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Agenda Item:	5.4 Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme
Subject:	Progress Report TG-MA
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This document contains a progress report of the Task Group Monitoring and Assessment since WSB 32. Three TG-MA meetings had been held as online conference calls due to the contact and travel restriction resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposal: The WSB is invited to note the information.

Task Group Monitoring and Assessment (TG-MA) progress report to WSB 33

Since WSB-32 the TG-MA has progressed on the following specific items:

1. Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme (TMAP) and trilateral data handling

1.1 TMAP

The TG-MA envisaged a series of workshops to be conducted in 2021 with the aim to fill the discovered deficiencies in TMAP, but also to explore the integration of new parameters from emerging issues (e.g. climate change, new pollutants, alien species). The workshops would be planned in cooperation with relevant trilateral groups (if applicable) but partly also with external experts. The Expert Groups Alien Species, Climate and Fish were requested to come forward with first monitoring proposals. This exchange was ongoing. It was consent that these workshops would benefit from being held as physical meetings, depending on the development of the COVID-19 situation, and therefore shifted to the second half of 2021. Online events would be considered to safeguard further progress if necessary.

The following conceptual TMAP workshops were planned during 2021 to further modernize and develop the programme:

- Subtidal Habitats: foreseen for October/November 2021.
- Beaches and Dunes / Salt Marshes: Expert Group requested to organize internal workshop as part of their regular schedule.
- Geomorphology and Hydrology: planned for second half 2021, details pending.

An additional TMAP workshop, involving also external/international experts was planned on emerging issues, like e.g., climate change or alien species, with the aim to explore options for an enhanced coverage of these topics by TMAP. The implementation was partly relying on the requested feedback from the expert groups.

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1.2 Trilateral Data Handling

With the elaborated TMAP parameter table at hand, the data delivery processes would be further explored, and existing deficiencies would be revealed. This exploration phase would result in a common workshop on data handling, which is planned to be held in Copenhagen during the first week of October on invitation by the Danish Environmental Protection Agency. Members of TG-MA and EG-Data will be involved as well as selected experts on data handling, storage and presentation.

Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.

2 Quality Status Report (QSR)

2.1 QSR Thematic Reports

The QSR Thematic Reports selected for updating were all in progress. Some first drafts were received, CWSS was in close exchange with the authors on progress. Final drafts would be expected by 15 October 2021, in time for a possible presentation of the findings during the 15th International Wadden Sea Symposium (30. November - 03. December 2021 in Büsum, Germany).

2.2 QSR Editorial Board

The QSR Editorial Board (see table 1.) held its first online meeting on 22 June 2021. The overall process was discussed and agreed on. The QSR Thematic Reports selected for updating had been allocated to board members for review, not necessarily by the members themselves, but also by involving their network. If the report update originated from the SIMP process (topics on human use), TG-M would be requested to suggest additional reviewers. The Editorial Board would also be involved in the preparation of QSR related products for the Trilateral Governmental Conference in November 2022.

Table 1. List of members of the QSR Editorial Board 21-22

Name	Organization
Bregballe, T.	Aarhus University
Buschbaum, C.	Alfred Wegener Institute, Sylt
Deen, K.	Waddenacademie
Freund, H.*	University of Oldenburg
Gutow, L.	Alfred Wegener Institute, Bremerhaven
Jensen, K.	Universität Hamburg
Jepsen, N.	DTU Aqua
Teilmann, J.	University of Aarhus
van Wezel, A.	University of Amsterdam
Klöpper, S.	Common Wadden Sea Secretariat
* resigned recently for private reasons	

3. Single Integrated Management Plan (SIMP)

Several nominees, also members of TG-MA, participated in a series of SIMP rapid assessment review meetings on invitation by TG-WH and TG-M.

Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information