

DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD

38th Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 38)

6 October 2022
Tønder, Denmark
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1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was opened by the chair, Karin Lochte, at 9 am on 6 October 2022 and she welcomed the participants.

The chair thanked the Tønder Municipality for hosting the dinner on the day before. The chair passed on the apologies from Ilka Wagner, Janne Liburd, Johan Hamster, Joost de Ruig, and from Henk de Vries. Ilka Wagner was replaced by Thomas Borchers. Also, Bernd Scherer was apologised, at short notice, due to Covid. His presentation will be planned for the next WSB meeting. Due to corona restrictions, Janne Lieven and Vera Knoke were welcomed online.

The chair congratulated the Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) for the celebration of the 20th anniversary the week before.

The chair welcomed Barbara Engels, chair of TG-WH to present the SIMP, and Adi Kellermann, chair of TG-MA, to give a presentation on TMAP and data handling. She also welcomed Nina Fieten, consultant at the Dutch Ecological Consultancy Altenburg&Wymenga, to give an online presentation on closed areas.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Document: [WSB 38/2 Draft Annotated Agenda](#)

The agenda prioritised the list of key topics to be discussed, to be decided upon or to give guidance on the further process. An outline of the agenda can be found in Annex 2.

The WSB **adopted** the agenda as submitted.

3. Record WSB 37

Document: WSB 38/3 WSB 37 Draft Summary Record

Comments on the first draft have been received and taken-up. Additional comments have been received on short notice and would need to be further considered.

The WSB 37 Draft Summary Record shall be adopted at the WSB 39.

4. Announcements

Denmark

- Election to the Danish Parliament have been announced to be held on November 1st, 2022. This would imply that no major political decisions would be taken within the next weeks, but hopefully a new government will be installed before 14th TGC.
- Fanny Douvere, Senior Project Officer of the WHC Marine Programme visited the area and met the organising team to work on the preliminary programme and budget for the next WH Marine Sites Conference which will take place in autumn 2023 in Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein. UNESCO is now working on drafting the first program for the conference.
- Guidelines for sustainable seals watching tours have just been released by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- It was decided to investigate whether it is possible to establish a 3rd test site for large (450m high) wind turbines in the vicinity of the Danish Wadden Sea National Park.
- The National Park Board expresses the strongest objection of the establishment of test wind turbines in the WSNP, as it jeopardize the 2017 Law of National Parks, putting the natural heritage and dark sky in danger.
- The second week of the TriWadWalk Project was successfully completed, a full report will be submitted in time for the next WSB. The National Park thanked the Partnership Hub, PROWAD Link, the Dutch Wadden Academie and the University of Southern Denmark for the support.

Germany

- Thomas Borchers informed the meeting that in Germany there is an ongoing process that aims at speeding up the development and permitting procedures for wind energy offshore. He indicated that there is ample need for TWSC to exchange on this topic i.a. the existing ad hoc working group Cables and Pipelines.
- He also announced that Sebastian Unger was appointed by the German Government as the first Special Representative for the Oceans in the portfolio of the BMUV, indicating the recognition by the government of the growing importance of marine conservation and the sustainable use of the oceans.
- Volker Brengelmann informed that the recent amendment of the National Park Act including a prohibition for drilling in the Lower Saxon Wadden Sea National Park was passed and came into force in October 2022.
- Volker Brengelmann informed the meeting that the World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves will meet in Wilhelmshaven / Lower Saxony from October 17th to 21st.
- Elections in Lower-Saxony will take place on Sunday 9th of October.
- Vera Knoke informed that Schleswig Holstein together with Hamburg and Lower Saxony recently submitted a request to enlarge the Wadden Sea Biosphere Reserves, esp. the transition zones. This extension will further support the Sustainable Development Goals and the protection of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site Outstanding Universal Value.
- Hamburg looks positively towards the request for extension. The entirety of Hamburg's Wadden Sea conservation area is already a Biosphere Reserve. An evaluation is foreseen.

Netherlands

- No announcements

Wadden Sea Team

- On behalf of the WSF and WST, Hans-Ulrich Rösner reported that the text on the Joint Document on a “Sustainable Shipping and Ports Initiative for a well-protected Wadden Sea” between green NGOs, the Wadden Sea Forum and Ports and Shipping representatives was finalized after an intensive process and is now open for signature by stakeholders in Wilhelmshaven. He expressed his hope the document will be well-received by the ministers.
- Marco Brodde informed about the successful transformation of former farmland into a wetland polder. This, together with the conservation efforts on Mandø were a step forward in favour of breeding birds.

