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Attached are the draft Terms of Reference for the four Task Groups proposed to be installed by the WSB: Task Group Climate (TG-C), Task Group Management (TG-M), Task Group Sustainable Tourism Strategy (TG-STs) and Task Group World Heritage (TG-WH).

The meeting will be invited to approve of the Terms of Reference for each of the Tasks Groups, designate the Chairpersons and members respectively agree on a procedure to ensure completion of chair and membership and instruct the Tasks Groups to commence their work and report to the next WSB-meeting

Proposal

The meeting is proposed to

- (1) Approve of the Terms of Reference of the Tasks Groups
- (2) Designate chairpersons and members respectively agree on a procedure to ensure completion of composition on short notice
- (3) Instruct Task Groups to commence their work
- (4) Report on progress until the next WSB-meeting

TASK GROUP CLIMATE (TG-C)

Terms of Reference 2014 – 2018

Adaptation to the possible impacts of climate change is a major challenge for the trilateral cooperation. The focus of the trilateral policy will be on enhancing the resilience of the Wadden Sea ecosystem to impacts of climate change. To this end a strategy has been adopted at the Tønder Conference.

Objective

Coordinated trilateral policies for enhancing the resilience of the Wadden Sea ecosystem to impacts of climate change

Tasks

- (1) Coordinate and supervise the implementation of the trilateral climate change adaptation strategy
- (2) Coordinate the trilateral sedimentation study
- (3) Exchange best practice on relevant spatial planning
- (4) Implement and/or coordinate any other activities and projects assigned by the Board.

Deliverables

- (1) Regular reporting to WSB regarding the implementation of the above tasks
- (2) Recommendations for amending and initiating trilateral policies for climate change adaptation
- (3) Annual Progress Reports on the implementation of the Business Plan.

Composition/Membership

- Chairperson
- 2 members per region (NL, Nds, HH, SH, DK), representing ecology, coastal defense and spatial planning

Time schedule

2014-18

TASK GROUP MANAGEMENT (TG-M)

Terms of Reference

2014 – 2018

Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management are central tasks of the Trilateral Cooperation. The Task Group Management (TG-M) is responsible for supervising the integrated implementation of the Tønder Declaration regarding all issues related to the conservation management of species and habitats, including monitoring, assessment and data management.

Objective

Coordinated trilateral policies regarding integrated protection of the Wadden Sea ecosystem

Tasks

- (1) Coordinate and supervise the implementation of all issues from the Tønder Declaration related to Wadden Sea integrated ecosystem management and species and habitat protection (Tønder Declaration §§14 – 35)
- (2) Coordinate the development of an alien species action and management plan
- (3) Coordinate and supervise the implementation of the Wadden Sea Plan, including relevant projects contained in the WSP
- (4) Supervise the implementation of the TMAP Strategy
- (5) Supervise the elaboration and production of the 2016 Quality Status Report
- (6) Networking with the scientific community regarding the development of a trilateral research agenda and research platform
- (7) Implement and/or coordinate any other activities and projects assigned by the Board.

Deliverables

- (1) Regular reporting to WSB regarding the implementation of the above tasks
- (2) Recommendations for amending and initiating trilateral integrated ecosystem policies to WSB
- (3) Annual Progress Reports on the implementation of the Business Plan.
- (4) Quality Status Report 2016
- (5) Alien species action and management plan

Composition/Membership

- Chairperson
- 1 - 2 members per region (NL, Nds, HH, SH, DK)

Time schedule

2014-18

TASK GROUP SUSTAINABLE TOURISM STRATEGY (TG-STs)

Terms of Reference 2014 – 2018

The joint implementation of the strategy on “Sustainable Tourism in the Wadden Sea World Heritage Destination” is an important work theme for the Cooperation in the coming period according to the Tønder Declaration (TD §§ 11-13). The work contributes to the World Heritage Strategy (TD § 5) and the aims and objectives of the World Heritage Convention.

Objective

Coordinate and oversee the implementation of the strategy for sustainable tourism and the action plan in a participatory approach with the relevant stakeholders.

Tasks

- (1) Elaborate an implementation plan of the strategy and action plan together with the relevant stakeholders for approval by the WSB.
- (2) Coordinate and oversee the implementation plan both in terms of its contents and financially.
- (3) Promote and enhance the cooperation between the regions and sectors on sustainable tourism including the exchange of relevant information and coordination between regional projects.
- (4) Ensure coordination with activities in the field of tourism in the context of the World Heritage Convention and with activities of the Task Group World Heritage (TG-WH).
- (5) Prepare annual reports on the implementation of the strategy for discussion and approval by the Board and the further development of the Business Plan including, as appropriate, signalling of issues to be solved by the Board.

Deliverables

- (1) Implementation Plan 2014-18 for strategy on “Sustainable tourism in the Wadden Sea World Heritage Destination”.
- (2) Annual Progress Reports on the status of the implementation plan.

Composition/Membership

- Chairperson /with experience in sustainable tourism and nature conservation),
- Representatives from relevant government authorities, the tourism sector and nature NGOs, i.e. 2 to 4 representatives per region (1-2 GO, 1-2 tourism and marketing sector depending on the regional structure) and 2 green NGOs (WWF, Waddenvereniging)

Time schedule

2014-18

TASK GROUP WADDEN SEA WORLD HERITAGE (TG-WH)

Terms of Reference 2014 – 2018

The Wadden Sea World Heritage is a central work theme for the Cooperation in the coming period according to the Tønder Declaration. The strategy for the property according to §5 of the Tønder Declaration will be the central instrument for implementing objectives and activities of the Cooperation and will involve also non-governmental strategic partners.

Objective

Coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Strategy to warrant the realization its vision and objectives.

Tasks

- (1) Elaborate a Business Plan for the implementation of the Strategy together with the strategic partners for approval by the WSB.
- (2) Coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Business Plan both in terms of its contents and financially together with the strategic partners.
- (3) Elaborate annual reports on the implementation of the strategy for discussion and approval by the Board and the further development of the Business Plan including, as appropriate, signalling of issues to be solved by the Board.
- (4) Observe and appropriately respond to any other development nationally and internationally relevant for the Wadden Sea World Heritage (Strategy).
- (5) Implement any other activities and projects assigned by the Board.

Deliverables

- (1) Business Plan 2014-18 for the implementation of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Strategy.
- (2) Annual Progress Reports on the implementation of the Business Plan.
- (3) Overall implementation report of the Strategy including, as appropriate, amendments of the Strategy for the 2018 Conference.

Composition/Membership

- Chairperson2 per region (+ one Hamburg), one from policy level, one from management/operational level
- One representing advisors
- Two representing strategic partners

Time schedule

2014-18