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Attached a draft TWSC Workplan 2019-2022 (WP) based on discussions in CWSS and the TWSC Review (Core) Group and supplemented by products/deliverables that were extracted from the draft workplan that CWSS developed in the fall of last year.

This first draft WP to WSB is envisaged to be processed further before WSB 29 in June by inviting the corresponding trilateral groups to contribute, with the aim of creating a potentially more comprehensive WP. However, an applicable product would need a precisely formulated level of detail of the contributions. The focus lies on 1) activities/tasks which are derived from the Leeuwarden Declaration or 2) are additional activities/products on top of the basic tasks of the TWSC/CWSS.

TWSC Review Core Group considers the 2019-2022 Workplan as a rolling document that will be updated for each coming year in connection with the Supplementary Budget (SB) exercises. In that context, CWSS will deliver an annual plan, which will reflect the deliverables outlined in the 2019-2022 WP for the given year. Based on this, Parties will establish their priorities list in line with the format developed by the Core Group (WSB 28/7.1/4), whereupon CWSS will adapt its annual WP, the SB and the 2019-2022 WP accordingly. This can entail shifting activities envisioned for a given year to a later year. This procedure will ensure consistency and clarity in planning and documentation while also limiting administrative effort.

**Proposal:** The WSB is requested to provide guidance on the approach and the level of detail needed in order to elaborate a product that serves the intentions mentioned above.

Explanatory Note for the table be below:

The colours are indicating the current status of the particular resources (staff/funding) available to fulfil the tasks:

