

Task Group

Management and Monitoring

**TG-M 19-1**

23-24 April 2019

Bremen, Germany

FINAL DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD

1. **Opening and adaptation of the agenda**

*Document: TG-M 19-1 draft agenda*

Due to the short-term absence of the chairperson, Mr Jørgensen, the meeting was opened without appointing a dedicated chairperson at 13:45 hours. The Agenda was **adopted** but adjusted in a way that items of higher importance were shifted to the second day with the chairperson being present. The summary record will display the original order. Ms Sanns and Ms Schröder were absent due to other obligations, Mr Jørgensen joint on the second day. Ms Margrita Sobottka took part on behalf of Mr Oltmanns on short notice. Ms Soledad Luna joint during the second day to inform the meeting on the process of developing the Single Integrated Management Plan (SIMP). A list of participants is in **Annex 2**. A list of actions is in **Annex 3**.

1. **Final Draft Summary Record TG-MM 23**

*Document: TG-MM 23 final draft summary record*

The final draft summary record of TG-MM 23 was **adopted** as submitted.

1. **Announcements**

Denmark:

* Regarding the German CRANIMPACT project, Denmark welcomes any future requests for data on oysters by Schleswig-Holstein.
* The opening of parts of the Danish Wadden Sea for blue mussel fishery is still under discussion but any decision might be shifted to the period after the next election.
* Esbjerg harbour environment impact assessment will be finished in June for the harbour company and the municipality. The public hearing phase will last until 2020.

Schleswig-Holstein

* Ms Dorit Kuhnt was appointed as new states secretary as Anke Erdmann took leave as of April 1st.
* Due to a court ruling that the import of blue mussels as well as of Pacific oysters that do not originate from waters within the National Park is not allowed, alternatives to the seed oyster import from Ireland/UK for the existing oyster farm at Sylt have to be developed. A feasibility study on alternative production has been commissioned.
* The National Park Administration launched a project on the investigation on mussel cultivation plots which had been excluded from further exploitation with the new regulations on blue mussel fishery in the National Park.

Netherlands:

* The ongoing discussion on future responsibilities of the planned authority for the Dutch Wadden Sea is foreseen to end before summer. The outcome remains unclear.
* The ferry route to the island of Ameland had been rearranged and shortened by approx. 500 to 1000m. This resulted in shorter passage times, higher reliability of the timetables and less maintenance efforts regarding dredging.

1. **TG-M ToR and Workplan**

*Documents:*

*TG-M 19-4.1-1 ToR TG-M*

*TG-M 19-4.2-1Workplan 2019*

*TG-M 19-4.3-1 Workplan 2019-22*

ToR

WSB requested during its 28th meeting that each trilateral group should explore the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the comprising targets. A list of all SDGs and targets for all trilateral groups will be compiled by CWSS. The meeting discussed the SDGs and compiled a list of relevant goals and targets (Annex 4). It was **decided** to skip the proposed respective Annex to the ToR of TG-M.

Workplan 2019

The meeting discussed the draft TG-M Workplan 2019. Results of the discussions are displayed in an updated version (Annex 5).

Ms Sobottka reported that the agenda items in brackets had been discussed at the OPteamPH 9. The team agreed that these issues could indeed possibly be taken up within the future trilateral partnership and be supported by a Partnership Hub. But as this had not yet been installed and the scoping and building phase of the partnership had not been concluded yet, there was a need for interim solutions to avoid discouragement of any collaboration initiatives in these fields. At that time, upcoming initiatives might be supported by the OPteamPH on a case-to-case basis within their means. Nevertheless, the team could not assume the responsibility for the fulfilment of the respective paragraphs of the declaration. The OPteamPH will report to WSB on the issue, TG-M offered support. Mr Baerends added that the items in brackets need to be observed further by TG-M until another solution would be found.

Workplan 2019-22

The meeting reconfirmed that the document was a living document and would be amended when necessary over time. Any further additions could be sent along with the comments on the draft minutes.

1. **Implementation of Leeuwarden Declaration**

*Documents:*

*TG-M 19-1-5.1-1 Harbour porpoise symposium*

*TG-M 19-1-5.10-1 Shipping safety*

5.1 *Paragraph 5 & 12: Flyway & Breeding Birds*

Mr Peter Südbeck, director of the National Park Administration Wadden Sea of Lower Saxony, was appointed as chairperson for the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI) Steering Group.

