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Subject:	MoU Banc d'Arguin – Wadden Sea Draft action plan 2018-2020
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Attached is the revised draft action plan of the MoU for the time period 2018 - 2020.

The action plan was jointly developed by the Banc d'Arguin National Park (PNBA) and the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat in 2017. WSB 23 already endorsed the action plan according to the agreed supplementary budget (v23_11_2017) for the year 2018.

The MoU activities in 2019 can be carried out in case of agreement of the Supplementary Budget 2019, as well as partly through the TMAP/WSP implementation budget.

Proposal: The meeting is invited to comment and is asked to endorse the draft action plan insofar as it concerns 2019.

Memorandum of Understanding
BANC D'ARGUIN NATIONAL PARK – WADDEN SEA
DRAFT Action Plan 2018 - 2020



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At the Trilateral Governmental Wadden Sea Conference, Tønder 2014, the Parc National de Banc d'Arguin (PNBA) and Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS) signed a Memorandum of Understand (MoU) in support of strengthening their cooperation for the conservation of migratory birds along the East Atlantic Flyway. Within the framework of the MoU Banc d'Arguin National Park and Wadden Sea Secretariat proposed an action plan for 2018 - 2020, which includes the following activities and actions. For the proposed joint activities with Bijagós, Guinea Bissau, the Instituto da Biodiversidade e das Áreas Protegidas (IBAP) will be invited. All three sites agreed on twinning at the WSFI workshop at the AEWMA MOP 2015.

Activity 1 (I.1.1 - I.1.3):

Scientific Workshop in 2018 to deepen knowledge on Banc d'Arguin ecosystems

Actions:

- Bring together national and international experts and researchers to deepen scientific knowledge on the resilience of PNBA ecosystems,
- identify the main lines of a scientific research strategy at the PNBA,
- develop a common strategy (Wadden Sea - PNBA) for monitoring and conservation of migratory birds at the two most important sites along the East Atlantic Flyway.

Location: Iwik, PNBA

Responsible: PNBA, Conseil scientifique du Banc d'Arguin (CSBA)

Activity 2 (I.2.1):

Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change on Birds at the two sites (2019).

Actions:

Bring together experts from both sites to assess the major impacts of climate change on migratory bird habitats at the two sites including on-going Dutch activities (Theunis Piersma).

Location: to be identified

Responsible: CWSS, PNBA

Activity 3 (II.1.1 - II.1.3):

Development of communication plan 2018 – 2020 with support of UNESCO

Actions:

- Produce a documentation on the importance of the three sites PNBA, Wadden Sea and Bijagós, for the conservation of migratory birds in four languages (Arabic, French, English, Portuguese),
- produce joint communication media for the general public and organizations,
- integrate the three sites (PNBA, WS, Bijagós) with the international networks of Environmental Interpretation Centres,
- integrate the three sites Wadden Sea, PNBA and Bijagós into the international networks of flyway initiatives,
- develop raising awareness for PNBA in Nouakchott.

Location: CWSS, PNBA

Responsible: CWSS, PNBA

Activity 4 (II.2.1: II.2.4):

Twinning between the three sites of the East Atlantic Flyway (PNBA, Wadden Sea and Bijagós).

Actions:

- Strengthen cooperation between the three sites,
- organize meetings of heads of information centres,
- develop common products on the bird migration route,
- organize exchange visits between the different sites (CWSS, PNBA, IBAP).

Location: Wadden Sea, Mauritania, Guinea Bissau

Responsible: CWSS, PNBA, IBAP

Activity 5 (II.3.1: II.3.5):

Publication of a joint counting report for migratory birds 2018 in English and French

Actions:

- organize, analyse and interpret data collected at the site level,
- editing the joint enumeration report,
- outreach to international organizations,
- sensitize the general public at both sites,
- develop, print and disseminate a joint PNBA - Wadden Sea flyer on key migratory bird species at the two sites.

Location: Wadden Sea, Mauritania

Responsible: CWSS, Observatory PNBA

Activity 6:

Participation of Mauritania (PNBA) and Guinea Bissau at the 13th Intergovernmental Conference of the three countries of the Wadden Sea in 2018

Location: Leeuwarden, Netherlands

Responsible: CWSS, PNBA, IBAP

Joint WBP-Wadden Sea Action Plan 2018-2020

Activities	Actions	Place	Responsibility	Period	Budget Estimation		Priority
					PNBA	CWSS	
I. Scientific Research							
I.1 Organize a scientific workshop to deepen the knowledge about ecosystems Banc d'Arguin	I.1.1 Bring together national and international experts and researchers to deepen scientific knowledge on the resilience of PNBA ecosystems I.1.2 Identify the main lines of a scientific research strategy at the PNBA I.1.3 Develop a common strategy (Wadden Sea - PNBA) for the monitoring and conservation of migratory birds at the two most important sites along the East Atlantic Flyway	Iwik, PNBA	PNBA, Conseil scientifique du Banc d'Arguin (CSBA)	2018	€ 15,000	€ 14,000	high
I.2. Assessment of Impacts of climate change on birds at the two sites	I.2.1 Bring together experts from both sites to assess the major effects of climate change on migratory bird habitats at the two sites including on-going Dutch activities (Theunis Piersma)		CWSS, PNBA	2019	€ 10,000	€ 15,000	medium
II. Communication							
II.1 Development of communication plan 2018 - 2020 with support of UNESCO	II.1.1 Produce a documentary on the importance of the three sites for the conservation of migratory birds in four languages (Arabic, French, English, Portuguese) II.1.2 Produce joint communication media for general public and agencies II.1.3 Integrating the three sites PNBA, Wadden Sea and Bijagós with the international networks of centres of environmental interpretation II.1.4 Integrate the three sites Wadden Sea, PNBA and Bijagós into the international networks of flyway initiatives II.1.5 Development of raising awareness for PNBA in Nouakchott.	CWSS, PNBA	CWSS, PNBA, IBAP	2019	€ 5,000	€ 5,000	medium

II.2 Twinning between the three sites of the East Atlantic Flyway (PNBA, Wadden Sea and Bijagós Islands)	II.2.1 Strengthen cooperation between the three sites II.2.2 Organize meetings of heads of information centres, II.2.3 Develop common products on the bird migration route II.2.4 Organize exchange visits between the various sites (CWSS, PNBA, IBAP)	to be defined	CWSS, PNBA, IBAP	2020		€ 12,000	
II.3 Publication of a joint report counting migratory birds 2018 English and French	II.3.1 Organize, analyse and interpret the data collected at the complete flyway survey of migratory birds in 2017 on site level II.3.2 Editing the joint enumeration report II.3.3 Outreach to international organizations II.3.4 Raising public awareness at both sites II.3.5 Develop, print and disseminate a joint PNBA Wadden Sea flyer on key species of migratory birds at the two sites	CWSS, PNBA	Observatory PNBA, CWSS	2019	€ 2,000	€ 7,000	high
II.4 Participation Mauritania (PNBA) at the 13th Intergovernmental tripartite conference of countries in the Wadden Sea		Leeuwarden, NL	CWSS	2018		€ 6,000	high