

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

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

6 October 2022

Tønder, Denmark

Hostrups Hotel, Søndergade 30, DK-6270 Tønder



1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chairperson at 9 am on 6 October 2022

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting will be invited to adopt the draft agenda.

Overview of the key-topics to be decided/discussed to give guidance on the further process.

(These items are marked in bold on this agenda):

- **Wadden Sea World Heritage.** The Document for consideration by the WH Committee (including a draft decision on the State of Conservation of the Wadden Sea) will only be published six weeks before the start of the World Heritage Committee meeting. Although the meeting dates for 2022 have not yet been determined, TG-WH suggested to WSB to prepare a strategy how to deal with the report in a coordinated way and involving all three states parties jointly (WSB 38/5.1/1);
- **SIMP.** To endorse the draft SIMP version 1.0 for adoption at the Trilateral Governmental Conference (WSB 38/5.1/2) and to discuss and agree on the draft SIMP implementation strategy (WSB 38/5.1/3);
- **Draft Seal Management Plan.** To agree on a written tprocedure to adopt the new version of the Seal Management Plan for the years 2023-2027, prepared by the EG-Marine Mammals. (WSB 38/5.2/2);
- **Presentation and report (pending) on closed areas.** To discuss and decide on any potential further steps based on this trilateral inventory overview, compiled by the Programme towards a Rich Wadden Sea (PRW). Report on closed areas is still in progress; the report is expected to be submitted just before the 6th of October as background document by the CWSS;
- **Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme.** To discuss and agree on the TMAP continuation based on the proposal by the TG-Monitoring and Assessment and the EG-Data. Topic will be introduced by the chair of the TG-MA Adi Kellermann (WSB 38/5.3/2);

- **International Wadden Sea School. To agree on the proposal for the IWSS continuation on short term/year 2023 .(WSB 38/5.4);**
- **Partnership Hub. To endorse the outlook for the next phase of the Partnership Hub 2023-2026 based on the proposal submitted by the OPTeamPH . (WSB 38/6);**
- **Youth Conference. Presentation by Simone Prestes-Dürrenagel (CWSS), Project Coordinator for the Trilateral Youth Conference on the outcome of the TYC which took place 1-4 September 2022, to discuss the next steps with regard to the Trilateral Governmental Conference and the Wilhelmshaven Declaration. (WSB 38/7/1);**
- **Ministerial Declaration Wilhelmshaven. The 3rd full draft of the Declaration is presented to discuss and decide upon the final pending reservations (WSB37/7/2) The 3rd draft declaration will be sent separately by e-mail);**
- **Trilateral Programming Committee - Wadden Sea Research (TPC-WSR). Presentation by the chair of the TPC-WSR, Bernd Scherer, on the state-of-affairs of the work of the TPC-WSR.**

3. Record WSB 37

The meeting will be invited to adopt the final draft Summary Record of WSB 37
(WSB 38/3 WSB 37_summary_record_FINAL_DRAFT)

4. Announcements

Delegates and advisors will be invited to make announcements relevant to the cooperation.

- *Announcements by the CWSS (WSB 38/4).*

5. Implementation Leeuwarden Declaration

The meeting will be invited to discuss the progress of the implementation of the Leeuwarden Declaration. In conjunction with the sub-items below, the meeting will be invited to take note and discuss progress of the respective Task Groups.

5.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage

- *Progress report of the TG-WH (WSB 38/5.1/1), including the **proposal for preparing a strategy to arrive at a draft joint position paper for the next UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting (WSB 38/5.1/1)***
- *SIMP progress report (WSB 38/5.1/2); **To endorse the SIMP version 1.0 for adoption at the Trilateral Governmental Conference***
- ***Proposal for the SIMP draft implementation strategy (WSB 38/5.1/3)***

5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management

- *Progress report of the Task Group Management (WSB 38/5.2/1)*

*The meeting is invited to take note of the progress **and to adopt the proposal of TG-M to omit the N2000Roof report.***

- **Draft Seal Management Plan 2023-2027 (WSB 38/5.2/2)**
The meeting is invited to note, to discuss and to agree on a written procedure to adopt the next 5-years SMP.
- **Presentation on the inventory of closed areas**
The meeting is invited to discuss the results presented and agree on potential next steps if appropriate. The report on closed areas still pending.

5.3 Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment.

- *Progress report of the Task Group Monitoring and Assessment (WSB 38/5.3/1)*
- **Proposal on the continuation of the TMAP. (WSB 38/5.3/2)**
The meeting is invited to discuss and agree on the proposal how to continue with the TMAP. The proposal is submitted by the TG-MA and the EG-Data based on their joint assessment of an external evaluation study.

5.4 Communication and Education

- **Proposal by the International Wadden Sea School how to continue the short term.**
(WSB 38/5.4)

6. Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Hub.

- **Outlook for the next phase of the Partnership Hub (WSB 38/6)**
The meeting is invited to discuss and agree on the proposal for the continuation of the PH and decide on its continuation, based on the proposal by the Operational Team Partnership Hub.

7. Trilateral Governmental Conference 2022

- **First results of the trilateral Youth Conference are presented (WSB 38/7/1)**
The meeting is invited to discuss and agree on how to proceed with youth involvement, also in connection with paragraph 82 of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration.
- **3rd full draft of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration (WSB 38/7/2).**
- *The meeting is invited to discuss the remaining open points/reservations, endorse the 3rd full draft of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration and agree on next procedural steps. The meeting will be informed about the ongoing preparations for the TGC 14.*

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

The meeting is invited to take note of and comment on the contributions of the Advisors.

9. Any Other Business

The meeting will be invited to discuss any other business.

10. Next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday 29 November, 1-2.30 pm, Atlantic hotel, Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

11. Closing

The meeting will be closed no later than 15.30 on 6 October 2022.