* 1. *Paragraph 13: Swimway*

Mr Jørgensen reported of the status of the work of the Ad hoc Working Group Swimway. He welcomed the dedication of the group and the effort made in preparing the Fish conference on 24-26 September 2019. One topic would address the potential of archaeological genetical approaches for identifying the former fish composition in the Wadden Sea, with the aim of defining a package of measures to re-establish this species composition in the future. Furthermore, a policy/management investigation and a number of research project proposals were under development. The investigation was foreseen to be fully financed by the agreed budget. Research projects as such were not foreseen to be financed by the budget (re. WSB-decisions etc. in connection with the TRA and the foreseen programming committee), but the preparation of research project proposals including e.g. “feasibility studies” were eligible for financing under the budget though. The ToR for a future EG was part of the workplan of the interim WG and would be submitted to WSB 30 in November.

5.3 *Paragraph 14: Wardening & management*

Wardening Workshop:

Mr Klöpper reported that he had been in touch with the local organizers to conduct the event on 26-27 June 2019 in Lauwersoog, Netherlands.

Management workshop:

The meeting agreed to further explore the options of using the SIMP as a major theme for a workshop with site managers. Ms Bauer offered to host this workshop in Schleswig-Holstein with the aim of discussing the key issues of the SIMP with the site managers from the three countries. She underlined that this would involve representatives from the competent authorities such as the National Park Administrations as well as representatives from the relevant NGOs. This workshop should be scheduled for autumn 2019 to be in line with the SIMP planning process. She stressed that it should not be a replacement for the workshop intended to involve managers who work on the ground, which should indeed focus on concrete management issues concerning specific habitats and species.

The meeting **agreed** to the general idea of this site managers’ workshop and to discuss it further under Agenda item 6.

5.4 *Paragraph 15: Seal Management Plan*

The Netherlands reported that the SMP was considered under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) activities for the North Sea.

5.5 *Paragraph 16: Harbour porpoises*

Mr. Klöpper reported from a successful symposium and workshop. Seven recommendations were drafted during the workshop. TG-M requested to receive these recommendations once finally agreed.

5.6 *Paragraph 17: Alien Species*

A meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group Alien Species would be held the next day, the summary record would be requested to be submitted to TG-M.

5.7 *Paragraph 22 - 23: Marine litter*

It was **agreed** to produce an inventory on activities on the prevention and removal of marine litter in the trilateral cooperation area for the next meeting in October. Mr van Bentum volunteered to take the lead. The survey from the preparation of the World Heritage and Marine Litter workshop would be taken into account.

5.8[*Paragraph 24: Light Emissions*

(=> dialogue with initiatives via CWSS/WSF/Hub)]

It was agreed that it would be useful to have an overview on the current and envisaged activities on the prevention of light emissions in the trilateral cooperation area. Participants **agreed** that this was not in the remit of TG-M. Therefore, it could be proposed to WSB 29 to ask the WSF if they would be able to provide such an overview.

5.9 [*Paragraph 29: Energy*

(*=>*Cable laying - ad hoc group)]

The meeting discussed briefly that there was no need for any activity of TG-M in this year but considered to plan an inventory study in 2020.

5.10 [*Paragraph 30-34: Ports and shipping*

(*=>* Dialogue with DenGerNet MARAD, WSF, Hub)]

Mr van Bentum summarized the situation since the Governmental Conference in May 2018. He noted that the WSB requested to explore options on how to proceed and therefore suggested the following headlines for taking action: a) conducting an analysis of the recommendations from the MARAD group in 2017; b) learning and following up from the MS Zoe incident and c) making use of the PSSA as a major theme for future action. He added that the shipping companies had not reacted to any approach on PSSA in the past. Mr Borchers welcomed the concrete approach and the initiative to proceed on the issue and stated that the German federal ministries were holding ongoing bilateral discussions.

Mr Klöpper expressed his concern based on the experience from the former TG-Shipping. He saw the need for a change of culture of the involved bodies on the issue. Mr van Bentum replied that he was aware of the problem, nevertheless there would be the need to continue, also as shipping issues had made it into parliament in the Netherlands. He considered the submitted document as an initial discussion paper. Mr. Baerends noted that it would be useful if the reports from recent incident would feed into the discussion once available. The combined information could be submitted to the NGOs and WSF for consideration. A document could then be prepared for WSB 30 in October. Ms Sobottka added that the NGOs would be highly interested in further developing PSSA measures. Mr. Borchers reminded on the cancelled workshops and emphasized on the need of further internal discussions and dialogue with the sector before any further steps would be decided on.

The meeting also discussed the role of the MARAD group, but Mr von Bentum added for consideration that the group had been rather inactive after the decease of the chairperson, Mr Sjon Huisman. Mr Baerends urged that the WSB should be in a state to act during the June meeting and to decide on TWSC resources or the need to find funding somewhere else.

Delegates proposed to further involve the WSF and the NGOs. It was **agreed** that the Netherlands will draft a proposal for WSB 29 in June on how to proceed. Mr van Bentum also volunteered to continue with personal conversation with the sector.

