

**WSB 27/5.9/2b Shortlist Natural World Heritage Sites**

Selection of 21 natural WH sites where mutual interests

Two of these sites require high effort/costs: Great Barri

No.	WH No.	Region	Country
1	101	Europe	Finland / Sweden
2	26	Europe	Belarus / Poland
3	105	Europe	France / Spain
4	115	Europe	Hungary/Slovakia
5	247	Europe	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
6	219	Europe	Spain
7	192	Europe	Romania

8	131	Europe	Italy
9	178	Europe	Norway
10	102	Europe	France
11	251	Europe	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
12	116	Europe	Iceland
13	221	Europe	Spain
14	6	Europe	Albania/others (14)
15	132	Europe	Italy / Switzerland
16	248	Europe	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

17	107	Europe	Germany
18	135	Europe	Italy
19	232	Europe	Switzerland
20	10	Oceania	Australia
21	206	Africa	Senegal

; exist. In addition, costs/efforts were assessed.  
 er Reef (Australia) and Djoudj (Senegal)

WH Site	Criteria	Marine Site	Marine Compnt.	Trans-boundary	Cross-border
<a href="#">High Coast / Kvarken Archipelago (transboundary site)</a>	8	1		1	
<a href="#">Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest (transboundary site)</a>	9,10			1	
<a href="#">Pyrénées - Mont Perdu (mixed natural and cultural - transboundary site)</a>	7,8			1	
<a href="#">Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst (transboundary site)</a>	8			1	
<a href="#">Dorset and East Devon Coast</a>	8		1		1
<a href="#">Doñana National Park</a>	8,9,10		1		
<a href="#">Danube Delta</a>	7,10		1		

<a href="#">Isole Eolie (Aeolian Islands)</a>	8		1		
<a href="#">West Norwegian Fjords – Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord</a>	7,8,		1		
<a href="#">Gulf of Porto: Calanche of Piana, Gulf of Girolata, Scandola Reserve</a>	7,9,10		1		
<a href="#">St Kilda (mixed natural and cultural)</a>	3,5,7,9,10		1		
<a href="#">Surtsey</a>	9,10		1		
<a href="#">Ibiza, Biodiversity and Culture (mixed natural and cultural)</a>	2,3,4,9,10		1		
<a href="#">Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe (transboundary site)</a>	9			1	
<a href="#">Monte San Giorgio (transboundary site)</a>	8			1	
<a href="#">Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast</a>	7,8		1		

<a href="#">Messel Pit Fossil Site</a>	8				
<a href="#">The Dolomites</a>	7,8				1
<a href="#">Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch</a>	7,8,9				1
<a href="#">Great Barrier Reef</a>	7,8,9,10	1			
<a href="#">Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary</a>	7,10				

<b>Effort / Costs</b>	<b>Mutual interests</b>	<b>Remarks / ongoing activities</b>
Medium	Transboundary cooperation and mangement, brand management, sustainable development, tourism management, communication / education.	Marine Programme, Nordic WH network, Joint Workshop 2013, site visit 2017, PROWAD network
Medium	Transboundary management	No exchange or cooperation so far
Medium	Transboundary landscape mangement, tourism, stakeholder cooperation	No exchange or cooperation so far
Medium	Transboundary mangement, tourism.	No exchange or cooperation so far
Medium	Management of cros border site, communication, awareness and education, bussiness cooperation, Charity Trust (foundation)	Exchange since 2010, various site visits, CWSS Workshop European Marine sites 2013, PROWAD study visit 2012, PROWAD LINK network.
Medium	Migratory Birds	Site vists by CWSS 2013 / 2014. L18
Medium	Transboundary cooperation and mangement, brand management, sustainable development, tourism management, communication / education.	Transboundary Biosphere Reserve. No exchange / contacts so far.