Green: Resources agreed and available

Yellow: Resources partly agreed or envisaged

Red: Resources not yet resolved

Draft TWSC Workplan 2019-22 elaborated during the review process

| L**euwarden Declaration** | **Activities / Deliverables**  **2019** | **Activities / Deliverables**  **2020** | **Activities / Deliverables**  **2021** | **Activities / Deliverables**  **2022** | **TGC**  **relevance** |
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| 1. Develop trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage partnership schemes | Transnational analysis of existing partnership programmes |  |  |  |  |
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| Establish, adapt or extend existing  partnership programmes |  |  |  |  |
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| Develop Framework of a transnational partnership scheme |  |  |  |  |
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| 2. Further develop the Partnership Hub as a part of the future Partnership Centre together with the envisaged partner organisations and in partner networks across the Wadden Sea Region (…) and conduct a pilot phase to be concluded by an evaluation in 2019 | Conclusion of at least two Partnership Agreement | Development of the Partnership Hub | Mid-term Evaluation | At least five long-term Partnership Agreements in place | X |
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| Finalization of evaluation of pilot phase |  |  |  |
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| 3. Develop a single integrated management plan for the entire transboundary World Heritage property | Selection key priority issues | Development draft SIMP | Draft SIMP: consultation phase and pilot implementation | Adoption Final SIMP and submission to UNESCO | X |
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| 4. Oversee the implementation of the Sustainable Tourism Strategy, including by updating and implementing the related action plan | STS Action Plan | Joint WH Marketing approach | Brochure on added values of sustainable tourism | Final Action Plan |  |
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| Analysis of market trends |  |  |  |  |
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| Concept transnational visitor survey | Transnational visitor survey |  |  |  |
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| 5. Continue and further consolidate the work on the Flyway Vision in the framework of the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative with the relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations and extend the cooperation in the context of the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative, especially with regard to the Arctic, continue monitoring along the entire flyway, continue specific capacity building and increase the activation of partners | Integral Flyway Assessment Report 2017 |  |  |  |  |
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| Arctic Cooperation | Arctic Cooperation | Arctic Cooperation | Arctic Cooperation |  |
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| Monitoring key-sites along Flyway | Monitoring key-sites along Flyway | Total count Monitoring (30 states) | Integral Flyway assessment report |  |
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| Capacity Building Project | Capacity Building Project | Capacity Building Project | Capacity Building Project |  |
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|  |  |  | Monitoring of key-sites |  |
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| 6. Enhance the awareness of the young generation of the Wadden Sea Region as a shared heritage through the development of appropriate educational activities and material |  |  | Youth Conference |  | X |
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| 7. Support the work of the International Wadden Sea School and the related network of people and visitor centres active in environmental education, taking into account the results of the recent evaluation process | IWSS | IWSS | IWSS | IWSS |  |
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| Trilateral Education Work Programme |  |  |  |  |
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| 9. Efficiently implement the Wadden Sea World Heritage Strategy (2014 - 2020) in close cooperation with relevant partners | Roadmap | Update of WH Strategy |  | Update SoC Report |  |
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| 10. Continue cooperation with the UNESCO World Heritage Marine and Sustainable Tourism Programmes within a framework of defined targets | Marine litter report |  |  |  |  |
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| Pilot project for a Visitor Management Assessment Tool | Pilot project for a Visitor Management Assessment Tool |  |  |  |
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| 11. Review the Trilateral Communications Strategy and to prepare a communications programme for the period from 2018 – 2022 | Review + Programme | Review + Programme |  |  |  |
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| Social media Strategy |  |  |  |  |
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| New WH website (Creation and Launch) |  |  |  |  |
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| 10 years WH anniversary activities (i.a. bicycle tour and event in WHV) |  |  |  |  |
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| 12. Oversee the further implementation of the **Action Plan for Breeding Birds** and support an exchange of experiences of national and regional activities, including a potential further development, and undertake an evaluation in time for the next Trilateral Governmental Conference |  |  | Evaluation and update of BB Action Plan | Adoption of update of BB Action Plan | X |
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| Guidelines on predation management (EG-MB/BB) | Management guidelines on habitat restauration | Breeding bird monitoring guidelines (update) |  |  |
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| Breeding bird trend report |  | Breeding bird trend report |  |  |
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| Work programme  2019-22 |  | Workshop on protection of habitats and zoning rules; management guidelines |  |  |
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| Joint workshop EG BB and EG SMD on natural habitat restoration |  |  |  |  |
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| 13. Further develop and contribute to implementing the **SWIMWAY** Vision as an integrated approach to achieving the Trilateral Fish Targets by investigating, monitoring, managing and communicating topics concerning the ecology of fish of the Wadden Sea Area | Fish Conference | First projects |  |  |  |
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| ToR and work programme for EG Fish | Installation EG Fish |  |  |  |
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| 14. Work intensively on **cooperation at the operational management level** and secure adequate wardening and management across the whole Wadden Sea Area | Management Workshop |  | Management Workshop |  |  |
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| Wardening Workshop |  | Wardening Workshop |  |  |
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| 15. Reaffirm the rules on taking and releasing of seals in accordance with Article IV of the Agreement on the Conservation of Seals in the Wadden Sea and adopt the updated **Seal Management Plan** 2018-2022, which also takes into account the management of grey seals |  |  | SMP evaluation and update | Adoption of updated SMP | X |
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| 16. duly take account of the fact that **harbour porpoises** are present in the Wadden Sea | Harbour porpoise Workshop |  |  |  |  |
