

Draft **SUMMARY RECORD**

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

**WSB 10**

**Lindet/Tønder, 11-12 December 2013**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The chairman, Mr Ilsøe, opened the 10th meeting of the WSB at 09:00 h and welcomed the participants. Mr Lauenborg, Ms Krag Svendsen, Mr Waalkens and Mr Friis-Hauge had apologised. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

In his opening statement the chairman indicated that the objective of the meeting was to finalize the draft documents for the Tønder Conference.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Document: WSB 10/2/1 Draft Agenda

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

**AGENDA ITEM 3: SUMMARY RECORD WSB 9**

Document: Final Draft Summary Record WSB 9

The final draft Summary Record was **adopted** with the following amendments:

Re. Agenda Item 1, last para.

- “During the meeting a presentation was given by the chairman of the Foundation Committee on the progress of developing a proposal for Wadden Sea World Heritage Foundation. The chairman of the Committee and its members entered into a dialogue with the meeting. Also a presentation was given by Mr Patrick Cnubben of the Foundation Energy Valley on the use of (Bio)LNG as transition fuel in the Wadden Sea region for various purposes.”

Re. Agenda item 7.1

- The draft programme was presented by Ms Husum Marboe and commented by the meeting. *Guidelines and invitations for the exhibition will be online soon, address see below.*
- Ms Nickel concurred with Mr Verhulst on the event issue. She emphasized that the overall theme of the panel discussion was nature conservation *and the OUV of the Wadden Sea World Heritage property* as already agreed at WSB 8. Ms Knoke added that the panel discussion should be confined to one theme such as *shared ownership for the World Heritage property and its integrity and the foundation as tool. It was **agreed** that the ad hoc drafting group should come up with the proposal for a title. Further proposals for actions which might attract public attention for the conference are still welcomed.*
- The conference centre Website is at <http://www.conferencemanager.dk/Exhibition/the-event.html>

Re. Agenda item 7.3

- Comments to the draft PAR had been submitted by Germany and the Netherlands. *After a controversial discussion the meeting **agreed** [...].*

#### Re. Agenda item 7.4

- The chair announced that following discussions amongst Head of Delegations preceding the WSB it was **agreed** that a Danish proposal for the future of the Cooperation would be *presented for inclusion* in the draft Declaration *and discussed at WSB 10*.
- Ms Nickel introduced the document and indicated that it was intended to ~~initiate~~ carry out the feasibility study *directly shortly* after the Conference based on an agreement by the ministers to be included in the Ministerial Council Declaration. The approach has ~~received the approval~~ support of the Dutch Wadden Academy.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### The Netherlands

- An audit on Dutch Wadden Sea governance had been carried out by the Dutch audit office. The report is very critical about the current situation. Mr Verhulst indicated that the Dutch can in this respect probably learn from the German or Danish structures.

#### Denmark

- A Danish national nature trust has been established with a budget of 120 mi Euros of which 50 mi from private sources.
- There have been elections for the municipalities. The situation in the Wadden Sea municipalities has not changed. All have right wing majorities.
- The Danish national park Wadden Sea will support the participation of two ornithologists in the WSFI bird counts in January 2014.

#### Germany

- Negotiations on the building of a new German government are still ongoing.

#### Advisors

- Mr Rösner informed about two events at which exchange of information between trilateral partners had taken place. It concerned the conference on nature conservation and tourism in Schleswig-Holstein at which Mr Holst-Christensen had presented information on the Danish situation, and a meeting on the Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea strategy 2100 with Dutch participation.

#### CWSS

- The secretary informed about participation of the CWSS in a meeting of the WH marine programme on Corsica and IMAC 3, Marseille, France.

The meeting **noted** the information.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: BUSINESS PLAN 2010 – 13**

Document: WSB 10/5/1 Business Plan

Mr de Jong introduced document WSB 10/5/1 addressing several themes from the business plan, as well as proposals for the MCD. The latter had already been discussed by the ad-hoc editorial group. With regard to the science-policy workshop the German delegation pointed to the possible separation of ecological and socio-economic issues in the science-policy matrix. Mr. de Jong underlined that the workshop recognized that it would be best to have one matrix but that it was also recognized that the integration should be further discussed.