Medium	Tourism management	
Medium	Management, tourism, sustainable development, partnership programmes	Marine Programme (since 2010), Workshop European Marine Sites 2013, PROWAD LINK partner
Medium	Marine WH communication and awareness, cooperation with local communities, international cooperation	Marine Programme Conference 2013
Medium	Protection and management of birds, outreach and awareness	Marine Programme, UK WH network, Workshop European marine sites
Medium	Natural dynamic, ecosystem development,	Remote WH site, Exchange in framework of WH Marine Programme and Nordic
Medium	Tourism	
Low / Medium	Transboundary cooperation and management, brand management, sustainable development, tourism management, communication / education.	Annual meetings German nature WH, since 2016, UWD e.V. Visit by Austrian NP 2018
Low	Transboundary	
Low	WH communication and awareness, cooperation with local communities, international cooperation	UK WH network annual meetings



Low	Communication, education, management	Cooperation in framework of German natural WH sites
Low	Cross border cooperation and management, brand management, sustainable development, tourism management, communication / education.	Cooperation since 2017 (ITB, WSD 2017, exhibition 5th anniversary 2014), planned: photo exhibition, joint 10th anniversary
Low	WH communication and awareness, cooperation with local communities, international cooperation	Visit at Wadden Sea events (D conferences)
High	Management, QSR/Outlook Report, partnership programmes, business cooperation, awareness, education	Two visit at Wadden Sea/NP. BfN WH workshops. Joint workshop at IUCN PA Congress, Sydney 2014.
High	Bird migration and management, awareness	Activities in framework of WSFI. No joint activities so far (although site is part EAF, and cooperation is requested by WHC)

## Assessment

High Coast / Kvarken is the only transboundary marine site in Europe. Similar challenges in cooperation and management, and connected by Holocene history (post glacial processes), including landscape management.

**Added value Wadden Sea:** Enhancing of international profile. Site has long experience in nature conservation, management, visitor guidance system, cooperation with local stakeholders.

**Challenge:** Site has limited resources to intensify / formalize the cooperation with Wadden Sea (only project based)

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Jurassic Coast has similar challenges in site management (long coastline, two counties, landowners / stakeholder involvement). Ongoing long-term exchange on various topics, cooperation in projects (PROWAD LINK).

**Added value for Wadden Sea:** Enhancing of international profile. Site has long experience in OUV management, branding and communication, and working with business sector. Recently transformation into a charity trust.

**Challenge:** Due to transformation only limited resource at Jurassic coast to strengthen/intensify the cooperation with Wadden Sea.

Important site for flyway.

**Added value for Wadden Sea:** Monitoring and research on migratory birds (as part of WSFI).

**Challenges:** Site has limited resources to work internationally.

Important site for flyway (other than EAF)

**Added value for WS:** Monitoring and research on migratory birds. Support of site with capacity building / exchange

**Challenges:** Site has probably limited resources to work internationally.

<p>Site with marine component. No information available to assess possible added value or challenges of a potential cooperation.</p>
<p>Site with experience on WH communication, sustainable tourism and stakeholder cooperation. Project partner in PROWAD Link project application, but now participates only as network partner. <b>Added value for WS:</b> Enhancing international profile. Exchange on sustainable tourism and business cooperation. <b>Challenge:</b> Site has limited resources to intensify / formalize the cooperation with Wadden Sea (only project based)</p>
<p>Marine site (rocky ecosystem) with experience in management and sustainable tourism. Exchange in framework of WH Marine Programme <b>Added value for WS:</b> Exchange on water-based sustainable tourism. <b>Challenge:</b> Site has probably no/only limited resources to intensify / formalize the cooperation with other sites.</p>
<p>Marine site with experience in communication, management (birds) and sustainable tourism. Exchange in framework of WH Marine Programme <b>Added value for Wadden Sea:</b> Enhanced international profile. Less on management because of size and remoteness of island. <b>Challenge:</b> Site has probably no/only limited resources for international cooperation.</p>
<p>Natural laboratory of ecosystem development (volcanic island) is of scientific interest.</p>
<p>Exchange in framework of WH Marine Programme No information available to assess possible added value or challenges of a potential cooperation.</p>
<p>Serial WH site across 15 countries with experience in communication and management of protected sites including visitor guidance and sustainable tourism. <b>Added value for WS:</b> Enhanced international profile and mutual support. Exchange on transboundary management and communication. <b>Challenge:</b> Site is still developing new structures / procedures of transnational communication and management. High number of state parties.</p>
<p>Transboundary site with similar challenges in transnational cooperation and communication, but less overlap regarding OUV management</p>
<p>Relatively small coastal site focussing on geological aspects. Exchange via UK annual network events. <b>Added value for WS:</b> Some examples for visitor information and sustainable tourism. <b>Challenges:</b> Site has probably no/only limited resources for international cooperation.</p>