5.11 [*Paragraph 36: Trilateral Research Agenda*

(=> programming committee, accompanied/supervised by TG-MM)]

Ms Sobottka informed that within the dialogue process with potential partners of the future Partnership Hub, a discussion between OPteamPH members with members of the scientific community was held on the 03 April 2019 in Hamburg. Ms Bauer reported that the meeting aimed to find strategies for corresponding future PH activities regarding the science sector, but also to explore options on how to proceed with the Trilateral Research Agenda (TRA) and the composition and tasks of the corresponding Programming Committee, including any financial allocations. She explained that representatives from the TWSC as well as from the science sector should explore the way forward as a “road map committee” under the lead of Ms Karin Lochte, with the aim to present the first results at the next WSB. Denmark and Germany considered it difficult to find representatives from the sectors. Mr Borchers added that the CWSS should be involved in the processes.

5.12 Items with finalization pending from **Tønder Declaration**:

*Paragraph 23: N2000 roof report*

Mr Jørgensen reported that Aarhus DCE would still consider the development of the N2000 Roof Report pre-analysis and, if appropriate, the final report. Mr Baerends urged that a procedural decision was needed due to the extending delay. It was **agreed** that CWSS will organize a meeting with Aarhus DCE, the chairperson and CWSS in four weeks’ time.

Ms Sobottka added that the data analysis should encompass all levels.

Items not listed in the draft agenda:

5.13 [*Paragraph 18 -20: TMAP, QSR & Data Handling*

(=>TG Monitoring & Expert Group Data (EG-Data)]

The meeting **agreed** that a proposal for initial discussions on the next QSR process should be prepared by CWSS and TG-MA for the next meeting.

5.14 *Paragraph 21: Fisheries*

Addressed under agenda item 6.

1. **Single Integrated Management Plan (SIMP)**

Ms Luna informed on the SIMP process and its current status. Mr van Bentum opened the discussion by stating that site mangers need to be defined to continue the process and that the OUV attributes would also need to be further addressed during the process.

The meeting discussed how to best address the sustainable fisheries topic during the SIMP process. Mr Baerends suggested to continue the former work displayed in a report and to update the inventory on corresponding activities. Ms Sobottka added to distinguish between the different fisheries as the stakeholder groups were rather diverse. Ms Bauer added that much progress had been made in the different countries since the last inventory had been presented by TG-MM to the WSB and that an update of the status would therefore be necessary. Mr Borchers added to avoid discussion of issues on EU level and to concentrate on cross boarder management of fisheries. Furthermore, Mr van Bentum suggested to consider marine litter under this topic as a lot of plastic particles derive from fishing gear.

Ms Sobottka emphasized to involve the fisheries sector at an early stage, but with an encouraging message of being part of the solution and not only the problem. Delegates **agreed** that it would be necessary to assemble and update existing information and to set realistic targets. It was proposed that the information should be assembled within eight weeks from the meeting. Mr Klöpper raised concern that the capacity at CWSS to fulfil this task might be too limited over the next couple of weeks due to staff issues. It was therefore **agreed** to submit the former report together with the summary record to start discussing the future format of the product and to explore options to adjust the product to the needs of the SIMP. This exchange should start in time before the next meeting.

Mr Jørgensen noted the SDGs should feed into the SIMP development process. Mr. Borchers added such information should also be part of the next Policy Assessment Report.

Ms Luna noted that the workshop for site managers in autumn in Schleswig-Holstein was foreseen to address the SIMP development to some extent.

1. **Any other business**

Mr van Bentum reported a request from Mr van Dokkum, former TG-MM member, based on the fact that the EU tender procedure would endanger the one-lab approach of the “contaminants in birds’ eggs” programme in two years’ time. Mr Dokkum asked for guidance on the issue. The meeting **agreed** that the issue would be forwarded to TG-MA.

1. **Next meeting**

The next meeting was already scheduled for **08-09 October 2019** in Denmark.

1. **Closing**

The chairperson closed the meeting at 12:50 hours. He thanked participants for a fruitful meeting.

