FINAL DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD

**27th Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board**

**(WSB 27)**

13 November 2018

Copenhagen, Denmark

# Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the chairperson, Ms Karin Lochte, at 09:15 on 13 November 2018. She thanked the Danish delegation for providing the meeting venue and particularly the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark/ Environmental Protection Agency for hosting the dinner the night before. Mr. Staghouwer and Mr. Janke were unable to attend.

A list of participants is at Annex 1.

# Adoption of the agenda

*Document:* [*Draft Agenda*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb_27_draft_annotated_agenda.pdf)

The meeting adopted the draft agenda of the meeting with one amendment: upon the request of Germany, Agenda item 6 (Status of discussion on Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center) was shifted to item 5 (as 5.12). For the agendas of WSB-meetings in general it was suggested to enumerate only the items on the agenda which are to be discussed in the meeting, and to strengthen strategic points in order to have a more focused agenda.

# Summary Record WSB 25 & 26

*Documents:* [*Summary Record WSB 25*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb_25_draft_summary_record.pdf)*,* [*Summary Record WSB 26*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb_26_draft_summary_record.pdf)

The summary record of WSB 25 and 26 were adopted without amendments. It was agreed to update the participants list where necessary. Ms van Nieuwerburgh stated that the final summary record for WSB 24 had been missing on the CWSS webpage.

# Announcements

## Denmark

* Ongoing revision of the national N2000 sites and corresponding adjustment of the boundaries had been finalized on 1 November 2018, resulting in a reduction of the Wadden Sea Area;
* Statutory order on the protection of the Wadden Sea awaits the public hearing phase. One issue was the blue mussel fishery. Since the blue mussel stocks had increased, a re-opening of the fishery on natural banks had been under consideration, whereas at the moment no fishing took place in Danish waters. Against the background of the statements in the Wadden Sea Plan as the joint trilateral management plan, Germany, the Netherlands and advisors asked for more information on the issue;
* The planned wild boar fence between Denmark and Germany would not reach as far as the actual Wadden Sea;
* National park plan was being renewed for the period from 2019-2025. More than 800 suggestions had been received from the public, NGOs and municipalities. A clear prioritization was on the World Heritage area and not only on the cooperation area. The UN 2030 sustainability goals had been considered;
* Port of Esbjerg extension: a scoring process is being conducted for the full environmental assessment process which is expected to be finished in the fall of this year
* Ms Anne-Marie Vægter Rasmussen introduced herself as interim member of the WSB replacing Mr. Karsten.

## Germany

* BMU: The German delegation officially welcomed Ms Soledad Luna as new Programme Officer for the creation of the single integrated management plan for the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site at CWSS. The Federal Ministry funded the post during the German presidency. The chairperson echoed the welcome on behalf of the WSB;
* Schleswig-Holstein: Jan Philipp Albrecht was appointed as new minister of Energy, Agriculture, the Environment, Nature and Digitalization. The former minister, Robert Habeck, had moved on to the federal level as leader of the Green Party.

**Netherlands**

* The 2019 budget was being debated in parliament, with a positive outcome on further funding options for the Swimway programme and the implementation of the Breeding Bird action Plan;
* A new light system had been installed on the island of Ameland. It was expected to be about 70% cheaper and to reduce emissions by 75 %, in line with the CO2 neutrality goal by 2020;
* The invasive aquatic or semiterrestrial succulent plant *Crassula helmsii* had been successfully eradicated (rapid action) on the island of Terschelling from 1 October 2018 in two locations;
* A workshop aimed at achieving a plastic free Wadden Sea 2030 had been held.
* An international team of experts was working on a state-of-the-art overview of scientific knowledge on sea level rise and sedimentation. A special issue on “[Sea-level rise, subsidence and morphodynamics in the Dutch Wadden Sea; 2030, 2050, 2100](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/netherlands-journal-of-geosciences/issue/CE6C65B1C738605EDA0D58EDE5B83436)” had been published (NL Journal of Geosciences); this may be preparation for LD §28.

## Wadden Sea Forum

* Mr Preben Friis-Hauge had been appointed as new chair of the WSF at the plenary meeting on 1-2 November 2018. The organization was currently still looking for a German vice chair.

## Nature NGOs

* Waddenvereniging: The Wadden Sea movie “The Wadden Sea – Living on the edge between land and sea” had been released.
* WWF: The Education Strategy had been issued in a printed format.

