

Wadden Sea Board

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| Agenda Item: | 6 |
| Subject: | Tønder Declaration Implementation Programme 2014-17 |
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Attached is the draft Implementation Programme Tønder Declaration 2014-17 (Business Plan 2014-17). The programme has been confined to the period 2014-17 in the assumption that the agreements of the Tønder Declaration must be concluded in 2017 to allow the results to feed into the 2018 Conference.

The meeting should discuss in detail the programme with a view to reach agreement and instruct the secretariat, as appropriate, to update the programme.

Proposal

The meeting is proposed to discuss the programme and to instruct, as appropriate, the secretariat to update the programme in conformity with the agreements WSB.

Attachments:

1. Draft Wadden Sea World Heritage Strategy
2. Report Foundation Committee

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| WADDEN SEA WORLD HERITAGE | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Instruct the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) with the further consultation of a strategy with the aim of having it signed by the strategic partners on the occasion of the foreseen inscription of the Danish World Heritage site. | Discuss draft strategy submitted to previous WSB and agree on consolidated version for consultation with strategic partners to be identified until mid June 2014, review of comments by TG WH and signing of Strategy on the inscription of the Danish Wadden Sea during regional public events (draft Strategy Attachment 1). | Consolidated and signed Wadden Sea World Heritage Strategy. Business Plan 2014-18 agreed by the Strategic Partners | | | | | WH | |
| 6 | Aim at efficient implementation, by pooling efforts and creating synergies, also at the local and regional level, in close cooperation with the secretariat and relevant institutions and organizations in the three states. | Feasibility study to be initiated with the aim to have the study ready for discussion at the WSB 13 (autumn 2014) | Feasibility Study | | | | | | € 40,000 by Nds & WA |
| 7 | Agree to investigate the feasibility of a Wadden Sea World Heritage Competence Centre or network, including work contents, cooperation partners, organization, structure and budget. | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Continue to contribute to the work of the World Heritage Convention, in particular the World Heritage Marine and the Sustainable Tourism Programmes. | Ongoing part of tasks of TG-WH | | | | | | WH | |
| 13 | Regard the [Sustainable Tourism] Strategy as a contribution to the aims and objectives of the World Heritage Convention and the implementation of its sustainable tourism programme. | Ongoing part of tasks of TG-STs | | | | | | STS | |

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| 10 | Agree to consider establishing a Wadden Sea World Heritage Foundation, aiming at taking a decision before 2015. | Foundation Committee report including proposals delivered to WSB 10. Discussion of procedure to facilitate decision at WSB 13 (Committee Report, Attachment 2). | Procedural agreement on discussing recommendations report Decision on Foundation | | | | | | |
| 12 | Welcome the joint strategy “Sustainable Tourism in the Wadden Sea World Heritage”, as in Annex 1, as a shared responsibility of governments and stakeholders and their willingness to jointly implement it, and instruct the WSB to oversee the implementation of the strategy and action plan. | Instruct the Task Group Sustainable Tourism Strategy with the preparation of an implementation plan for the strategy and action plan including definition of products/outcome (trilaterally and regionally). Approval by WSB 13 | Implementation Plan | | | | | STS | |
| NATURE CONSERVATION AND INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Agree to continue and where necessary expand the cooperation on management and research along the entire East Atlantic Flyway, as outlined in the vision in Annex 2, shared by relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations. | Implementation plan by WSFI Steering Group in cooperation with signatories of flyway vision Development of cooperation with Banc d'Arguin together with UNESCO | WSFI Follow-up Implementation Plan Work plan on Wadden Sea - Banc d'Arguin cooperation | | | | | M | |
| 18 | Therefore also strive for intensifying the cooperation at the operational management level. | Organise exchange of experiences (excursions, workshops) for field managers | Guidance on management and wardening | | | | | M | |
| 19 | Ensure that there is adequate wardening over the whole Wadden Sea | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Explore the potential of applying a tidal basin approach in Wadden Sea policy and management, and support its further elaboration. | Study Follow-up trilateral workshop | Report to WSB | | | | | M | |
| 21 | Continue the trans-boundary harmonisation efforts of the implementation of existing EU Directives, and harmonise where relevant the trans-boundary implementation of forthcoming Directives at the earliest possible stage. | Regular task TG-M. Focus on practical implementation MSFD | | | | | | M | |