Wadden Sea Forum

- The WSF thanked the WSB members for sending their greetings and messages for the 20th Anniversary of the WSF which was celebrated at the UNESCO Wadden Sea World Heritage Visitor Centre in Wilhelmshaven on September 28th. Around 40 persons attended the celebration and showed interest in the Forum’s activities. The programme was divided into four main parts: Update, Outlook, Welcoming greetings, and projection of a Movie on the WSF produced within the MediaWatt Project.

CWSS

- The UNESCO World Heritage Centre in Paris is conducting a global citizen science initiative on environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling in the UNESCO World Heritage marine sites. The Wadden Sea World Heritage site was selected as pilot site and was the first of 25 sites to do the sampling. From 21-26 September 2022, samples were collected at five different locations along the Wadden Sea coast, coordinated by the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS).
- At the 8th Meeting of Parties of the African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), the CWSS participated as an observer in the event, and in collaboration with partners organized the side event ‘Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI) – Joining forces to respond to climate change effects along the East Atlantic Flyway’.
- The National Park administration Schleswig-Holstein invited CWSS to a jour-fixe to exchange on current developments and the status of long-term activities. Vera Knoke thanked the CWSS for the fruitful meeting with several members of both organisations.
- The Interreg North Sea Region Project MANABAS COAST (MAInstreaming NAture BAsed Solutions through COASTal systems) was approved. CWSS, as partner in this new project, would provide exchange between MANABAS and trilateral bodies and activities, in particular with the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation's (TWSC) Expert Group Climate Change Adaptation (EG-C).

The WSB **noted** the information.

5. Implementation Leeuwarden Declaration

5.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage

5.1.1 Progress report of the Task Group World Heritage

Document: [WSB 38 /5.1/1 TG-WH Progress report](#)

Thomas Borchers thanked the TG-WH and its chair Barbara Engels for the proposal for preparing a strategy to arrive at a draft joint position paper for the next UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting. He noted the political debates on energy production, specifically oil and gas exploration in areas adjacent to the Wadden Sea and the corresponding request by the UNESCO and mentioned that further clarification with the German federal states is needed before the involvement of TG-WH.

The WSB **noted** the progress report and agreed on the proposal by TG-WH.

5.1.2 Progress report of the Single Integrated Management Plan

Documents: [WSB 38 /5.1/2 SIMP Progress report](#)

[WSB 38/5.1/3 Draft implementation strategy of the SIMP](#)

Barbara Engels, chair of the TG-WH introduced the status of the SIMP and the main points where decisions from WSB 38 are needed:

WSB 38 discussed and agreed on the following formulation of activity 6 in the key topic Fisheries, aligned with the Wilhelmshaven Declaration:

6. The TWSC to produce a coordinated approach to contribute to reaching the objectives of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 according to a nationally based interpretation of key elements thereof and in line with the Wilhelmshaven Declaration 2022.

WSB 38 adopted the title “The SIMP, Integrated Management Plan for the ONE Wadden Sea World Heritage” and thanked the TG-WH for the suggestions. The meeting appreciated and endorsed the proposed approach for the foreword to include citations of different stakeholders and agreed to have the SIMP as a stand-alone document adopted in the Wilhelmshaven Declaration. Finally, the WSB 38 endorsed the draft SIMP version 1.0.

Regarding the draft implementation strategy of the SIMP, WSB 38 endorsed the proposed methodological approach for the implementation matrix and supported the execution of the immediate next steps. It was generally stressed that a realistic and (financially) feasible approach in time is needed. Also, key was to align with relevant national developments, to avoid any doubling and have the right prioritization. In Denmark, key parts of the SIMP would be taken up in the Action Plan of the MSFD; in the Netherlands an important role in its implementation would be foreseen for the Management Authority.

The WSF underlined their continued interest in supporting the implementation of the SIMP. As the trilateral forum of stakeholders comprising members of the sectors addressed in the SIMP key topics, they emphasized the importance of recognizing their indispensable involvement.

Anne-Marie Vægter Rasmussen thanked the WSF for expressing their commitment. The chair confirmed that its involvement is welcomed and recognised. She also underlined the need to have a good communication strategy.