## CWSS

* Ms Soledad Luna had started as new Programme Officer for the elaboration of the single integrated management plan for the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site at CWSS on 15 October 2018. She introduced herself to the WSB.
* Mr. Sergio Rejado Albaina, Regional Flyway Coordinator for [Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna](https://www.caff.is/) (CAFF), the biodiversity working group of the Arctic Council, introduced himself to the WSB.
* The Leeuwarden Declaration was now available in printed format.

The participants of the meeting **noted** and welcomed the information.

# Implementation Leeuwarden Declaration

**5.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage**

**5.1.1** **ITB participation 2019**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.1/1 ITB participation 2019*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb_27-5-1-1_itb_participation_2019.pdf)

Mr. Strempel introduced the proposal on ITB participation in 2019. Denmark remarked that the working hours of the CWSS needed to be listed in more detail. Mr. Strempel replied that the contribution matched that of former years and would involve roughly the equivalent of one staff member for four weeks, which was accepted by the parties. Germany added that their agreement would depend on one involved post which had not been confirmed for 2019. Ms Knoke added that staff from the national parks would be involved, as well as the business sector. The Netherlands emphasized an earlier agreement to the proposal.

The WSB **endorsed** the proposal.

**5.1.2** **TG WH Progress Report**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.1/2 TG WH Progress Report*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-5.1-2-tg-wh_progress_report.pdf)

Parties thanked the group for the report.

Mr. Borchers announced the workshop on Marine Litter in marine World Heritage sites starting the next day on the island of Norderney, Germany. Furthermore, he raised the question as to how to deal with World Heritage committee requests and emphasized that the Parties should emit the signal that they were acting as one World Heritage site. In this context, he thanked the Danish delegation for the very good information on the Esbjerg harbour extension but considered the level of involvement and opportunity to comment somewhat insufficient. Such issues should be discussed in common before individual delegations answered such questions. Ms Vægter Rasmussen stated that she agreed in principle but added that separate replies should also be possible for the delegations as procedural answers needed to be delivered and national procedures might divert from this practice. Ms Knoke pointed to the agreed procedure to answer such requests as one World Heritage site, as discussed during WSB 25 and Mr. Verhulst added that this practice was not a new agreement but good tradition in the TWSC.

The WSB **noted** the information and highlighted the good practice of acting as one World Heritage property.

**5.1.3** **Climate Vulnerability Index**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.1/3 Climate Vulnerability Index*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb_27-5-1-3_cvi.pdf)*,* *WSB 27/5.1/3b Climate Vulnerability Index\_b*

Ms Busch informed the meeting on the initiative of testing a Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI) for the Wadden Sea region as a pilot WH property in Europe, proposed by Mr. Jon Day (former Director of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority) on basis of experience made in the Great Barrier Reef region in Australia. This CVI was intended to explore risks to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV). The TG-C and TG-WH had expressed their interest in such an initiative and asked for further guidance. Germany proposed to pass the proposal, which should also contain financial and working hour implications, on to TG-WH and TG-C for consideration. Denmark and the Netherlands echoed the attitude towards the proposal and the German request. Furthermore, the potential negative effects or benefits of such an index for the TWSC should be explored. The Netherlands suggested that TG-C lead the process, which was agreed upon by the WSB.

The WSB **endorsed** the proposal to consider the idea in more detail.

**5.1.4** **TG STS Progress Report**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.1/4 TG STS Progress Report*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-5.1-4-tg-sts_progress_report.pdf)

The Parties thanked the group for the report.

**5.1.5** **PROWAD Link Overview**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.1/5 PROWAD Link Overview*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-5.1-5-prowad-link-overview-2018-11-05.pdf)

Mr. Strempel informed the meeting on the status of the PROWAD Link, which had now received final approval by INTERREG. Ms Vægter Rasmussen requested a detailed overview of the final obligations. Mr. Strempel explained that the working hours of the involved CWSS staff members and other costs were clearly outlined in the final application, which was available to all Parties. He furthermore reported that not all partners initially involved would participate, but that this would have no negative implications for the success of the project. Mr. Hebbelmann pointed out the strong link of the project to the development of the Partnership Hub.

