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Attached is a summarizing note on the first meeting of the newly installed Task Group Monitoring and Assessment (TG-MA). TG-MA 19-1 was held on 6-7 June 2019 in Tönning, Germany. Furthermore, included is a short introductory note by chairperson, Mr Adi Kellermann, who apologized for not attending WSB 29 due to other obligations.

Proposal: **The WSB is invited to note the information and to provide advise where necessary.**

Summary of the kick-off meeting of the Task Group Monitoring and Assessment, 6/7 June 2019 (prepared by the Chair)

- TG-MA reviewed the ToRs and discussed, elaborated and agreed on work packages that were derived from these; the group recognized that monitoring programme, data handling and assessment work and QSR are strongly interrelated and go hand in hand which will be essential when revising, revitalizing and adapting the TMAP;
- TG-MA decided to prepare before 15 September 2019 an inventory and overview of the monitoring programmes which contribute to the TMAP in the three countries and regions, respectively;
- TG-MA decided to hold a 2-day expert workshop in spring 2020 to map and evaluate the current TMAP against new challenges (to start with climate change and micro plastics) and the requested alignments to other relevant monitoring obligations (e.g., MSFD) as a prerequisite to further expand and/or modify the programme; this will also cover input from other TWSC groups, e.g., alien species;
- TG-MA reviewed and adopted the ToRs proposed in the self-evaluation report of TG-Data; the group concluded that there will be an important role for EG-Data to help TG-MA fulfil its role and mission;
- TG-MA decided to make arrangements for a 2 or 3-day back-to-back workshop in autumn 2019 with EG-Data to review and evaluate the TMAP data sources and data handling procedures with the aim to identify problematic issues and prepare a roadmap for solving these; for that purpose EG-Data will be asked to prepare an inventory of data sources beforehand;
- TG-MA discussed the current procedures for producing the QSR and its synthesis; the group envisaged a future QSR to be a living, web-based document the chapters of which can be updated regularly on the basis of regular data availability; depending on the availability of scientists, assessments will be provided for each chapter; alternatively graphical data summaries will be presented with the necessary documentation;
- A holistic assessment and synthetic view will be based on the available updates and new science, and presented at the governmental conferences; the discussion on the QSR, and in particular on the expanded audience of stakeholders and other users will be continued;
- TG-MA concluded with stating that the kick-off meeting had generated a good spirit of cooperation and that this was essential and promising in order to successfully tackling and solving the current issues.

Introductory note by the chairperson TG-MA, Mr Adi Kellermann

My name is Adi Kellermann and I am the Chair of TG-MA appointed for the period 2019-22. I would call myself a biological oceanographer and science manager by education and career. I have worked as scientist in German and US Antarctic research for 11 years (AWI Bremerhaven and UH at Manoa, Honolulu HI), worked as coordinator and senior scientist at the Federal Environmental Agency in Berlin and the National Park Authority in Tönning for 12 years , and concluded my career as Head of (Science) Programme (P5) in the secretariat of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) in Copenhagen 2004-16. I shared the great experience to develop and install the TMAP with my colleagues from DK and NL back in 1992-95. I look forward to working with the TG-MA and WSB to help reinstall a successful and efficient TMAP for the years to come!