outlined in the vision in Annex 2, shared by relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations. | Implementation plan by WSFI Steering Group in cooperation with signatories of flyway vision Development of cooperation with Banc d'Arguin together with UNESCO | WSFI Follow-up Implementation Plan Work plan on Wadden Sea - Banc d'Arguin cooperation | | | | | M | |
| 18 | Therefore also strive for intensifying the cooperation at the operational management level. | Organise exchange of experiences (excursions, workshops) for field managers | Guidance on management and wardening | | | | | M | |
| 19 | Ensure that there is adequate wardening over the whole Wadden Sea | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Explore the potential of applying a tidal basin approach in Wadden Sea policy and management, and support its further elaboration. | Study Follow-up trilateral workshop | Report to WSB | | | | | M | |
| 21 | Continue the trans-boundary harmonisation efforts of the implementation of existing EU Directives, and harmonise where relevant the trans-boundary implementation of forthcoming Directives at the earliest possible stage. | Regular task TG-M. Focus on practical implementation MSFD | | | | | | M | |

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| 23 | Agree therefore to cooperate in evaluating the assessments under the Habitats Directive, also with the aim to prepare a common Natura 2000 roof report for the Wadden Sea. | <u>Workshop on comparative analysis national N2000 reports and possibilities for preparing a roof report with responsible authorities to be organized by Germany.</u> Preparation roof report | Roof report | | | | | M | |
| 25 | Instruct the WSB to develop and implement a trilateral Action Plan on improving conditions for breeding birds. | JMBB to develop Action Plan | Action plan | | | | | M | |
| 27 | Therefore continue the cooperation in the context of the Seal Agreement, including the Seal Management Plan, which will be updated in 2016, reconfirming the guidelines on taking and releasing of seals. | Evaluation of Seal Management Plan and elaboration of update | Seal Management Plan 2016-2020 | | | | | M | |
| 28 | Acknowledge the importance of fish for the Wadden Sea ecosystem and therefore instruct the WSB to work on the further implementation of the trilateral fish targets of the Wadden Sea Plan. | Trilateral symposium end 2014 Will be combined with work on QSR | Fish management plan, incl. monitoring requirements | | | | | M | |
| 30 | Contribute to the recovery of this [estuary] habitat type by taking measures on appropriate temporal and spatial scales, e.g. through integrated management plans for N2000, while safeguarding accessibility and raising safety standards against flooding. | National and bilateral initiatives Evaluation of status estuaries in framework of QSR | | | | | | | |
| 35 | Instruct the WSB to further develop the trilateral strategic framework for dealing with alien species in the Wadden Sea and to coordinate the further development of an alien species management and action plan, taking into account existing and upcoming legislation and projects. | Set up trilateral project in accordance with LIFE application. <u>Implement project leading to draft alien species management and action plan using financial resources originally intended for LIFE application.</u> (Attachment 3 to be delivered in due time) | Management and action plan alien species | | | | | M | € 500,000 |

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| 40 | Therefore instruct the Wadden Sea Board to arrange an operating schedule including the negotiation phase and the implementation process, in close cooperation with responsible authorities and relevant stakeholders and initiatives, which are required within the framework of the EU legislation and the CFP. | <u>Proposal for procedure to be prepared for discussion at WSB-13.</u> <u>Option:</u> Install trilateral task group with independent chair, with participation of government, fisheries and nature protection representatives, under the condition of sufficient political support | <u>To be specified in accordance with TD §§37-39</u> | | | | | | € 40,000 |
| ENERGY | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Instruct the WSB to review therefore the impacts ensuing from such constructions on the Wadden Sea ecosystem and to consider measures to avoid or mitigate possible negative impacts, including looking for best practices with the aim of developing a common code of conduct for the Wadden Sea Area in close consultation with the responsible bodies and stakeholders. | <u>Study/Workshops</u> , in cooperation with WSF energy group | Draft Code of Conduct | | | | | | € 20,000 |
| CLIMATE | | | | | | | | | |
| 47 | Appreciate the ongoing efforts, especially at the local and regional levels, to work towards developing the Wadden Sea region into a CO ₂ -neutral area, and reconfirm the Sylt Declaration §24. | Ongoing by WSF energy group. | <u>Regular reporting to WSB</u> | | | | | | |
| 49 | Adopt the trilateral Climate Adaptation Strategy as in Annex 4 on increasing resilience to climate change that is based upon the recognition that dealing with climate change requires the integration of many sectors, activities and fields of expertise and strive to implement the priority issues from the Strategy. | TG-C to meet once a year to exchange information on best practice and progress | Reporting to WSB Contribution to QSR Recommendations to TGC-14 | | | | | C | |

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| 51 | Express the intention to implement the trilateral climate change adaptation principles and objectives in spatial planning processes as far as possible, in particular at the local and regional level, also focusing on the integration of land- and sea-based activities. | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | Monitor the implementation of the climate change adaptation strategy and embed the results in long-term trilateral climate change policies, including best practices for adapting to climate change. | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | Welcome the successful initiation of a trilateral study on sedimentation behaviour in different tidal basins and acknowledge that the study has already in its first year delivered an exchange of knowledge and expertise between institutions and agencies in the Wadden Sea countries, and support its further continuation. | | | | | | | | |
| MARITIME SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION OF SHIPPING | | | | | | | | | |
| 56 | Encourage the national competent authorities to use the operational plans as in Annex 5 as the basis for reviewing and accordingly implementing the measures of the operational plans, e.g. stimulate where reasonable and feasible, the accelerated implementation of (bio)-LNG as transition fuel, in order to achieve its objectives. | Request WSF to take up this issue | | | | | | | |
| 57 | Continue the dialogue between the competent shipping and nature conservation authorities and stakeholders in order to achieve an even higher level of safety and cooperation. | Request WSF to take up this issue | | | | | | | |
| 58 | Welcome and stimulate the further development and application of the Green Port concept. | Request WSF to take up this issue | | | | | | | |