**5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management**

**5.2.1 TG-MM Report**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.2/1 TG-MM Report*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb_27-5-2-1_report_tg-mm.pdf)

**Fish targets:**

Mr. Borchers asked for information regarding the substantial budget that had been requested for the Swimway programme, including the envisaged fish conference. Mr. Jørgensen replied that the idea was to connect the scientific community to the Swimway project in the framework of such an event which was planned in the last quarter of 2019 and that this conference was an essential next step for the programme. Any future projects were foreseen to be financially self-sustained. The group should continue in 2019, with WSB to decide on the future during WSB 28 in March.

**Harbour porpoises:**

Mr. Jørgensen referred to the planned workshop on harbour porpoises which was aimed at enabling an informed decision on whether an extension of the TSEG to an expert group on marine mammals would be an option in the future. Mr. Strempel informed the meeting on the ASCOBANS request to receive an update on current developments. The parties requested further information before deciding on the proposal.

**Alien species:**

Ms. Busch reported that the MAPAS had been further elaborated by the WG AS and submitted to TG-MM for approval. Mr. Jørgensen noted that no further financial support had been incorporated in the supplementary budget for 2019 but that progress could still be based on in kind contribution. Ms Busch underscored that the WG had been waiting for further comments on the communication plan which had been rejected by TG-MM earlier. Mr. Verhulst recommended aiming for a final decision on the MAPAS in March in order to be able to take any further action in due course being feasible. At the request of Ms. Knoke it was stated more precisely that this referred to the MAPAS itself, not including the communication plan.

The WSB **endorsed** this approach.

**Sustainable Fisheries:**

The Netherlands expressed their preference for dealing with further activities concerning sustainable fisheries in the process of the SIMP elaboration. Mr. Borchers agreed but raised the concern that a single topic should not unbalance the final document. Mr. Jørgensen suggested integrating the discussion on fisheries in the Swimway project at some point. Ms Knoke replied that fisheries in the Wadden Sea mainly targeted shrimps, mussels and cockles rather than fish and therefore should be dealt with in the elaboration of the SIMP. Mr. Rösner stated that the NGOs were in favour of establishing an Expert Group (or functional equivalent) on fisheries, also with respect to topics such as bycatch and constructions in estuaries.

The WSB agreed to start the work on the SIMP, taking the topics of fish (targets) and fisheries into consideration as one of the topics and to postpone a decision on how to further precede with fisheries and regarding the need for a related working group at a later time.

**Quality Status Report:**

Mr. Jørgensen informed the meeting that TG-MM would assess the next draft of the Synthesis Report during its December meeting and set the scene for the next QSR process. Mr. Klöpper confirmed that CWSS intended to submit an updated draft of the Synthesis Report to TG-MM for its December meeting. Mr. Borchers recalled the German intention to focus on TMAP, especially on data availability and quality assurance. Mr. Strempel added that the different views regarding the report had caused delays and stressed that any decision regarding content and format of the Synthesis Report needed involvement of the Editorial Board. Ms Knoke added that it was essential that TG-MM discuss the content and the WSB approve the QSR synthesis report as it fell under the responsibility of the TWSC. To avoid delays, clear guidance will be needed for future QSR products. Parties agreed on the proposal.

**N2000 roof report:**

Mr. Jørgensen reported on the findings on the national data sets after a first brief analysis by Danish consultants. Although it had not been possible to commission them to draft the report immediately due to the workload of the company, the consultants had confirmed that they would be able in principle to produce such a report. The chairperson added for consideration to explore options for a common reporting in the future.

**5.5 Maritime safety and pollution prevention of shipping**

The chairperson mentioned shipping and maritime safety as a subject to be addressed in the trilateral cooperation. Ms. Knoke pointed out the interest in pursuing this matter further together with the WSF shipping group. Mr. Hebbelmann agreed and mentioned the future Partnership Hub. Mr Vollmer stated that the WSF would come up with a proposal in 2019 and mentioned the Green Ports initiative. Mr. Rösner pointed out that shipping in a broad sense (CO2-footprint, dredging, sediments, accidents) should be tackled.

**5.6 Trilateral monitoring and assessment programme**

Mr. Borchers recalled the German presidency commitment to focus on TMAP. He mentioned that it would be in the remit of the planned TG Monitoring and Assessment.

**5.7 Science Cooperation**

Ms Liburd referred to the intended installation of a programming committee which had been agreed upon earlier and requested to include potential funding from the relevant ministries in the TRA implementation planning. Mr. Borchers suggested that TG-MM together with TG-WH should make a proposal as to how to proceed, after the common report of TG-MM and TG-WH h ad been finalized. Mr Verhulst stated that the Task Groups should prioritize on the contents. TG-MM and TG-WH were requested to produce a draft of the common paper on prioritization within the TRA.