**ANNEX 1: Agenda**

1. **Opening and adoption of the Agenda**
2. **Summary Record TG-MM 23**
3. **Announcements**
4. **TG-M ToR and Workplan**
5. **Implementation of Leeuwarden Declaration**
6. **Single Integrated Management Plan (SIMP)**
7. **Any other business**
8. **Next meeting**
9. **Closing**

**ANNEX 2: List of participants**

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**ANNEX 3: List of actions**

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| **Action #** | **Agenda item** | **What** | **Who** | **Deadline** |
| 1 | 4 | Propose to WSB how to deal with LD items in brackets | OPteamPH | WSB 29 |
| 2 | 5 | Continue to organize the wardening workshop in June 2019 | CWSS and local Dutch hosts | asap |
| 3 | Submit harbour porpoise workshop report to TG-M | CWSS | when available |
| 5 | Submit summary record of latest meeting of Ad-hoc working group Alien Species to TG-M | Ad-hoc working group Alien Species | when available |
| 6 | Submit proposal on next QSR process as basis for discussions to TG-M | CWSS and TG-MA | next meeting |
| 7 | Inventory on activities on marine litter | Netherlands | next meeting |
| 8 | Inventory on activities on light emissions | tbc | tbc |
| 9 | Organize meeting of chairperson, CWSS and DCE, University of Aarhus, on the N2000 Roof Report | Netherlands | 24 May 2019 |
| 10 | 6 | Submit former sustainable fisheries report together with TG-M 19-1 summary record | CWSS | when available |
| 11 | 7 | Inform TG-MA on future EU tender process and potential implications for TMAP | CWSS | TG-MA meeting in June |

**ANNEX 4:** United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) considered as relevant for TG-M

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| **Goal 14 - LIFE BELOW WATER: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources** | Relevance for TG-M |
| **14.1** By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution | contingent |
| **14.2** By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans | yes |
| **14.4** By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics | yes |
| **14.5** By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information | yes |
| **14.A**Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries | yes |
| **14.B** Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets | contingent |
| **14.C** Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want | contingent |
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| **15. LIFE ON LAND: Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss** |  |
| **15.1** By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements | yes |
| **15.3** By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world | contingent |
| **15.5** Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species | yes |
| **15.6** Promote fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and promote appropriate access to such resources, as internationally agreed | contingent |
| **15.8** By 2020, introduce measures to prevent the introduction and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems and control or eradicate the priority species | yes |
| **15.9** By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts | yes |
| **15.A** Mobilize and significantly increase financial resources from all sources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems | yes |

**ANNEX 5: Draft TG-M Workplan 2019**

| L**eeuwarden Declaration** | **Products 2019** | **TG-M role** | **IV** | **V** | **VI** | **VII** | **VIII** | **IX** | **X** | **XI** | **XII** |
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| **WSB / TG-M** scheduled |  |  | **23/24** |  | **19** |  |  |  | **8/9** | **21** |  |
| 3. Single integrated management plan (SIMP) | Selection key priority issues | Support and contribute |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI) | Integral Flyway Assessment Report 2017 | Observe[[1]](#footnote-1) |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arctic Cooperation | Observe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring of key sites along Flyway | Observe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capacity Building | Observe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Breeding Birds Action Plan | Guidelines on predation management (EG-MB/BB) | Oversee[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breeding bird trend report | Oversee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work programme  2019-22 | Oversee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Joint workshop EG BB and EG SMD on natural habitat restoration | Oversee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. SWIMWAY | Fish Conference | Observe/  support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ToR and work programme for EG Fish | Observe/  support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. Management & Wardening | Management Workshop | Responsible |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wardening Workshop | Responsible |  | 26/27 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15. Seal Management Plan 2018-2022 | SMP and Annual Reporting (extra line) | Evaluate and support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Annual Reporting on harbour seal and grey seal population | Oversee |  |  |  | 1 -grey seals |  |  |  | 1 - harb.  seals |  |
| 16. Harbour porpoises | Harbour porpoise Symposium /Workshop | Observe and evaluate | 11/12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17. Alien Species (MAPAS) | Adoption Final MAPAS (DONE) | Observe and evaluate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ToR and Workplan for EG Alien Species | Observe and evaluate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Contribution to trilateral communication strategy | Observe and evaluate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. Quality Status Report | QSR Synthesis (2018)[[3]](#footnote-3) | Support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Draft Proposal for next QSR | Responsible |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [21. Sustainable fisheries] | Update of existing trilateral documents | Responsible |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [22.-23 Marine litter] | Inventory on activities | Support if needed/Ignition phase |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [24. Light emissions] | Inventory on activities | Observe/ support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [29. Renewable energy and its transportation] | (Inventory study 2020) | Responsible |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [31. Sustainable modes of transport - Shipping] | WSF Report | Observe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [36. Trilateral Research Agenda (TRA)] | Installation of TRA Programme Committee | Support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42. Review progress made on LD | n/a 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44. 15th International Scientific Wadden Sea | n/a 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WSP | Implementation of WSP | Supervise |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Observe: Processes are followed, and advice will be provided where necessary or requested [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Oversee: Processes and products are followed and aligned to trilateral policy and coordinated where necessary [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Item transferred to TG-MA during WSB 28 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)