<p>Relatively small coastal site focussing on fossils. Cooperation in the framework of German natural WH sites.</p> <p><b>Added value for WS:</b> Exchange in communication and visitor education. Mutual support in enhancing international profile.</p> <p><b>Challenges:</b> Site has very limited resources to enhance international cooperation.</p>
<p>Serial site covering 5 provinces with different culture and languages. Mutual exchange since 2014 (5th anniversary, same date of WH inscription). Different OUV but similar communication and management issues.</p> <p><b>Added value for WS:</b> Enhancing international profile. Good examples for sustainable tourism, stakeholder involvement, and cross border foundation which are applicable for WS. High interest and willingness to put resources into a cooperation.</p> <p><b>Challenges:</b> Site is focussing on geology. Connection to coastal / marine topics difficult to explain.</p>
<p>Site with geological and ecological criteria connecting a number of municipalities.</p> <p><b>Added value for WS:</b> Good examples for sustainable tourism, local stakeholder involvement and management (on federal, cantonal and communal level).</p> <p><b>Challenges:</b> Site may have limited resources to enhance international cooperation.</p>
<p>One of the largest marine ecosystems and corall reefs and a global icon. Extraordinary experience in policy, management, monitoring and research involving federal, state and local level. Since 1997, various best practice examples for strategic assessment and monitoring, as well as education, stakeholder and business involvement. Exchange in framework of WH Marine Programme</p> <p><b>Added value for WS:</b> Enhancing international profile. Strategic approaches applicable for Wadden Sea.</p> <p><b>Challenges:</b> High effort necessary for regular exchange (may be reduced by cooperation in framework of exchange with BfN).</p>
<p>Important WH site at EAF in Westafrica.</p> <p><b>Added value for WS:</b> Cooperation with all WH sites along EAF (WSFI), enhanced flyway monitoring and management. Enhanced international profile.</p> <p><b>Challenges:</b> High effort necessary for regular exchange, language barrier.</p>

**Conclusion**

**Positive. Transboundary marine site with similar experiences and mutual interests. Participates in PROWAD LINK as network partner.**

Neutral: Limited mutual interests. Currently too difficult political situation.

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**Positive. Coastal site across two counties with similar experiences and mutual interests.**

**Posivite. Important bird migration site, cooperation should be enhanced in framework of WSFI**

**Positive. Mutual interests in nature conservation, in specific birds protection. Due to language problems, exchange may require extra effort.**

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**Positive. Mutual interests in  
management and sustainable  
development / partnerships.**

Neutral: Limited mutual interests.  
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**Positive. Mutual interests in  
management and bird conservation.**

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**Positive. Mutual interest in  
management (SIMP), transboundary  
cooperation, and communication /  
brand management**

Neutral: Limited mutual interests.

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Neutral: Cooperation in framework of German natural WH sites (focusing on communication, education and brand development)

**Positive: Strong mutual interest to cooperate in communication, sustainable tourism, education and brand management, WH foundation.**

Neutral: Continuation of exchange on tourism and stakeholder cooperation

**Positive: Strong mutual interest in management strategies, monitoring and assessment, stakeholder involvement.**

**Positive. Important bird migration site, strong mutual interests. Cooperation should be enhanced in framework of WSFI.**