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| 23 | Agree therefore to cooperate in evaluating the assessments under the Habitats Directive, also with the aim to prepare a common Natura 2000 roof report for the Wadden Sea. | Comparative analysis national N2000 reports. Preparation roof report | Roof report | | | | | M | |
| 25 | Instruct the WSB to develop and implement a trilateral Action Plan on improving conditions for breeding birds. | JMBB to develop Action Plan | Action plan | | | | | M | |
| 27 | Therefore continue the cooperation in the context of the Seal Agreement, including the Seal Management Plan, which will be updated in 2016, reconfirming the guidelines on taking and releasing of seals. | Evaluation of Seal Management Plan and elaboration of update | Seal Management Plan 2016-2020 | | | | | M | |
| 28 | Acknowledge the importance of fish for the Wadden Sea ecosystem and therefore instruct the WSB to work on the further implementation of the trilateral fish targets of the Wadden Sea Plan. | Trilateral symposium end 2014 Will be combined with work on QSR | Fish management plan, incl. monitoring requirements | | | | | M | |
| 30 | Contribute to the recovery of this [estuary] habitat type by taking measures on appropriate temporal and spatial scales, e.g. through integrated management plans for N2000, while safeguarding accessibility and raising safety standards against flooding. | National and bilateral initiatives Evaluation of status estuaries in framework of QSR | | | | | | | |
| 35 | Instruct the WSB to further develop the trilateral strategic framework for dealing with alien species in the Wadden Sea and to coordinate the further development of an alien species management and action plan, taking into account existing and upcoming legislation and projects. | Set up trilateral project in accordance with LIFE application using financial resources originally intended for LIFE application. (Attachment 3 to be delivered in due time) | Management and action plan alien species | | | | | M | € 500,000 |

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| 40 | Therefore instruct the Wadden Sea Board to arrange an operating schedule including the negotiation phase and the implementation process, in close cooperation with responsible authorities and relevant stakeholders and initiatives, which are required within the framework of the EU legislation and the CFP. | Install trilateral task group with independent chair, with participation of government, fisheries and nature protection representatives, under the condition of sufficient political support | Specification of principles for sustainable fisheries | | | | | | € 40,000 |
| ENERGY | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Instruct the WSB to review therefore the impacts ensuing from such constructions on the Wadden Sea ecosystem and to consider measures to avoid or mitigate possible negative impacts, including looking for best practices with the aim of developing a common code of conduct for the Wadden Sea Area in close consultation with the responsible bodies and stakeholders. | Study, in cooperation with WSF energy group | Draft Code of Conduct | | | | | | € 20,000 |
| CLIMATE | | | | | | | | | |
| 47 | Appreciate the ongoing efforts, especially at the local and regional levels, to work towards developing the Wadden Sea region into a CO ₂ -neutral area, and reconfirm the Sylt Declaration §24. | Ongoing by WSF energy group | | | | | | | |
| 49 | Adopt the trilateral Climate Adaptation Strategy as in Annex 4 on increasing resilience to climate change that is based upon the recognition that dealing with climate change requires the integration of many sectors, activities and fields of expertise and strive to implement the priority issues from the Strategy. | TG-C to meet once a year to exchange information on best practice and progress | Reporting to WSB Contribution to QSR Recommendations to TGC-14 | | | | | C | |

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| 51 | Express the intention to implement the trilateral climate change adaptation principles and objectives in spatial planning processes as far as possible, in particular at the local and regional level, also focusing on the integration of land- and sea-based activities. | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | Monitor the implementation of the climate change adaptation strategy and embed the results in long-term trilateral climate change policies, including best practices for adapting to climate change. | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | Welcome the successful initiation of a trilateral study on sedimentation behaviour in different tidal basins and acknowledge that the study has already in its first year delivered an exchange of knowledge and expertise between institutions and agencies in the Wadden Sea countries, and support its further continuation. | | | | | | | | |
| MARITIME SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION OF SHIPPING | | | | | | | | | |
| 56 | Encourage the national competent authorities to use the operational plans as in Annex 5 as the basis for reviewing and accordingly implementing the measures of the operational plans, e.g. stimulate where reasonable and feasible, the accelerated implementation of (bio)-LNG as transition fuel, in order to achieve its objectives. | Request WSF to take up this issue | | | | | | | |
| 57 | Continue the dialogue between the competent shipping and nature conservation authorities and stakeholders in order to achieve an even higher level of safety and cooperation. | Request WSF to take up this issue | | | | | | | |
| 58 | Welcome and stimulate the further development and application of the Green Port concept. | Request WSF to take up this issue | | | | | | | |