As a result, in Annex 1 of the meeting document [WSB 38/5.1/3 Draft implementation strategy of the SIMP](#) the example for a potential project on “Exchange and understanding of impacts and procedures on grid connections offshore to onshore” was adjusted to explicitly add the WSF as one of the stakeholders which needs to be involved .

The WSB **endorsed** the draft SIMP version 1.0 for adoption by the Trilateral Governmental Council at the 14th Trilateral Governmental Conference in Wilhelmshaven. The SIMP would be a stand-alone document, with the official title ‘The SIMP, Integrated Management Plan for the ONE Wadden Sea World Heritage’.

The WSB **endorsed** the proposed implementation matrix and **supported** the execution of the immediate next steps.

5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management

5.2.1 Progress report of the Task Group Management

Document: [WSB 38/5.2/1 Progress report of the Task Group Management](#)

Item 4. Seal Management Plan

CWSS announced that the final draft of the SMP could not be submitted because the formal approval process could not yet be completed in some countries.. On request by Hans-Ulrich Rösner, it was confirmed that the reason for the delay had been rather procedural than on any content regarded as controversial. It was agreed to consider a written procedure for acceptance with a final deadline at WSB 39.

Item 11. Natura 2000 roof report

Based on the results of the feasibility study for preparing a common integrated Natura 2000 Wadden Sea report (a. o. an uneven and difficult-to-compare set of data requiring a cost intensive alignment process), the WSB 38 adopted the proposal of TG-M to omit the N2000 roof report.

Presentation on the inventory of closed areas

Nanou Beekman shortly introduced the topic, stating that with the implementation of the EU-Biodiversity Strategy it became clear that a coherent view on how the three Wadden Sea states are dealing with their closed areas was lacking. The Dutch PRW commissioned this inventory study which is conducted by Altenburg&Wymenga and BioConsult Schleswig-Holstein. Nina Fieten presented the draft results including a preliminary overview of the comparison between the three countries. She stressed that still fact-checks were needed in order to finalise the report.

Vera Knoke thanked for the presentation and mentioned that it will be necessary to carefully read the whole draft report and to discuss in detail about its content and about how to proceed. Nanou Beekman and Martin Petersen also thanked for this factual overview on how the regions deal with closed areas. Thomas Borchers thanked the group responsible for the report and the Netherlands for the financial support. He recognised this as a helpful exercise as it also reflected the national discussions regarding the pledges the member states must deliver including the aspect of the EU-Biodiversity Strategy objective on strictly protected areas.

The chair highlighted that although there were EU regulations in place, an even more harmonized approach might be sought for. She added that this report should be seen as background base information.

Hans Ulrich Rösner thanked for the presentation and underlined that such an overview was indeed necessary. He commented the importance of being careful with the traffic light comparison in the presentation since on a quick glance it might give a wrong impression on the level of protection concerning e.g., fisheries in Germany. He furthermore asked for clarification on the status of the report, if it is to be considered a Dutch report and if advisors would be able to comment.

Nanou Beekman answered that the Netherlands commissioned the Programme Towards a Rich Wadden Sea (PRW) and she strongly welcomed comments from the three countries and advisors. Vera Knoke added that the status of the report is a sensitive issue and until now it is an independent report, and not a TWSC report. Once it would be finalised, the WSB should decide how to proceed.

The chair remarked to keep in mind that regulations on closed areas are just tools, but the basic discussion is about what you want to achieve. She concluded that TG-M would discuss about the report and finally propose to WSB how to proceed and how to profit optimally from the report.

The WSB **noted** the progress report of TG-M, **agreed** to omit the Natura 2000 roof report, and to start a procedure for finalising the Seal management Plan in time before the next WSB.

The WSB **welcomed** the presentation on closed areas and requested the TG-M to discuss the report and come up with a proposal on how to proceed.

5.3 Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment.

5.3.1 Progress report of the Task Group Monitoring and Assessment

Documents: [WSB 38/5.3/1 Progress report of the Task Group Monitoring and Assessment](#)

The chair announced that nine QSR thematic reports received complete updates, displaying assessments on birds, marine mammals, alien species, and fish populations, as well as on subtidal habitats, energy, and tourism. The reports were published early in September.

The WSB **noted** the progress report.

