

**Wadden Sea Board**

**WSB 24**

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**Groningen, Netherlands**

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**Agenda Item: 5.10 Education**

**Subject: Signing WH Education Strategy**

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**Submitted by: IWSS**

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The Wadden Sea World Heritage education strategy is planned to be formally approved by the Ministerial Council as in the Annex 2 of the Ministerial Council Declaration.

Strategic partners will be invited to sign the education strategy on page 21 of the document:

* Federal State/Regional Ministries
* National park authorities
* Members of the Network Group Education,
* Green NGOs active in Wadden Sea education

The signatures will be collected individually during or after the conference and published with an updated print and PDF as part of the strategy itself.

In addition, many of the signatories and in addition many more local information centres who also support the strategy are represented with their logos on the back cover.

During the Leeuwarden Conference, the strategy will be presented at the IWSS stand in the exhibition and the ministers and all other supporters of the strategy are invited to make a support by putting their signature on a separate board to visualize their support.

**Proposal: The meeting is invited to endorse the approach and inform the persons in their delegation who are invited to sign the strategy accordingly.**

**1. Signing of the WH Education Strategy by Strategic Partners**

The signatures will be collected individually during or after the conference and published on page 21 of the education strategy itself. Representatives from the following strategic partners should sign the strategy:

Denmark:

* Environment Protection Agency
* Danish Wadden Sea National Park
* Chair Advisory Board

Germany Schleswig-Holstein:

* Ministry MELUND
* National Park Administration
* Chairs Advisory Boards

Germany Hamburg:

* Senate
* National Park Administration

Germany Niedersachsen:

* Ministry MU
* National Park Administration
* Chair Advisory Board

The Netherlands:

* Provinces at the Wadden Sea
* Large Visitor Centres

Green NGOs: (e.g. NGOs in Dutch Wadden Sea coalition, WWF, NABU, BUND, Schutzstation Wattenmeer, DN, DOF, others).

Members of the Network Group Education:

Anja Szczesinski (WWF), Lian Zigterman (Waddenvereniging), Ditte Dyrbo Hviid (Nationalpark Vadehavet), Gerd-Meurs-Scher (LKN-NPV Schleswig-Holstein), Peter Körber (BUE, NPV Hamburg), Leana Frisch (NLPV Niedersachsen).

**PROPOSAL: WSB to modify/adapt/concretize and to endorse the approach and appoint representatives to sign the strategy.**

**2. Supporting the strategy by signing a board at the IWSS stand at the TGC Leeuwarden**

A symbolic signing will take place on a prepared board (with visualization of the strategy as on page 2 of the strategy) under the headline "We engage in Wadden Sea World Heritage Education" at the IWSS stand at the TGC Leeuwarden.

During the visit of the ministers/delegation of the exhibition and stands at the Conference Centre, they will be invited at the IWSS stand to sign the board, together with other supporters of the strategy, e.g. representatives from the information centers.

The board will then remain at the CWSS (or, in the future, the PC).

**PROPOSAL: WSB to endorse the approach and inform the national delegations accordingly.**