

Final Draft
SUMMARY RECORD

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

WSB 1

3 - 4 JUNE 2010, LINDET/RIBE

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

The chairman, Mr Peter Ilsøe, opened the meeting at 13:15 h. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Document: WSB 1/2/1 Draft Agenda

The meeting adopted the draft agenda of the meeting. The agenda is in **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SUMMARY RECORDS

Documents: Draft Summary Record WSB Inauguration Meeting; WSB 1/3/2 Summary Record SO 35; WSB 1/3/3 Summary Record Council

The meeting **approved** the draft Summary Record of the inauguration meeting of the WSB, 18 March 2010.

The meeting **took note** of the Summary Records of the SO 35 and the Ministerial Council meeting.

The meeting **noted** the information by the secretary that the documents from the Conference will be published as soon as the translations are available.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms Nickel informed that Ms Gertrud Sahler is the new nature director in BMU. She is former head of the MAB Committee and is currently also head of the minister's office of minister Röttgen.

Ms Schokker-Strampel informed that Mr. Oosterveld has retired as director of LNV-Noord. Mr Oolthuis will replace him until a new director has been appointed, which is expected to be soon.

Mr Frederiksen informed that the draft Statutory Order on the Danish Wadden Sea National Park is subject to a hearing procedure until 9 September 2010. It is expected that the National Park will formally start in October. The Danish Minister will invite her Dutch and German colleagues to be present. He furthermore informed that the Forest and Nature Agency, Regional Office, is named "Wadden Sea".

Ms Holm-Nielsen announced that Denmark has started the implementation of the Ballast Water Convention. Implementation is expected in October.

Mr Klimant informed about the WSF-16 meeting, in particular the Marine Spatial Planning Information Tool, which is also interesting for TWSC.

The meeting **took note** of the information.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PROGRAMME PRESIDENCY 2010 - 13

Mr Frederiksen informed the meeting that the Danish presidency anticipated the next conference to be held in autumn 2013. There was not yet a draft programme of the Danish presidency but this would be submitted for discussion at the next WSB meeting.

The draft programme would contain the following political aims:

1. World Heritage. There will be clarity about the Danish position as soon as possible, aiming at living up to the deadline of February 2012, as set by Hamburg. The tourism development strategy, as set out in §5 of the Sylt Declaration, should be seen in the light of the communication strategy (MCD §39) and the status of IWSS should be made clear.
2. Wadden Sea Plan. The main question is how to continue the WSP process, taking account of the outcome of the High Level Review, including the delimitation question, as well as the issues goose management, assessment and monitoring. A close cooperation with the WSF is envisaged.
3. Landscape and culture. How to continue activities in the field of landscape and culture?
4. Climate change. This is considered a very important topic with sedimentation and spatial planning as vital elements. It was, however uncertain how to proceed with these topics and first relevant ministries had to be consulted.
5. Shipping safety. Also this issue is of vital importance. Internal discussions how to balance resources and focal points are currently taking place in Denmark. An important question is what can be done by the TWSC and what by directly responsible ministries, for example regarding IMO activities.

The meeting **took note** of the information.

AGENDA ITEM 6: STRATEGY 2010 - 15

Document: WSB 1/6/1 Strategy 2010 - 2015

The meeting discussed the latest version of Strategy 2010 – 15.

There was common understanding that in §1.3 the phrasing "Maintain and further develop" also included adjusting the TMAP. The meeting **agreed** on the following amendments:

- To replace "resilience" by "adaptability"
- To add the following text on sustainable tourism development in Objective 4 (p.13-14):

Sustainable Use [...]

At its decision to inscribe the Dutch-German Wadden Sea on the World Heritage List, the World Heritage Committee requested [...]. Also in the context of the establishment and further development of the Danish Wadden Sea National Park, sustainable tourism development is a central objective.

[.....]

4.5 Develop and promote sustainable tourism in the Wadden Sea Region.

- To add the following text on the Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium in Chapter 4 "Operational Structures and Mechanisms" (p. 18):

The International Wadden Sea Scientific Symposia are essential fora for presentation of the latest scientific research and discussion of implications for trilateral policy and management. The symposia will normally be held a year before the Wadden Sea Conferences to inform these conferences and delivering recommendations for trilateral policy and management.

There was still a German study reservation on the Financial Arrangements.

It was **agreed** that, after the lifting of this reservation, the final Strategy, including the above amendments, would be placed on the website of the TWSC.

AGENDA ITEM 7: BUSINESS PLAN 2010 – 13

Document: WSB 1/7/1 Business Plan 2010 - 2013

The secretary introduced the triennial Business Plan for the implementation of the Strategy and stated that this plan was a roadmap for the planning of trilateral activities.