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| 17. Undertake further steps towards a **Trilateral Management and Action Plan Alien Species** (MAPAS), which should include relevant steps for public awareness and cooperation on early warning and measures, integrating a related monitoring programme, based on the national data underpinning the Trilateral Assessment and Monitoring Programme, including the installation of the network platform at the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat | Adoption Final MAPAS | Platform Alien Species |  |  |  |
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| ToR and Workplan for EG Alien Species | Installation of EG AS |  |  |  |
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| Further development Communication  Plan | Adoption of Communication Plan |  |  |  |
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| 18. Oversee the further implementation of the Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme Strategy | TMAP review and  workplan 2019-2022 | TMAP Review | TMAP Strategy Proposal & Handbook | Adoption of updated TMAP Strategy | X |
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| Work programme 2019-2022 |  |  |  |  |
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| Workshop on TMAP-relevant issues (update of parameters) | Workshop on TMAP-relevant issues | Workshop on TMAP-relevant issues | Workshop on TMAP-relevant issues |  |
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| 19. Increase the value of the Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme to users and to a wider range of stakeholders, including the TGs, WGs, EGs:  availability of data and presentation of information resulting from those data | Workshop on trilateral data strategy | Trilateral data strategy | Proposal for presentation and access options of TMAP products (also with regard to QSR) | TMAP user interface | X |
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| 20. Produce updates of the online Wadden Sea Quality Status Report and deliver a comprehensive **synthesis report** in time for the next Trilateral Governmental Conference | QSR Synthesis (2018) |  | QSR Synthesis (2021) |  | X |
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| QSR Thematic Reports updates | QSR Thematic Reports updates |  |  |  |
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| 21. Further develop steps for the **sustainability of fisheries** in the Wadden Sea Area on the trilateral level, in close cooperation with responsible authorities and relevant stakeholders and initiatives (e.g. certification procedures), within the Framework for Sustainable Fisheries, taking into account both the importance of the ecosystem service of providing regional sea food in this respect and the integrity of the World Heritage Site |  |  |  | SIMP chapter on sustainable fisheries |  |
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| 22. Substantially reduce the amount of marine litter in the Wadden Sea by the year 2030 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 23. Make use of all relevant existing monitoring and action programmes, as well as existing action plans, to gain and exchange adequate additional knowledge on sources and impacts of marine litter on the Wadden Sea ecosystem and stimulate and support appropriate measures |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 24. Stimulate initiatives to reduce light emissions, such as measures to avoid unnecessary lighting, the exchange of best practices, technological innovations or monitoring, whilst CWSS:ensuring safety standards prescribed by pertinent legislation |  | Consideration within PHub development (to be checked) |  |  |  |
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| 25. Support the global and national efforts to mitigate climate change at the regional level |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 26. Develop and support promising initiatives for climate change mitigation taken at the local and regional levels by authorities, organisations, companies and inhabitants, inter alia by exchanging information and best practices, linking various initiatives and stimulating pilot projects, including the CO2 reduction ambition of the Wadden Sea Region |  | Consideration within PHub Development (to be checked) |  |  |  |
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| 27. Continue implementing the Trilateral Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and update the priorities contained therein where needed | Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI) |  |  |  |  |
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| 28. Determine together with scientific partners which investigations are needed to better understand the impacts of climate change on the Wadden Sea ecosystem, for example on primary production and alien species, and to be prepared to enhance the level of adequate management to safeguard the Outstanding Universal Value of the Wadden Sea | Updated list of actions (CCAS) |  |  |  |  |
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| 29. Review and monitor the impacts of renewable energy production and energy transportation on the Wadden Sea ecosystem and consider measures to avoid or mitigate possible negative impacts by looking for best environmental practices also with the aim of developing, for example, related common principles to evaluate the impact of high-voltage power cables in the Wadden Sea Area in close consultation with the responsible bodies and stakeholders |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 31. Consider the different approaches of the three countries in order to identify the most sustainable modes of transport for ensuring nature-friendly site-specific connections to the islands in the future |  | Consideration within PHub Development (to be checked) |  |  |  |
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| 36. continue to strengthen its cooperation with the scientific community by installing a trilateral **programming committee** in order to establish a joint programme on research issues relevant to the Wadden Sea World Heritage, taking into account the **Trilateral Research Agenda** and encourage the scientific community to develop a trilateral research platform and to promote pilot studies on nature restoration | Installation of TRA Programme Committee |  |  | Science & Research projects reflecting the four thematic lines of the TRA |  |
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| 42. Review, in time for the next Trilateral Governmental conference, the progress made on the items described in the Declaration |  |  | Policy Assessment Report (PAR) |  | X |
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| 43. Hold the next Trilateral Governmental Conference on the Protection of the Wadden Sea and the 14th Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Council meeting in 2022 |  |  | Establish MCD Drafting Group | Trilateral Governmental Conference (TGC) | X |
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|  |  | Draft MCD for national consultation |  |  |
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| 44. Hold the 15th International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium in Germany prior to the 14th Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Council |  | Preparation of International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium (ISWSS) | International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium (ISWSS) |  | X |
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| XX. Wadden Sea Day | WSD (CWSS) | WSD (LS) | WSD (CWSS) | WSD (LS) |  |
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