5.3.2 Proposal on the continuation of the TMAP

Documents: [WSB 38/5.3/2 Proposal on the continuation of the TMAP](#)

Adi Kellerman presented the proposal on the continuation of the TMAP.

Nanou Beekman thanked for the presentation and commented that more detailed information would be needed to clarify the resources required. She welcomed the step-by-step approach and agreed to the continuation of the relevant working groups.

Anne Marie Rasmusen welcomed the presentation and announced that Denmark was prepared to support scenario 1. For fulfilling the further scenarios, she recognised that more resources and effort are needed.

Vera Knoke thanked the chair Adi Kellerman, the TG-MA and the CWSS for the report and recognised this as the best step on trilateral data handling in the last years. She commented that the estimation of effort needed from the parties and presented in Table 2 seems low and agreed that more detail about the resources required is needed. She pleaded for an ambitious approach.

Thomas Borchers reminded that the TMAP was recognised by UNESCO as an important element of the WSWH, it was therefore a key element of the Site which needed appropriate resources. He also agreed that a step-by-step approach was important and the pilot study with ten selected parameters.

Henrik G. Pind Jørgensen expressed that this was a great achievement. Adi Kellerman added that all experts agreed this was the way forward and that some partners were following or would follow similar approaches at the national level.

The chair thanked Adi Kellerman and Sascha Klöpffer for achieving a further step. The three countries agreed to continue with the development of a pilot with ten parameters as the basis for future further activities regarding the trilateral data handling and to support the next QSR.

The WSB **endorsed the progress and encouraged** the group to continue with the step-by-step approach working towards more information on needed efforts and resources .

5.4 Communication and Education

*Document: WSB 38/5.4 IWSS Continuation 2023-2026 – Proposal of Activities and Budget
Document sent by e-mail only*

The proposal was introduced by Hans-Ulrich Rösner.

Leo Pieter Stoel noted that the Netherlands supported the proposal as the IWSS was having important impact on the visitor centres and that an Interreg project with focus on education would be desirable, which was echoed by the Danish delegation.

Marco Brodde informed on a personal note that the activities of the IWSS had been influencing his daily work for over twenty years by then with the initiative growing bigger and involving the next generation. He welcomed the positive attitude of the WSB towards the IWSS.

Thomas Borchers noted that Germany, esp. the Länder also were strongly supporting the activities of the IWSS, and he acknowledged the development of this “institution”.

The WSB **adopted** the proposal.

5.5 Science cooperation

As Bernd Scherer had to excuse himself due to illness, the chair briefly informed on the activities foreseen to be presented around the achievements of the Trilateral Programming

Committee on Wadden Sea Research (TPC-WSR) and the way forward. The group developed a way forward by not selecting a topic for a potential trilateral research call, but by creating criteria for the selection of projects. The chair noted the desire of the group to become part of any future selection processes and conveyed this message to the delegations as this has to be discussed at national levels with the respective scientific advisory boards. The secretary added that an additional aspect of the group's future would be a potential institutionalisation in time which would need further discussion. The chair added that no further decision was needed at this time and that it could be put on the agenda of the next WSB, hopefully with the full presentation provided by Bernd Scherer. Vera Knoke noted the importance of finding the best way to achieve the trilateral emphasis of the groups work.

6. Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Hub

Document: [WSB 38/6 Outlook for the next phase of the Partnership Hub](#)

The secretary introduced the outlook on potential activities of the Partnership Hub's next phase and the needed organisational structure. The secretary announced that the representatives agreed to prolong the position of the PH project officer supporting this financially. In the next phase a stable and organic growth model should be aimed for. Referring to the evaluation study on the PH by WING consultancy, he informed the meeting that a week ago the PH Admin Unit and the executive committee of the WSF had an exchange, in which especially the complementary aspects of the PH and the WSF were discussed.

Nanou Beekman shared with the meeting that she was glad that a solution for the continuation of the PH could be found. From the Dutch point of view, Sediment Solutions, Dark Sky and the contribution to the implementation of the SIMP would be the priorities for the Hub.

Anne-Marie Vægter Rasmussen noted that from the Danish perspective, the Partnership Hub should continue to be stakeholder driven in support to the cooperation strategies and have a lean organisation. The Partnership Hub should have a key role in steering and supporting projects, with a focus on the incubation phases, and not internalising them. She also plead to have another evaluation after two years.