The WSB **endorsed** this approach.

**5.8 Wadden Sea Forum**

Mr. Friis-Hauge referred to an analysis of sustainable indicators in the German Wadden Sea Region. Results were shown on spatial maps which would nicely show the differences of the counties in sustainability. In the following, a feedback from the counties would be appreciated for a debate and decision how to continue with the work. Mr. Vollmer reported about a WSF stakeholder workshop on climate change adaptation in the hinterland of the Wadden Sea which would result in a policy paper.

**5.9 International cooperation**

**5.9.1 MOU PNBA Mauritania**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.9/1 MOU PNBA Mauritania*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb_27-5-9-1-mou_pnba_mauritania.pdf)

Mr. Strempel introduced the action plan and requested approval by the WSB for the funding required to implement the activities projected for 2019. Denmark requested further details on any deliverables regarding the capacity building activities. Mr. Borchers replied that this was possible insofar as the German support programme financing most of the activities demanded this anyway but cautioned against overburdening the CWSS with reporting obligations and making the document complicated by requesting too many details. Focus should rather be on the very important work on the ground. Mr. Verhulst agreed to continue the work as mentioned in the work plan.

The WSB **endorsed** the draft action plan for 2019. CWSS was requested to draft a list of objectives for the next WSB.

**5.9.2** **Cooperation WH Sites & List Natural WH Sites**

*Documents:* [*WSB 27/5.9/2a Cooperation WH Sites*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-5.9-2a-cooperation-wh-sites.pdf) *&* [*WSB 27/5.9/2b List Natural WH Sites*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-5.9-2b-list_natural_wh-sites.pdf)

Mr. Strempel introduced the paper presenting the outcomes of the prioritization exercise carried in response to the WSB request. The meeting generally appreciated the document but there was concern on the financial and work time implications for the CWSS, which should be further clarified. Mr. Verhulst reminded the meeting that the WSB had already decided not to have a formal MoU with the Dolomites at this stage. It was agreed to delete proposal number two (Beech Forests) as this was not the duty of CWSS.

The WSB **requested** adjustment of the document for submission to next WSB.

Mr. Borchers introduced the German initiative on the extension of the WSFI to the Arctic regions. A first preparatory meeting had been held in Bonn at the end of October. It had been decided that the previously envisaged Workshop in St. Petersburg was identified as not appropriate at this point due to certain sensitivities on a political level. Mr. Rejado added that CAFF was willing to continue this initiative. Ms Vægter Rasmussen stated that Denmark was in favour of strengthening cooperation with the Arctic and pointed out that Denmark was an official member of the Arctic Council. The Netherlands thanked Germany and Denmark for their efforts and announced general support on future developments.

**5.10 Communication and education**

Mr. Rösner mentioned that the annual workshop of the trilateral education network had taken place the previous week in the Netherlands.

**5.10.1 10th anniversary celebration**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.10/1 10th anniversary celebration*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-6-1-10th_anniversary_celebration.pdf)

Mr. Strempel presented the CWSS proposal for the bicycle tour in celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Wadden Sea World Heritage, stressing that the overall aim of the initiative was to better involve local people. Ms Knoke echoed this, reported on great appreciation of local partners in Schleswig-Holstein, and expressed appreciation for such a campaign but also stressed the need and potential to reduce the allocated budget. She requested further information on the programme planned for the final event on 30 June 2019 in Wilhelmshaven. Denmark explained that it would be less involved in the event than the other two countries as the 10-year celebration did not apply to Denmark, where the Wadden Sea had only been inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2014. The Netherlands appreciated the cycling proposal, noting the strong cycling tradition in their country and Mr. Verhulst suggested to also include a boat trip element. Mr. Strempel replied he saw merit in this but also noted that a boat trip had been considered earlier and had been found to have major financial implications.

Mr. Rösner expressed his agreement with the proposal but suggested that a 10th anniversary celebration should not only comprise marketing tools and should also be based on the content of World Heritage, maybe in relation to the Wadden Sea Day in August, related workshops or printed material. He offered support from WWF.

The WSB **endorsed** the approach recommended by CWSS and CWSS was requested to draft, by the end of 2018, a proposal for the final 30 June event and any related events.