The meeting **took note** of the report and referred agenda item 8.4 for the proposed text for the MCD.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: WADDEN SEA WORLD HERITAGE**

Documents: WSB 10/6/1 Report Task Group World Heritage; WSB 10/6/2 WH School Programme; WSB 10/6/3 Report Task Group World Heritage

The Secretary introduced the report of the Task Group World Heritage. He informed the meeting that the IUCN has informed the secretariat that a request for supplementary information on the nomination dossier will be send out within the next days which has to be answered by mid of February 2014.

### *International Wadden Sea School*

No further offers have been received to host the IWSS, therefore the meeting **decided** to accept the offer of WWF Germany. It was in principle **agreed** to fund the IWSS for a period of three years as an integrated part of the World Heritage programme. Denmark could only guarantee funding of the IWSS activities in 2014. Therefore it was **agreed** to come back at the next WSB meeting with a final decision. In order to underline this new phase in was suggested to change the name from IWSS to e.g. World Heritage education network. The meeting **agreed** to provide funding for hosting the IWSS for 2014 according to the offer of WWF Germany. The Danish contribution could so far only be guaranteed for the first year. The secretariat was authorized to implement the agreement.

### *Memorandum of Intent Banc d'Arguin*

The secretary briefly informed about the status of the negotiations on the Memorandum with the Banc d'Arguin and indicated that he expected that the last draft now under consultation would be able to meet the legal reservations and the comments on the content.

The meeting **noted** the information and **agreed** that the Memorandum should be signed during the signing ceremony of the Flyway Vision.

### *Communication and Marketing Programme*

The meeting **agreed** to continue the programme and the update of the World Heritage material in conjunction with the Danish and Lower Saxon extension, find funding for it in 2014 and tasked the TG-WH for its implementation.

### *World Heritage Campaign 2014*

Ms Nicke underlined the importance of a common celebration ceremony on the expected extension in summer 2014 to show the joint responsibility of the three states. She expressed the strong wish implementing the trilateral communication strategy with more efforts.

Mr Christensen doubted whether a journalists' trip as a trilateral campaign will attract media attention. He announced that the National Park will celebrate the inscription in conjunction with the international Tall Ship Race in July/August 2014 where a broad audience can be reached.

Mr Marencic stated that the campaign concept aimed to create high media attention on the occasion of the Danish inscription and the 5 year anniversary of the Dutch-German inscription in combination with appropriate local events. The Tall Ship race is not an appropriate event since it do not relate to the issue of World Heritage Wadden Sea.

The chairman **concluded** that Denmark will contribute to a joint campaign but will also continue with the preparation of a national park ceremony. He **instructed** the TG-WH to find a common approach for the campaign 2014 and to prepare a proposal to the next WSB for approval.

### *Sustainable Tourism Strategy*

The meeting **approved** the strategy for inclusion as an Annex to the MCD 2014 with two amendments referring to 'green NGO' and 'action plan or parts of it'.

The meeting **decided** signing the strategy by the stakeholders on the last page of the document and not on a separate document. It was **agreed** that a footnote should refer to the Declaration of Intent which describes the mandate within which the signers act and the implications of the signature.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7: WADDEN SEA FORUM**

Document: WSB10/7/1 WSF ICZM strategy

Mr. Vollmer introduced the WSF ICZM strategy as in document WSB10/7/1. The chairman welcomed the document, in particular the goose management strategy, as a good paper. Mr Holst-Christensen considered the strategy to be an excellent one, which will be submitted to the National Park board. Mr Verhulst welcomed in particular the goose management strategy which he felt could support Dutch policy making.

The meeting **took note** of the strategy and referred to agenda item 8.4 with respect to the text proposals for the MCD.

