

# Wadden Sea Board

## WSB 29

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Attached is a progress report of the first meeting of the newly installed Task Group Management (TG-M). TG-M 19-1 was held on 23-24 April 2019 in Bremen, Germany.

**Proposal:**     **The WSB is invited to note the information and is invited to endorse the updated proposals where necessary.**

## Task Group Management (TG-M) progress report to WSB 29

Since WSB-28 the TG-M has progressed on the following specific items:

### **TWSC review process and implications for TG-M**

TG-M took note of its new ToR resulting from the TWSC review process. Furthermore, the group explored the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at target level, which will be assembled for all trilateral groups by CWSS as a separate document. The agreed TG-M Workplan 2019 is annexed to this document (ANNEX 1). The TG-M workplan 2019-2020, elaborated on basis of the TWSC workplan, would be further developed over the years with annual updates for WSB.

Regarding a number of agenda items resulting from the Leeuwarden Declaration (Paragraph 22 - 23: Marine litter; Paragraph 24: Light Emissions; Paragraph 29: Energy; Paragraph 30-34: Ports and shipping; Paragraph 36: Trilateral Research Agenda) it was discussed to deal with them in the framework of the Partnership Hub in the future with TG-M still observing the progress of these topics in the meantime; a corresponding note on the feasibility to WSB 29 would be submitted by the OPteamPH as part of the respective report.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.**

### **Flyway & Breeding Birds**

TG-M was informed, that Mr Peter Südbeck, director of the Lower Saxony National Park Authority, was appointed as chairperson for the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI) Steering Group.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.**

### **Fish targets / Swimway**

The preparation of the international fish conference ('SWIMWAYs: Understanding connectivity within the life cycles of coastal fish') on 24-26 September 2019 in Hamburg, Germany, continues. A policy/management investigation and a number of research project proposals are under development. Research projects as such are not foreseen to be financed by the agreed budget, but the preparation of research project proposals including e.g. "feasibility studies" are eligible for financing under the budget though.

The ToR for a future EG is part of the workplan of the interim WG and will be submitted to WSB 30 in November.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.**

## **Wardening & management**

The wardening workshop had been under preparation. Due to a series of delays and the limited flexibility on dates of the involved working boat crew, the envisaged date on 26-27 June 2019 would be difficult to match. An alternative date in autumn would be set if necessary.

The SIMP had been considered as a major theme for a workshop for site managers in autumn 2019. Schleswig-Holstein offered to host this workshop with representatives from the competent authorities, such as the National Park Administrations, as well as representatives from the relevant NGOs foreseen to be invited. The event would not replace the initially envisaged workshop for managers who work on the ground, which was planned to focus on concrete management issues concerning specific habitats and species.

**Proposal:**      **WSB is invited to endorse the approach.**

## **Seal Management Plan**

The Netherlands reported that the SMP was considered under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) activities for the North Sea.

**Proposal:**      **WSB is invited to note the information.**

## **Harbour porpoises**

As a first step of the implementation of paragraph 16 of the Leeuwarden Declaration, a scientific symposium on harbour porpoises in the Wadden Sea and a subsequent trilateral workshop were held on 11-12 of April. The trilateral workshop was organized as a follow up of the scientific symposium “Bright Future? Harbour porpoises in the Wadden Sea” the day before. The event aimed to highlight and further explore the role of this small and common whale in the Wadden Sea ecosystem and was organized by the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat and the UNESCO World Heritage Visitors Center in Wilhelmshaven. Seven recommendations to the TWSC were drafted during the workshop.

A separate paper comprising the report with the recommendations and further proposals on how to proceed on the topic was submitted (WSB 19/5.2/2).

