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**SUMMARY RECORD**

**TASK GROUP WORLD HERITAGE**

**TG-WH 28**

**Wilhelmshaven**

**30 August 2019**

**1. Opening of the Meeting and Adoption of the Agenda**

Document: TG-WH 28/1-Draft Agenda.

The chairperson, Ms Barbara Engels, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to the 28th meeting of the Task Group World Heritage (TG-WH). She welcomed Mr Ronald van Dokkum (Rijkswaterstaat) as a new member of the group.

A list of participants is in **Annex 1**. The proposed draft agenda of the meeting was **adopted** as in **Annex 2**.

**2. Summary Record TG-WH 27**

Document: Summary Record TG-WH 27

The meeting **adopted** the Summary Record of TG-WH 27 without changes.

**3. Announcements**

There were no written announcements submitted to the meeting.

Ms Nielsen informed the meeting with regard to the extension of the Esbjerg that plans for the installation of an artificial island (extension no. 6) has now been removed.

**4. World Heritage Management Plan (SIMP)**

Document:

TG-WH 28/4/1 Development of the World Heritage Management Plan

Ms Luna introduced the document and informed the meeting about the progress achieved so far. In-person interviews have been conducted with 27 site managers and representatives from WSF and WST from 13 institutions. She also presented first outcomes regarding key topics, TWSC support, key actions, challenges, opportunities and gaps which would feed into discussion at the site managers’ workshop in Tönning on 18 – 19 September 2019.

The outcomes form the interviews and workshop will serve as input to the discussion at TG-WH 29 to propose key topics and priorities to WSB.

The meeting took note of the results and acknowledged the good progress achieved so far and agreed:

* The workshop should also discuss the feasibility of proposed actions (reality check).
* Participation of site managers is not yet sufficient and that TG-WH members should approach additional site manager in their country and ask them to join the workshop (**deadline 6.9.19**).
* The draft agenda for the workshop and the presentation should be distributed to the TG-WH (done on 2.9.19).

**5. State of conservation requests WHC**

Ms Bauer informed the meeting that an answer to the request of the World Heritage Centre regarding the plans for the deepening of the river Elbe is in preparation. The competent authorities on state and federal level are currently coordinating the response on the request and is planned to submit it to the next TG-WH meeting.

Mr Borchers announced that the ministry has informed WHC accordingly.

Mr Baerends informed the meeting on a request of the WHC regarding concerns of the Dutch Waddenvereninig on state of conversation of the Wadden Sea World Heritage. He presented a first draft of the response for comments by TG-WH.

The meeting **noted** the information.

**6. Climate Change Vulnerability Index (CVI)**

Document: TG-WH 28/6/1 CVI – progress and participant list.

Mr. Marencic introduced the document in which TG-WH is informed about the progress in preparing an expert workshop on CVI in February 2020. The list of possible participants will be further discussed at the EG Climate meeting on 17-19 September 2019.

Ms Nielsen and Mr Baerends announced that they would appoint climate experts form municipality level to attend the CVI workshop.

The meeting **noted** the document and **agreed** to send further written comments on the participants list to the secretariat before the next EG-C meeting by 13 September 2019.

**7. WH Supplementary Budget**

The 1st draft of the supplementary budget 2020 is currently in preparation and will be distributed by mid of September for comments.

With regard to the WH Marine Site managers’ network, Ms Engels suggested to address specific topics (as in the SIMP) rather than supporting communication of the marine network. Mr. Borchers supported the cooperation with other WH sites as this would enhance the visibility of TWSC internationally. Ms. Nielsen suggested that aims and results of projects should be more concrete.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next full meeting will take place in Bremen on **10 -11 October 2019**, starting with a dinner at 19:00 on 10th October and continue with the meeting on 9:00 on 11th October and ending at about 14:00 at the same day.

**9. AOB**

Mr. Engels informed that the WH Committee has inscribed two coastal sites at the Yellow Sea Coast in China in July 2019 (criteria x) with a request to prepare the nomination of further components by 2022, . Mr. Baerends suggested that also habitat and process protection (criteria ix) should be considered to a larger extent and that TWSC could serve as an example for other similar sites.

Mr. Marencic informed that a decision on the Korean WH nomination would be taken by the WH Committee in 2020. The IUCN field mission will be carried out in October 2019.

Furthermore, the Wadden Sea will be represented at the annual Korean MPA conference in September 2019 by Mr Oltmanns from the Lower Saxon National Park Authority introducing nature restoration projects.

Mr Marencic introduced the recently published brochure of the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative.

Mr Hebbelmann announced that the construction of the partnership centre would start in spring 2020 and would be ready in the second half of 2021. In October 2019, a workshop with users of the building is planned to discuss further details.

On request by Mr van Dokkum regarding the status of the ICOMOS/IUCN questionnaire, Mr. Marencic informed the meeting that a first draft will be circulated next week for comments by TG-WH.

**10. Closing**

The chairperson closed the meeting thanking the participants for their contribution, and wished all a safe trip home.

**Annex 1**

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**Annex 2**

**AGENDA**

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