

**Wadden Sea Board**

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**Agenda Item: 8.1**

**Subject: MTR 2014-18 of the Implementation of the Trilateral WS Cooperation Tønder declaration**

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**Submitted by: The Netherlands**

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**Proposal:**

**A Mid Term Review of the Implementation of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation 2014-2018, prepared by the Netherlands, was submitted to the WSB June 2016.**

**It was noted that most of the actions were assessed as being on schedule. However, for a minor amount of 6 items the indications were red, indicating these were not being on the required schedule.**

**As a next step, the WSB June meeting invited the Netherlands to submit proposals for a follow-up focussing on those items being assessed as not on target to be achieved (marked red in the MTR; in total 6 items)**

**The WSB is invited to note the proposals formulated in this discussion paper and consequently to decide how to proceed.**

The items depicted in the boxes, originate from the MTR itself (June 2016).

The proposals are given in italic.

**MTR 2014-2018 of the Implementation of the trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation Tønder declaration**

**Nature Conservation for the Wadden Sea**

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| Innovation in monitoring | No changes yet. Waiting for suggestions out of the QSR – 2016. |  |

*The results of the QSR-2016 are not available yet. The issue of ‘Data’ in a broad sense will also be taken up at the next International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium in Denmark.*

*Proposal 1 is to wait for these inputs.*

*Proposal 2 is to investigate whether a promising satellite monitoring issue, f.i. satellite monitoring of Primary Production or flyway-tracking of certain migratory bird species, can be taken up. The latter issue was embraced enthousiastically by prof Theunis Piersma at the occasion of the last Wadden Sea Day.*

**Wadden Sea World Heritage Site**

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| Boosting education network through IWSS | Education network/centres in place.  No significant increase in number of children attracted to Wadden Sea |  |
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*Proposal 1 is to wait for the results of the evaluation of the International Wadden Sea School, which is running now and will deliver recommendations.*

*Proposal 2: In the context of the next Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Conference (Leeuwarden, 2018), the Dutch presidency considers to develop a youth conference, school-competition or another students-programme, to attract and involve the next generation. This might well be coupled with the International Wadden Sea movie-initiative which has started already and is scheduled to be launched at the time of the wadden Sea Conference.*

**Sustainable use of the Wadden Sea**

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| Shipping | TG-S just recently established (?): considerable delay in providing deliverables |  |

*The DenGerNeth Maritime Administration Group has been established and their 1st meeting took place; accordingly the actual progress should be marked yellow now.*

*However, as the progress is difficult to assess at this stage, the WSB is proposed to take a careful and alert attitude towards this Group.*

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| Sustainable Fisheries | Closed area concept in several places established.  No coherent, level playing field approach yet started at trilateral level |  |
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*It is noted that relevant developments have taken place in the different regions over the last few years (like f.i. the signed agreement on musselfishery in summer 2015 in Schleswig-Holstein).*

*The proposal is to start with an update (inventory) of measures applied (installing closed areas/ application of appropriate assessmemts/other measures on sustainability for fisheries).*

*This update should be submitted to the next WSB. Based on this update, the WSB could proceed on defining next feasible steps forward.*

**Other main items of the Tønder declaration**

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| 35. Alien Species: further development of framework AS, as well as AS Management Plan and Action Plan | Life application rejected.  Further work in progress |  |
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*Despite the fact that the Life application was rejected, further progress has been reported by the ad-hoc group Alien Species and workshops are scheduled.*

*Proposal: no further actions at this stage recommended.*

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| Cultural Heritage Issue, consistent with preamble of the Tønder Declaration | Dutch presidency to initiate. at workshop level trilateral exchange is realised as part of the research agenda in progress. QSR will give an update. |  |
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*Progress can be reported: it is noted that a trilateral workshop on this issue is scheduled in december 2016 (Heide).*

*It is anticipated form the Dutch presidency that linked to the Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Conference the cultural heritage issue will be highlighted. How this will be organised is still open; a collaboration with the Wadden Sea Forum on this topic is envisaged.*

*Proposal: further actions will be reported by the Dutch presidency in the context of the development of the Wadden Sea Governmental Conference programme.*