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| TRILATERAL MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | Adopt the long-term common TMAP strategy as in Annex 6 as the basis for the further development of the TMAP, in close connection with the scientific community, with the aim to further increase its value in implementing EU Directives, and providing information for a wider range of stakeholders, also through the further development of the information system to allow for a better access of the data. | TG-M to evaluate input of expert groups and other relevant inputs and to develop guidance for WSB. Update the TMAP Handbook. | Recommendations on adaptations to TMAP Information system TMAP Handbook update | | | | | M | |
| 61 | Instruct the WSB to elaborate the next Wadden Sea Quality Status (Outlook) Report for 2016 in time for the 2018 Conference, in order also to be in line with the reporting cycles of the N2000 Directives and Marine Strategy Framework Directive. | Install editorial group. Inform WSB on progress on a regular basis. | QSR 2016 | | | | | M | |
| SCIENCE COOPERATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 63 | Encourage discussions by the scientific community and policy makers on the major policy issues and related knowledge as a basis for further developing a trilateral research agenda and a trilateral research platform. | Follow-up science policy matrix workshop | Recommendations to WSB | | | | | M | |
| 64 | Instruct the WSB to strengthen the cooperation with the scientific community in focusing on the main world heritage issues. | | | | | | | | |

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| INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 70 | Continue the cooperation with the Republic of Korea in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding to reinforce the conservation and management of tidal flats | Develop a draft MoU work programme for the period 2014 – 2018 including work priorities and outcomes for approval by WSB before COP CBD. Continuation of exchange of information through participation of experts at workshops and conferences in Korea and the Wadden Sea in accordance with the draft work programme. | Work Programme | | | | | | € 5,000 per year |
| 71 | Deliver a joint input on tidal flat management at the COP CBD in the Republic of Korea in 2014 | Korean Ministry of Ocean and Fishery (MOF) and its agency KOEM is preparing a proposal for a joint event (side event at CBD, exhibition stand at CBD, MoU workshop). High-level event with a signing of the approved MOU work programme for the period 2014 – 2018 (see also § 70). | Joint Event COP CBD (documentation, reports, material) | | | | | | € 30,000 |
| 72 | Continue the exchange of information and experiences on the Wadden Sea and the Wash North Norfolk Coast with Natural England in the framework of the Memorandum of Intent, concluded in 1991 | Organize mutual visits and information exchange on basis of recently developed working programme. Explore options for activities for future World Heritage nomination of The Wash areas. | | | | | | | |
| COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 74 | Welcome the Trilateral Communication Strategy and continue and reinforce the communication of the Wadden Sea Cooperation including Wadden Sea World Heritage | Develop an implementation plan for trilateral communication with work priorities, outcomes and resources (according to § 75) for the period 2014 -2018 for approval by WSB 13. Additional resources for communication to be provided. | Communication work plan 2014 -2018. Indicators. | | | | | WH | € 40,000 per year |

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| 76 | Enhance the awareness of the young generation of the Wadden Sea as a shared heritage through development of appropriate educational outreach and products as an integral part of the World Heritage communication and education | Cooperation with WWF to develop and coordinate the network and prepared educational outreach for World Heritage communication and education. Resources for 2014 provided, resources for 2015 and following to be decided at WSB 13 | Educational material, annual workshop | | | | | WH | € 40,000 per year |
| 77 | Therefore stimulate and support the development of a trilaterally coordinated World Heritage education network, building upon the already existing International Wadden Sea School (IWSS) network including regional and local initiatives | | | | | | | | |
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| | AGREEMENT AT THE CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | |
| | The meeting furthermore agreed that the issue of cultural heritage should – consistent with the preamble of the Ministerial Council Declaration – be taken up during the upcoming Dutch presidency. All existing proposals, like mapping of the cultural heritage of the Wadden Sea, shall be discussed and decided upon. | Dutch presidency to initiate | | | | | | | |