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| TRILATERAL MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | Adopt the long-term common TMAP strategy as in Annex 6 as the basis for the further development of the TMAP, in close connection with the scientific community, with the aim to further increase its value in implementing EU Directives, and providing information for a wider range of stakeholders, also through the further development of the information system to allow for a better access of the data. | TG-M to evaluate input of expert groups and other relevant inputs and to develop guidance for WSB. Update the TMAP Handbook. | Recommendations on adaptations to TMAP, <u>including innovative techniques</u> Information system TMAP Handbook update | | | | | M | |
| 61 | Instruct the WSB to elaborate the next Wadden Sea Quality Status (Outlook) Report for 2016 in time for the 2018 Conference, in order also to be in line with the reporting cycles of the N2000 Directives and Marine Strategy Framework Directive. | Install editorial group. Inform WSB on progress on a regular basis. | QSR 2016 | | | | | M | <u>Budget plan to be prepared</u> |
| SCIENCE COOPERATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 63 | Encourage discussions by the scientific community and policy makers on the major policy issues and related knowledge as a basis for further developing a trilateral research agenda and a trilateral research platform. | Follow-up science policy matrix workshop | Recommendations to WSB | | | | | M | |
| 64 | Instruct the WSB to strengthen the cooperation with the scientific community in focusing on the main world heritage issues. | | | | | | | | |

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| INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 | Continue the cooperation with the Republic of Korea in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding to reinforce the conservation and management of tidal flats | Develop a draft MoU work programme for the period 2014 – 2018 including work priorities and outcomes for approval by WSB before COP CBD. Continuation of exchange of information through participation of experts at workshops and conferences in Korea and the Wadden Sea in accordance with the draft work programme. | Work Programme | | | | | | € 5,000 per year |
| 71 | Deliver a joint input on tidal flat management at the COP CBD in the Republic of Korea in 2014 | Korean Ministry of Ocean and Fishery (MOF) and its agency KOEM is preparing a proposal for a joint event (side event at CBD, exhibition stand at CBD, MoU workshop). High-level event with a signing of the approved MOU work programme for the period 2014 – 2018 (see also § 70). | Joint Event COP CBD (documentation, reports, material) | | | | | | € 30,000 |
| 72 | Continue the exchange of information and experiences on the Wadden Sea and the Wash North Norfolk Coast with Natural England in the framework of the Memorandum of Intent, concluded in 1991 | Organize mutual visits and information exchange on basis of recently developed working programme. Explore options for activities for future World Heritage nomination of The Wash areas. NL to invite Wash representatives on the occasion of a trilateral event | | | | | | | |
| COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 74 | Welcome the Trilateral Communication Strategy and continue and reinforce the communication of the Wadden Sea Cooperation including Wadden Sea World Heritage | Develop an implementation plan for trilateral communication with work priorities, outcomes and resources (according to § 75) for the period 2014 -2018 for approval by WSB 13. Additional resources for communication to be provided. | Communication work plan 2014 -2018. Indicators. | | | | | WH | € 40,000 per year |

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| 76 | Enhance the awareness of the young generation of the Wadden Sea as a shared heritage through development of appropriate educational outreach and products as an integral part of the World Heritage communication and education | Cooperation with WWF to develop and coordinate the network and prepared educational outreach for World Heritage communication and education. Resources for 2014 provided, resources for 2015 and following to be decided at WSB 13 | Educational material, annual workshop | | | | | WH | € 40,000 per year |
| 77 | Therefore stimulate and support the development of a trilaterally coordinated World Heritage education network, building upon the already existing International Wadden Sea School (IWSS) network including regional and local initiatives | | | | | | | | |
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| | AGREEMENT AT THE CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | |
| | The meeting furthermore agreed that the issue of cultural heritage should – consistent with the preamble of the Ministerial Council Declaration – be taken up during the upcoming Dutch presidency. All existing proposals, like mapping of the cultural heritage of the Wadden Sea, shall be discussed and decided upon. | Dutch presidency to initiate | | | | | | | |

Annex 4**List of Actions**

| Agenda item | What | Who | Deadline |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 3 | Printed version Tønder Declaration | DK | a.s.a.p. |
| 5 | Implementation document Tønder Declaration | NL | WSB-13 |
| | Ad-hoc Group Foundation/ Competence center | Chair + delegation- leaders | WSB-13 |
| 6 | Project proposal alien species study | TG-M | WSB-13 |
| | Proposal procedure fisheries | D | WSB-13 |
| | Proposal shipping group | NL | WSB-13 |
| | Proposal future TMAG | Chair + CWSS | WSB-13 |
| | Comparison ToRs TG-WH and TG-STS | DK | WSB-13 |
| | Designation TG members | All delegations | a.s.a.p. |
| | Detailed proposal + budget QSR2016 | CWSS | WSB-13 |
| | Response letter to WSF | Chair + secretary | a.s.a.p. |