**5.10.2 TWSC/CWSS-logo competition**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.10/2 TWSC/CWSS-logo competition*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-5-10-2_logo_competition.pdf)

Mr. Strempel introduced and explained the related paper. Parties expressed their differing views of the outcome of the logo competition. The Netherlands proposed to decide on one of the modernised versions of the old logo. Barring that, no further effort should be made in this regard. Denmark expressed a preference for the suggestion by the jury to further develop and fine-tune the “bird” logo proposal. Mr. Rösner was in favour of discussing a former proposal submitted by CWSS. Germany did not agree to any of the proposals and suggested to end the process for the time being.

WSB **agreed** to end the logo discussion until further notice.

**5.10.3 Press review 2018**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.10/3 Press review 2018*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-5-10-3-press_review.pdf)

Mr. Strempel presented the press review document. The meeting welcomed the information.

**5.11.** **Call for action by the Wadden Sea Team**

*Document:* [*WSB 27/5.11/1 Call for action 2018*](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/sites/default/files/Meeting_Documents/WSB/WSB27/wsb-27-5-11-1-cfa-wadden_sea_team.pdf)

# WWF introduced the “Call for Action”. The chairperson thanked the initiators of the “Call for Action” for bringing together NGOs from the three Wadden Sea states. Mr. Rösner noted that the last Call for Action had been issued four years ago. He summarized the main messages of the product and the five cross-cutting issues. Parties thanked the Wadden Sea Team for the document and agreed to take the content into account when discussing the work planning for the next four years. The chairperson suggested that it would be helpful to take account of the progress concerning this document once a year in the WSB when taking stock of the workplan. Ms Liburd recommended also using it for a prioritization of the TRA.

**5.12. Status of discussion on WSWH Partnership Center**

*Document: WSB 27/7/6 TWSC review process: Operational Team Partnership Hub (submitted by email, 05.11.2019)*

Mr. Hebbelmann informed the meeting that the Operational-Team Partnership Hub progressed in a fruitful dialogue process with various sectors and that a proposal for future partnership agreements was under preparation. A detailed progress report was announced for WSB 28. He introduced the document on proposed amendments of the current TOR of the OPteamPH, aiming to task the team to undertake next steps towards the establishment of the Partnership Hub. The meeting agreed on the proposed amendments.

Mr. Strempel pointed to the existing draft Agreement of Cooperation (AOC) produced by CWSS earlier and successfully used and approved by the High Level Group when concluding the host organization agreement with CAFF. He recommended the use of standard formats containing a more general section and a specific section to be adjusted to individual partners. He also strongly recommended that in elaborating an alternative draft AOC, the OPteamPH should ensure that this was based on necessary legal expertise and be discussed with CWSS, which met with consent. It was **agreed** that the draft templates should be approved by WSB.

Mr. Friis-Hauge referred to a report, produced by Professor Beate Ratter, on the integration of the WSF into the Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Hub. Mr. Hebbelmann added that the WSF would be an important component of the Hub.

# TWSC Review Process

*Documents:* *WSB-27-7-1-Draft TWSC Work Plan 2019-2022, WSB-27-7-2-CWSS Work Plan 2019, WSB-27-7-3-Workshop Summary Record, WSB-27-7-4-TWSC Review Process Priority List of Tasks and Role of CWSS, WSB-27-7-5-TWSC-Review-Process-TWSC Group Review, WSB-27-7-6-TWSC OP Team PH Review Proposal (all documents submitted by email)*

The meeting thanked the chairpersons, the involved group members and the CWSS for the good work on the review documents. The Netherlands expressed their preference for a process that would be based on concrete deliverables and to an agreed procedure in order to be able to decide on the workplan, reflecting the priority issues and the agenda for the coming 4 years. Denmark added that corresponding working hours were needed to be added to any deliverable and priorities (financial, manpower) be defined. Germany added that the communication between the groups and towards CWSS and WSB needed to be improved and suggested back-to-back meetings of different groups as one means of achieving this. The Parties agreed that final decisions should be taken during WSB 28 in March 2019. It was furthermore agreed that the proposed division of the TG-MM (into TG-Management and TG-Monitoring and Assessment) would be prepared during its meeting in December. TORs for both groups were requested for WSB 28. Two additional meetings of the TWSC Review group were to be scheduled to elaborate the CWSS workplan and the future set-up of the groups: one core group meeting (Mr. Baerends, Mr. Borchers, Mr. Jørgensen, Ms Lochte and Mr. Strempel) and a follow-up meeting of the entire review group in January 2019. If necessary, a further meeting of each of the two groups would need to be scheduled. To be able to adopt any proposals, it was agreed that the results of the discussions should be finalized by February 2019.