The meeting generally **supported** the Business Plan and **agreed** to adopt a consolidated and further specified version at the next meeting of the WSB. In order not to lose time the meeting **agreed** on the following priority activities that could be started up immediately:

1. Trilateral Research Platform/Research Agenda. A consolidated proposal by the secretariat to be submitted to WSB-2.
2. Update Seal Management Plan. The meeting **agreed** first to organise a meeting on the taking of seals. The current SMP will be prolonged by one year.
3. Goose management. Draft Terms of Reference, to be developed by CWSS and WSF secretariat, will be submitted to WSB-2.
4. Flyway. A proposal for trilateral activities will be submitted by the secretariat to WSB-2.
5. Workshop landscape and culture will be organized by the secretariat in autumn.
6. Trilateral communication strategy.
7. Sustainable tourism development strategy.
8. Evaluation MoU TWSC-WSF. Germany will take the lead in preparing a first draft evaluation paper. This paper will be circulated to the other two parties as soon as possible. The draft will contain the parties' assessment of what went good, what not, the expectations, positions regarding the administration of funding, personnel and overhead, the legal status, financing, as well as suggestions for a new MoU. The Danish Ministry will circulate a consolidated evaluation through the secretariat to the Wadden Sea Board in due course.
9. Shipping safety. It is intended to organise a workshop of authorities in which amongst others the PSSA study, the Baltic Sea BRISK programme and the DenGerNeth will be presented. It was **agreed** that the secretariat would circulate an outline for the workshop, and start with the preparation as soon as there is green light from all involved national authorities.
10. Climate. It was **agreed** that the secretariat, in consultation with the Dutch delegation, would prepare draft Terms of Reference for a project for discussion at the WSB-2 meeting. Furthermore, preparatory work would start on establishing a Climate TG, amongst which investigating potential membership of such a group.

The meeting then discussed the structure of Task Groups (TGs) and expert groups. An overview of anticipated TGs, working at a strategic level directly under the WSB, and a proposed expert network, delivering specific technical information through the CWSS, was presented by the secretary. The meeting requested more clarification as to the number of TGs and expert groups, their specific tasks and the efforts needed for their implementation.

It was **agreed** that an overall architecture of the trilateral working group structure would be elaborated in the coming months, including terms of reference. This work would be done by a group of contact points (Paulus, Oolthuis, Frederiksen) via e-mail or, if possible, at a meeting on short notice. The result will be discussed at WSB-2.

AGENDA ITEM 8: RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Document: WSB 1/8/1 Rules of Procedure

The Wadden Sea Board **adopted** the draft Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations pending a reservation by the German delegation supported by the Danish delegation on XVII, 7 "20%" and 8 in combination with XVIII, 7 with the following amendments:

- Re. I, 3rd para.: Deletion of "Under exceptional circumstances".
- Re. V, 1st para.: replace "an informal "Agenda Group"" with "the secretariat in consultation with designated focal points".
- Re. V, 1st para in conjunction with last para: "4 weeks" shall be "five weeks" and "three weeks" "four weeks".

With regard to re. I, 3rd para., the German and the Dutch delegations were of the opinion that the delegations should ensure a high standing and consistency of the Board members, respectively advocated that alternate participation should be at the same level.

The German and the Danish delegations will inform the secretariat within 4 weeks whether they can lift the reservations referred to above.

The Wadden Sea Board furthermore

1. **Instructed** the secretary to edit the Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations and publish these on the CWSS website together with the Joint Declaration, the Governance Arrangements, the Administrative Agreement and the Strategy.
2. **Instructed** the secretary to report to the Wadden Sea Board within one year on how the Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations have worked in practice and suggest any amendments for consideration by the Wadden Sea Board.

AGENDA ITEM 9: BUDGET PLANNING

Documents: WSB 1/9/1 Budget CWSS; WSB 1/9/2 Communication Strategy; WSB 1/9/3 CWSS Financial Statement 2008

The Wadden Sea Board **decided** to postpone the approval of the draft indicative triennial core budget and the CWSS annual budget 2011 until its autumn meeting in conjunction with the final approval of the Business Plan 2010 -13.

The Wadden Sea Board **approved** of the Financial Statement 2008 for the secretariat as proposed by the auditor.

As regards the employment of the communication officer, Mr Frederiksen informed the meeting of behalf of the Danish Ministry that Denmark would work purposefully to find a constructive financial solution until the end of June. Moreover, Denmark proposed that the Communication Strategy would be developed in consultation with the designated focal points.

The meeting **noted** the information. The meeting **agreed** to the suggested procedure as regards the elaboration of the draft Communication Strategy.

AGENDA ITEM 10: WADDEN SEA WORLD HERITAGE

Document: WSB 1/10 Wadden Sea World Heritage

The Wadden Sea Board **noted** the progress report as presented by the secretary.

AGENDA ITEM 11: REPORT CWSS

Document: WSB 1/11/ Report CWSS

The meeting **noted** the report of the overview of the activities of the secretariat since the Sylt Conference.

The meeting **acknowledged** that the German ministry will seek registration of the Administrative Agreement 2010 as an international agreement in the framework of the UN. The meeting **noted** that Germany intends to introduce a draft law to the Federal Parliament as soon as possible to provide the secretariat with a legal status according to German law.

On the proposal of the chairman, the responsible ministries will confirm by letter the prolongation of the contract of the secretary until he will reach the legal pension time.

AGENDA ITEM 12: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the secretariat on **7 October 2010** and commence at 09.30h. It is intended to close the meeting at lunch time.

The secretariat will arrange for a dinner for those members of the Board who will arrive the evening before.

AGENDA ITEM 13: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

AGENDA ITEM 14: CLOSING

Ms Nickel thanked the chairman for an excellent chairing of the meeting and for hosting the first meeting of the Board.

The chairman thanked the participants for a very pleasant meeting and constructive discussions, and closed the meeting at app. 12:00 on 4 June 2010.

ANNEX 1

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ANNEX 2.

Agenda

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