The chair stressed that the annex to the document presented had to be regarded as a living document, to allow for flexibility to incorporate upcoming pressing issues.

Thomas Borchers thanked for the work done and expressed appreciation as there was the need for the Partnership Hub to have a face. He also underlined that the SIMP implementation and Dark Sky would be priorities. For the topic of sediments, exchange of knowledge and gaining of expertise was welcomed. From his point of view, the Hub should have a facilitator role.

Vera Knoke added that there were also some overlaps between the potential activities of the Hub and the SIMP implementation matrix, therefore she suggested to streamline these activities. Additionally, overlaps with the WSF should be avoided as this would result in doubling of efforts.

Preben Friis-Hauge confirmed the meeting that, based on the evaluation, the WSF executive committee invited the PH Admin Unit group to have a closer exchange and to clarify their relation and division of tasks and roles. He stressed that the WSF is a multi-stakeholder independent forum and intends to stay independent and that it worked with stakeholders and supported the ONE Wadden Sea World Heritage-. The WSF would like to have more opportunities for dialogue to get into more details about the WSF being engaged in the PH. He

also reminded that both sediments solutions and Dark Sky were topics which had been familiar to the WSF, stating that in the beginning, these topics were driven by the WSF especially Dark Sky was initiated and, in former times, led by the WSF, finally handed over as vivid trilateral initiative to the PH.

Volker Brengelmann noted that the PH and WSF should reinforce each other and that he saw them as complementary partners. He underlined that there was not a problem of overlaps but rather the possibility of complementarities. He welcomed that that the PH would move into the next phase.

The secretary underlined that it was important not to create misunderstandings and highlighted that the PH invited all partners, including the WSF. The PH approach involved all partners and the TWSC to discuss on eye-level. Also, for the SIMP implementation, the WSF offered support and should contribute on bringing in different stakeholders.

The chair stressed that communication was important as well as a balanced approach in the dialogue and that further attention was needed on how to steer the appropriate involvement of partners, including the WSF, but also others.

The WSB **welcomed** the continuation, **approved** the approach, and tasked the OPTeamPH to design a roadmap.

7. Trilateral Governmental Conference 2022

7.1 First results of the trilateral Youth Conference

Document: [WSB 38/7/1 First results of the trilateral Youth Conference](#)

Simone Prestes Dürrnagel, the Youth Conference Project Officer, thanked all the involved institutions for the support, during the preparation of the Trilateral Youth Conference, for providing the names of participants and also for the support received on site during the three days. She continued by giving a presentation on the Trilateral Youth Conference including first results. She stressed the participants' main interests in:

- maintaining contact, the willingness to be involved in a network,
- the possibility of having another trilateral conference and
- exploring possibilities of youth involvement at the WSB meetings.

Nanou Beekman welcomed the good work and expressed that she was impressed of what was achieved. She added that also in the Netherlands the question of how-to best deal with youth involvement was discussed. She emphasized to avoid pushing the youth in trilateral structures and rather ask them for advice and on specific topics or for getting inspired. The question is how to organise this? Anne-Marie Vægter Rasmussen congratulated Germany and CWSS for the successful conference and echoed the suggestions of Nanou Beekman.

Thomas Borchers thanked the institutions and persons who were directly responsible for the organization of the conference and reported that also his colleagues present at the event confirmed the great interest and engagement from the participants, including that they were also partially self-organised. He stressed the importance of recognising this and give them space for exchange and presentation in 14th TGC. He also suggested involvement of the youth in the WSB on ad hoc occasions e.g. via presentations rather than a regular participation. Furthermore, he suggested to consider the idea of having one Youth Conference per

presidency and to explore alternative possibilities of youth involvement (such as Flyway Youth Forum, the TriWadWalk, the IWSS) and as a cross-cutting issue. CWSS had gained some experience in this, and he would like the CWSS to continue to act as a contact point to the youth, as this was also welcomed by participants.

Preben Friis-Hauge reminded the meeting that the WSF was part of the MediaWatt project which involved young people in dealing with media. As a visible result, the video for the WSF 20 years anniversary was produced.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner emphasised that a substantial number of young people already are working in and for the Wadden Sea as volunteers and it would be interesting to provide options on how to further involve them in the TWSC work. He furthermore suggested considering an appeal to young people to engage themselves also in the Wilhelmshaven Declaration.