### **AGENDA ITEM 8: WADDEN SEA CONFERENCE**

Documents: WSB 10/8.1/1 Programme Tønder Conference; WSB 10/8.2/1 Preliminary draft agenda ministerial council meeting; WSB 10/8.3/1 Policy Assessment Report; WSB 10/8.4/1 Ministerial Council Declaration, pre-draft version 4 December 2013; WSB 10/8.4/2 Declaration of Intent Flyway Vision/Tourism Strategy; Executive Summary of the draft report of the Foundation Committee distributed at the meeting

#### **8.1 Programme Wadden Sea Conference**

The draft programme was presented by Ms Husum Marboe and commented and slightly amended by the meeting. A new draft programme was **adopted**.

#### **8.2 Agenda Ministerial Council Meeting**

The preliminary draft agenda, as in document WSB 10/8.2/1 was amended with regard to agenda item 3 (Policy Assessment Report). See further agenda item 8.3 below. The draft agenda was **adopted**.

In accordance with the draft agenda it was further **agreed** that the delegations and the advisor entities would inform the secretariat on the membership for the forthcoming period to allow the secretariat to establish the list of members and advisors to be adopted by the Ministerial Council. The Netherlands would soon inform the Wadden Sea Board on its candidate for the chair of the Wadden Sea Board in the forthcoming period.

#### **8.3 Policy Assessment Report**

The secretary introduced document WSB 10/8.3/1 in which it is proposed to discontinue the work on the Policy Assessment Report. The main rationale for the proposal is the lack of time for finalising and consulting the draft.

The meeting **adopted** the proposal and **decided** that the secretary will present a progress report in the ministerial council meeting and that a written report will be prepared on the basis of the current chapter 3 of the PAR.

#### **8.4 Ministerial Council Declaration**

The meeting discussed document WSB 10/8.4/1, which is a pre-draft of the MCD, prepared by the ad-hoc drafting group on 3-4 December 2013.

The German delegation informed that, due to weather conditions, the meeting of the Nord-Friesland National Park Advisory Board, had to be postponed and that comments from this body are still pending. The Dutch and Danish delegations stated to have finished their respective consultations.

The meeting **agreed** upon a consolidated draft MCD (version 12 December 2013) with the following specific annotations:

- Flyway vision. The meeting **agreed** that the Declaration of Intent for the Flyway vision as in document WSB 10/8.4/2 will be signed by the organisations listed in the document and **instructed** the CWSS to collect the signatures and organize the event.
- Seal Management Plan. The Dutch delegation informed that there is a good discussion with the Pieterburen rehabilitation centre and that the issue will be solved.
- The meeting **agreed** to refer to the PSSA operational plans and to annex these to the MCD.
- Alien species. The meeting **agreed** not to attach the framework strategy alien species to the MCD but to use the document as the basis for the further work on developing a trilateral alien species strategy, as well as for the elaboration of an alien species management plan through the envisaged LIFE+ project.
- Fisheries. The meeting could not reach agreement on the draft MCD text on fisheries, including the sustainable fisheries principles in the annex and **agreed** that Denmark will take the initiative for a meeting in January 2014 to further negotiate the draft text.
- Landscape and Cultural Heritage. The meeting removed the chapter from the MCD at this stage because of lack of input on the theme but **agreed** that the issue can be taken up under the upcoming Dutch presidency.

It was **agreed** that the new draft MCD will be distributed to the WSB members by Friday 13 December, 12:00 hours at the latest and be uploaded to the CWSS website.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE SECRETARY**

Mr Verhulst informed the meeting about the procedure for appointing a new secretary. A profile has been drafted and will be distributed to the WSB. The job will be advertised in February 2014 after the WSB-11 meeting. Deadline for submission of applications is 1 April 2014. The interviews will be held in two rounds, starting 10 April and ending 15 May 2014. The interviews will be done by a selection committee consisting of the new WSB chairperson, the WSB heads of delegations, a representative of the German personnel administration and a representative of the CWSS. It is intended to appoint the new secretary by 1 June 2014.

The WSB **noted** the information.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10: NEXT MEETING**

WSB 11 will be held in the Ecco Conference Centre, Tønder, Denmark, 4 February 2014, 9:30-16:00 hours.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no any other business.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: CLOSING**

The chairman thanked the participants for the constructive discussions, and closed the meeting 12 December, 13:00 hours.

## Annex 1

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**Annex 2**

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