

# MEETING DOCUMENT

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**Agenda Item:** 7

**Subject:** **Progress Report of the Wadden Sea Forum**

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**Proposal:** The meeting is invited to note the document.

## Progress Report Wadden Sea Forum

### 1 GREEN COASTAL DEAL

End of last year, the WSF discussed and decided to work on the realisation of a [“Green Coastal Deal” for the Wadden Sea Region](#). The main part of this approach is to establish Regional Round Tables in each region of the trilateral WSR. Therefore, the WSF secretariat approaches different existing institutions and organisations, e.g. Omgevingsberaad (The Netherlands), National Park Advisory Boards in Schleswig-Holstein and Advisory Board in Denmark. In Lower Saxony we are in close contact with the ARL (Agency for Federal State Development, Amt für regionale Landesentwicklung). The Regional Round Table should function as exchange and discussion platform in the respective regions in order to be able to touch upon regional challenges and topics, which will be conveyed to the trilateral level by the WSF plenary meetings. For example, in March the originally planned plenary meeting will be split into two half-day sessions dealing with “Green Coastal Deal” and “Energy Transition in the WSR”.

All topics mentioned in the following paragraphs are contributing to the “Green Coastal Deal” of the trilateral Forum for the Wadden Sea Region.

### 2 AGRICULTURE

The WSF supported the organisation of a webinar of the Task Force Agriculture of the AEWA EGMP in May 2021. At this webinar nine different Range States gave a presentation of the main challenges geese cause for agriculture in their country, focusing on the species causing the damage, types of crops damaged, the main challenges and the most challenging times of the year, in terms of agricultural damage. Contribution by almost all Range States of this webinar could be found at <https://egmp.aewa.info/webinar-interphase-between-geese-and-agriculture-setting-scene>. The WSF participated in the AEWA EGMP IWG 6 conference in June.

### 3 WADDEN SEA “SEDIMENT SOLUTIONS”-COMMUNITY OF UNDERSTANDING

The WSF is supporting the “Community of Understanding” in organising the excursion planned in autumn in 2021. The WSF provides its expertise in the fields of morphological development, sediment management and climate change in Lower Saxony. Linked to this item, the WSF is involved in the project proposal TrilaWatt (see 5.4)

### 4 ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE WSR

The WSF organised a half-day event on “Energy Transition in the Wadden Sea”. Several institutions and organisations presented their plans, ideas and ongoing projects with relation to the Wadden Sea. The presentations are on the WSF website: [www.waddensea-forum.org](http://www.waddensea-forum.org).

Furthermore, the WSF is involved in the development of a hydrogen strategy for the Metropolitan Region North West of Lower Saxony. Some WSF members are also part of the development process.

### 5 PROJECT PROPOSALS

#### 5.1 MEDIAWATT

The MediaWatt project has been approved. The WSF is grateful for the support of the Lower Saxon Wadden Sea National Park Authority. In June 2021, the first workshop with volunteers from different organisations took place. The volunteers (either ecological or social or others) are trained in preparing features, movies and films for social media platforms. At present, the following organisations are cooperating within the project: CWSS, Lower Saxon Wadden Sea National Park Authority, World

Heritage Wadden Sea Visitor Centre, Naturschutzstiftung WHV/WTM/FRI, National Park Information Centre Dangast and Mellumrat e.V. Further organisations and institutions expressed their willingness for cooperation.

## 5.2 ARTS, SUSTAINABILITY AND WADDEN SEA

First ideas and project structures have been invented by the curator company ARTPORT\_making waves and the WSF. ARTPORT\_making waves organizes artist's events for the "United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)". It is planned to run several events in all regions of the trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation. The final event should take place in Wilhelmshaven at the next TGC in 2022. First proposals are submitted to potential funding schemes.

## 5.3 WSF/WST PROPOSAL AT DBU

The WSF prepares together with representatives of the WST, the WSP, WHV e.V., Port of Esbjerg, KIMO DK, DN, WWF Wadden Sea office, ARSU and (Water Police Lower Saxony) a project proposal to be submitted at the DBU. It is envisaged to finally submit the proposal in August 2021. The company ARSU is responsible for the scientific evaluation of the development and application of different methods within a participation process.

## 5.4 TRILAWATT

Furthermore, the WSF is currently preparing a project proposal together with German institutions on a trilateral item linked to sediment management: TrilaWatt. TrilaWatt is developing an innovative digital geodata and analysis infrastructure for the trilateral Wadden Sea. It supports the planning and maintenance of transport infrastructure with harmonised, quality-assured data on geomorphology, sedimentology and hydrodynamics. Geodata, analysis and documentation methods are linked via web portals and services to form an assistance system. The project consortium is grateful for the Letter of Intent the CWSS provided. More trilateral institutions are providing support and sent Letter of Intent such as Danish Coastal Authority, Rijkswaterstaat, LKN.SH, NLWKN and BLANO. In case of approval, the project start is envisaged in January 2022.

## 6 WSF MEMBERSHIP

In 2021, the WSF welcomed three new members, which are also financially contributing:

- Denkflut e.V., a society in Wilhelmshaven dealing with and providing a neutral discussion platform and promoting democratic values
- Personal membership of a representative of the German Water Police

## 7 INFORMATION ON ROUND TABLE "SHIPPING"

The WSF invited to an online kick-off meeting Round Table "Shipping" in spring 2021. Due to unforeseen events this kick-off meeting had to be postponed. The WSF is very grateful for the support of the CWSS and especially Janne Liburd who should have been the moderator.

Now, the WSF is organising a new process in order to establish a widely sustained fundament for the organisation of new approach for a Round Table Shipping. To achieve this, the WSF is in close cooperation with regional institutions in the Wadden Sea Region who offered to act as Regional Round Tables (RRT) in the WSF Green Coastal Deal: The Omgevingsberaad in the Netherlands, the Wadden Sea Advisory Board in Denmark, the National Park curatorships in Schleswig-Holstein and (hopefully) the Lower Saxon National Park Advisory Board. Finally, the WSF is planning to prepare a joint statement after the comprehensive discussions in all RRT and at the WSF plenary. The CWSS and TG-M will be invited to get involved in this process. Completion is envisaged in spring/early summer 2022.