**Proposal:**      **WSB is invited to note the information.**

## **Sustainable Fisheries**

(see item Single Integrated Management Plan)

## **Marine litter**

TG-M welcomed and agreed that the Netherlands would produce an inventory on activities on the prevention and removal of marine litter in the trilateral cooperation area for the next

meeting (TG-M 19-2, 8-9 October). The survey from the preparation of the World Heritage and Marine Litter workshop would be taken into account.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.**

### **Light Emissions**

TG-M agreed that it would be useful to have an overview on current and envisaged activities on the prevention of light emissions in the trilateral cooperation area, but participants decided that this was not in the remit of TG-M. Therefore, it was considered to encourage the WSF to consider initiating a trilateral project on light emissions.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to note the current state of affairs.**

### **Energy**

The meeting decided that there was no urgency for activities of TG-M in this year but considered to take up the issue of evaluation and mitigation of environmental impacts caused by high voltage power cable connections from offshore windfarms to the coast in 2020.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.**

### **Ports and shipping**

In order to proceed with the agenda item after Governmental Conference in May 2018, TG-M suggested the following options:

- a) conduct an analysis of the recommendations from the MARAD group in 2017;
- b) learn and follow up from the MS Zoe incident and
- c) make use of the PSSA designation as a major framework for future action.

TG-M **agreed** that the Netherlands would take the lead in drafting a discussion paper for the WSB, which would also propose on how to include the reports from recent shipping incidents (e.g. MS Zoe) once available and to continue the dialogue with the sector (WSB 29/5.5/1).

The combined information could be submitted to the Wadden Sea Team and WSF for consideration in order to be able to prepare a common document for the subsequent WSB.

Furthermore, TG-M raised concern about the current and future role of the of the DENERNETH/MARAD group and revitalize and stimulate the commitment of the group regarding shipping issues in the Wadden Sea area.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to endorse the approach.**

### **Trilateral Research Agenda**

TG-M was informed on the dialogue process with potential partners of the future Partnership Hub. A discussion between OPteamPH and members of the scientific community was held on the 03 April 2019 in Hamburg, see progress Report of OPteamPH to WSB 29 (WSB 29/5.11/1). TG-M took note of the information and would continue to follow the process and to support when necessary.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.**

### **N2000 Roof Report**

Aarhus DCE would still consider the development of the N2000 Roof Report pre-analysis and, if appropriate, the final report. CWSS and the chairperson of TG-M, Mr Jørgensen, would discuss the issue with a representative of Aarhus DCE, Mr Jesper Fredshavn, within the scope of TG-MA 19-1 on 6-7 June 2019 in Tönning, Germany.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.**

### **Single Integrated Management Plan (SIMP)**

Ms Soledad Luna (CWSS) informed TG-M on the status of the SIMP development. It was agreed that it would be substantial to select relevant site managers early in the process. One part of this would be to organize a workshop regarding the selection of key issues for the SIMP in autumn this year.

Furthermore, TG-M noted the importance to further address the OUV attributes, as well as the relevant SDGs.

Based on the WSB decision to integrate sustainable fisheries as a separate chapter in the SIMP, TG-M agreed that it would be necessary to assemble and update existing information on the topic and to set realistic targets to initiate the discussion on the future format of the product and to explore options to adjust it to the needs of the SIMP.

**Proposal: WSB is invited to endorse the approach.**

## ANNEX 1: Draft TG-M Workplan 2019

Leeuwarden Declaration	Products 2019	TG-M role	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
<b>WSB / TG-M</b> scheduled			<b>23/24</b>		<b>19</b>				<b>8/9</b>	<b>21</b>	
3. Single integrated management plan (SIMP)	Selection key priority issues	Support and contribute									
	Selection of site managers	Support and contribute									
5. Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI)	Integral Flyway Assessment Report 2017	Observe <sup>1</sup>		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 <sup>2</sup>									
	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							

<sup>1</sup> Observe: Processes are followed, and advice will be provided where necessary or requested

<sup>2</sup> Oversee: Processes and products are followed and aligned to trilateral policy and coordinated where necessary

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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) <sup>3</sup>	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)	Support									
[31. Sustainable modes of transport - Shipping]	WSF Report	Observe									

<sup>3</sup> Item transferred to TG-MA during WSB 28

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[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									