The chair once again congratulated for the joint efforts and success and thanked especially the Youth Conference Project Officer. The chair highlighted the importance to engage with the youth and mentioned that this could be continued e.g. via an online platform. She also suggested to wait for the 14th TGC and the side event to think about its further development also under consideration of financial aspects. The chair finally thanked the BMUV for financing the Youth Conference and Schleswig Holstein for supporting the event.

The WSB **noted** the document, gratefully **acknowledged** the Youth Conference and would consider ways for youth involvement in the future.

7.2 3rd full draft of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration (WSB 38/7/2).

Document: WSB 38/7/2 Ministerial Declaration WHV; 3rd full draft
Document sent by e-mail only

Thomas Borchers, chair of the Drafting Group on the Wilhelmshaven Declaration, provided an overview on what the still pending issues were. He informed that some open points in the draft Declaration were on documents that still need to be delivered. Referring to the ongoing discussions regarding the Foundation he still was hopeful for a trilateral approach to be affirmed at the Conference. The Drafting Group would aim to have the Wilhelmshaven Declaration ready for the week before the 14th TGC.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner offered together with Frank Ahlhorn, to send a proposed formulation on para. 37. referring to the initiative between the port operators of the Wadden Sea Ports, the Wadden Sea Forum and nature conservation associations. Thomas Borchers mentioned the importance of reflecting on how to best present this initiative at the 14th TGC.

Regarding the formulation of para. 44, the meeting agreed to give the mandate to the Drafting Group members to discuss and formulate accordingly.

The meeting agreed to delete the word *strongly* in para 5 and to leave para 45 as it was. The secretary was asked to send an updated draft as soon as possible after the WSB meeting.

8. Wadden Sea Board Advisors: Wadden Sea Forum; Wadden Sea Team

Document: WSB 38/8 Joint Statement eNGO's, Ports, Shipping Representatives
Document sent per e-mail only

The WSB **noted** the document.

9. Any Other Business

The secretary, taking the opportunity of a new presidency starting next year, asked the meeting to reconsider the composition of members in the existing groups and the respective chairs. He emphasised that this shouldn't be a complete evaluation of all groups, but mainly of the Task Groups. Thomas Borchers noted that after the 14th TGC, there would be time to reflect on the working groups' architecture and to make members proposals for the different groups. Groups should reflect on their continuation and take the SIMP and the Wilhelmshaven Declaration into account in their work plans.

Marco Brodde informed that the Danish National Park had succeeded in organising a youth comedy show with art and culture directed to school kids and adults.

Additionally, he informed about a yearlong project with The Society of wildlife Artists sketching Wadden Sea landscapes who would be part of the annual exhibition in London (Mall galleries).

10. Next meeting

Next meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday 29 November, 1-2.30 pm, Atlantic Hotel, Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

11. Closing

The chair closed the meeting at 15.00 on 6 October 2022.

ANNEX 1: List of participants

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ANNEX 2: Agenda

FINAL AGENDA

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(WSB 38)**

6 October 2022



- 1. Opening of the Meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Record WSB 37**
- 4. Announcements**
- 5. Implementation Leeuwarden Declaration**
- 6. Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Hub**
- 7. Trilateral Governmental Conference 2022**
- 8. Wadden Sea Board Advisors: Wadden Sea Forum; Wadden Sea Team**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Next meeting**
- 11. Closing**

ANNEX 3: Action items arising from the 38th WSB**38th meeting of the Wadden Sea Board
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Action #	Agenda item	Actions agreed upon	Person responsible	Deadline
1	5.1.1	To prepare the necessary steps to be carried out immediately after the publication of the draft decision for UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting	TG-WH	draft decision document becomes available 6 weeks before the Committee meeting – which would be in 2023
2	5.2.1	To consult the SMP in a written procedure	TG-M	WSB 39
3	5.2.1	To discuss about the report on closed areas and propose how to proceed and make best use of the report	TG-M	Depending on availability
4	5.3	To continue with the pilot study considering ten selected parameters	TG-MA, EG-Data, CWSS	Next presidency
5	6.	To design a roadmap for the next phase of the Partnership Hub	OPTeamPH	Next presidency
6	7.	To prepare the final draft of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration	DG-MCD	One week before WSB 39