It was agreed that the groups should continue in the meantime under their current TORs. Furthermore, the meeting agreed to abolish the Partnership Center Drafting Group (PCDG) and to assign any related tasks to the OPteamPH. Ms Liburd thanked the PCDG for the good work delivered over the years.

# Any other business

Germany invited the WSB for its 28th meeting on 14 March 2018 to Berlin and it was announced that WSB 29 would be hosted by the Netherlands on June 18 and WSB 30 would be held in Wilhelmshaven on 20 November.

At the request of the chairperson, the meeting agreed to schedule future WSB meetings on fixed dates (e.g. second Tuesday in March) from 2020 onwards. As preferred weekdays Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were determined.

During the budget meeting the day before, Germany had requested that there should be two auditors for the end of year budget audit, as provided for in the Financial Rules and requested Denmark and the Netherlands to nominate suitable candidates. Accordingly, it was decided that auditors for the next two years should be appointed by WSB 28 in March 2019.

Mr. Verhulst pointed out that there had been general agreement on the core budget 2019 during the corresponding meeting the day before. The budget would be sent to WSB members but would not be published. The Supplementary Budget had also been approved without major restrictions but staffing arrangements and the funding of certain posts at CWSS needed further consideration.

The Netherlands and Germany thanked Denmark for the hospitality in hosting the meeting and the dinner the night before. Furthermore, the Parties thanked Ms Lochte for chairing the meeting.

The WSB noted the information and instructed CWSS to propose WSB dates for 2020.

# Closing

The meeting was closed at 15:00 h on 13 November 2018.

**ANNEX 1: List of participants**

**List of Participants**

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**ANNEX 2: Agenda**

**Final Agenda**

**27th Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board**

**(WSB 27)**

13 November 2018

Copenhagen, Denmark

1. **Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting will be opened by the Chairperson at 09:00 hours on 13 November 2018.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The meeting will be invited to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting.

1. **Record WSB 25 and 26**

The meeting will be invited to adopt the final draft Summary Records of WSB 25 and 26 and to check progress in the implementation of the Action Lists.

1. **Announcements**

Delegates and observers will be invited to make announcements relevant to the cooperation.

1. **Implementation Leeuwarden Declaration**

The meeting will be invited to discuss progress in the implementation of the Leeuwarden Declaration. In conjunction with the sub-items below, the meeting will be invited to take note of and discuss progress of the respective Task Groups.

5.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage

5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management

5.3 Energy

5.4 Climate

5.5. Maritime safety and pollution prevention of shipping

5.6 Trilateral monitoring and assessment programme

5.7 Science cooperation

5.8 Wadden Sea Forum

5.9 International cooperation

5.10 Communication and education.

5.11 Call for action by the Wadden Sea Team

5.12 Status of discussion on Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center

1. **TWSC Review Process**

The meeting will be invited to discuss the outcomes of the TWSC Review Workshop held in Hamburg, Germany on October 17, 2018 and further developments and activities regarding the TWSC review progress and to discuss the way forward.

1. **Any Other Business**

The meeting will be invited to discuss any other business.

1. **Closing**

The meeting will be closed no later than 16:00 hours on 13 November 2018.

## ANNEX 3: Action items arising from the 27th WSB

ACTION ITEMS

**27th Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 27)**

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| **Action #** | **Agenda item** | **Actions agreed upon** | **Person responsible** | **Deadline** |
| 1 | 5.1.3 | Elaborate on proposal for CVI | TG-C / TG-WH | WSB28 |
| 2 | 5.7 | Elaborate on TRA prioritization paper | TG-WH / TG-MM | WSB 28 |
| 3 | 5.9.1 | List of objectives regarding the action plan | CWSS | WSB 28 |
| 4 | 5.9.1 | Update of document on Cooperation of WH sites | CWSS | WSB 28 |
| 5 | 5.10.1 | Update of programme, also with regard of the final event on 30 June 2019 | CWSS | End of 2018 |
| 6 | 5.12 | Progress report | OPteamPH | WSB 28 |
| 7 | 6 | Proposal for trilateral groups and CWSS workplan for final endorsement | TWSC review group | WSB 28 |
| 8 | 7 | Determine WSB meeting dates for 2020, e.g., on fixed dates scheme | CWSS | WSB 28 |