

ADOPTED SUMMARY RECORD

37th Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 37)

26 August

Wilhelmshaven, Germany

UNESCO World Heritage Wadden Sea Visitor Centre,
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1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was opened by the chair, Karin Lochte, at 9 am on 26 August 2022 and she welcomed the participants.

The chair thanked BMUV for hosting the dinner on the day before, which was also the farewell to Klaus Janke.

The chair passed on the apologies from Ilka Wagner who was replaced by Thomas Borchers and from Marco Brodde.

For the Dutch delegation, Nanou Beekman excused Kees Visser (Elderman of the municipality of Den Helder) who had to cancel his participation on short notice and introduced Leo Pieter Stoel (Mayor of the island of Ameland) to the Board. Leo Pieter Stoel will be the new member in the Dutch delegation representing the municipalities replacing Theo Meskers who has left after the elections earlier this year. Ms Beekman also excused Johan Hamster for this meeting. The Dutch Delegation is currently in a transition phase.

The chair also welcomed the guest speakers:

- Mr Joris Brouwers, Ministry of Infrastructure and Watermanagement, the Netherlands
- Ms Anja Szczesinski, WWF, Germany
- Ms Marieke Verweij and Mr Kees van Es, WING Process Consultancy (afternoon, only)
- Mr Sjon de Haan, Management Authority, the Netherlands

Finally she welcomed Sarah Fuhrmann, CWSS intern, based at the Schleswig Holstein National Park in Tönning who assists in the Youth Conference programme and would join in the afternoon.

A list of participants is in Annex 1.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Document: WSB 37/2 Draft Annotated Agenda

The agenda prioritised the list of the 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 36

Document: WSB 37/3 WSB 36 Draft Summary Record

Comments on the first draft have been received and taken-up. The Final Draft was sent around by e-mail on 28th of June. No further comments were received.

The WSB **adopted** the summary record of WSB 36.

4. Announcements

Denmark

- Anne-Marie Vægter Rasmussen informed that in June the Danish government made an agreement aiming at a fourfold increase of wind & solar energy on land in Denmark and increase fivefold wind energy on the sea. It is expected that these measures will have a great impact.
- The Danish government is in the process of allocating test sites for a new type of extra high windmills. Two out of the three potential test sites are close to the Wadden Sea area: Ribe and in the Tønder Municipality. If these are selected, the World Heritage Committee will be informed.
- The Danish Minister of Defence reached an agreement with Esbjerg municipality and Esbjerg harbour that the harbour, due to its NATO status, will need to have its shipping lane deepened/widened.
- Parliamentary elections in Denmark are likely to take place in Autumn
- Janne Liburd reported about a series of Youth Comedy shows that took place in August and were well received by the public.
- Ms Liburd also informed that the National Park (together with other organisations) submitted an INTERREG project application within the INTERREG VI A Programme Germany – Denmark programme. The Project's name is VaBene and the main topic is visitor activation to benefit nature and environment.

Germany

- Vera Knoke informed about the elections in Schleswig-Holstein earlier this year which led to a black – green coalition and restructuring of the ministry: Agriculture and fishery are separated from environment and are now under the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Areas, European Affairs and Consumer Protection. Protected areas, coastal and ocean protection are now with the Ministry for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature.
- Ms Knoke informed that also the SH National Park is partner of the VaBene INTERREGVI A project.
- Referring to the announcement of DK on new test sites for large windmills close to the Wadden Sea she recalled the requests of the UNESCO WHC concerning windfarm projects in the vicinity of the World Heritage Site in recent years
- Volker Brengelmann informed that elections in Lower Saxony will take place on October 9.
- He informed the meeting that in 2023 on the occasion of the 15th Migratory Bird Days in the Lower Saxon National Park, Denmark and the Netherlands have been chosen as partner countries. Annually, more than 200 events on the topic of migratory birds are organized along the coast of Lower Saxony during the second week of October and a Partner Country is chosen to showcase the connections along the flyway. He cordially invited everyone to participate in the events, this and next year. For further information, see <https://www.zugvogeltage.de/14th-migratory-bird-days-wadden-sea-national-park-lower-saxony-866432>
- Mr Brengelmann informed the meeting on an amendment of the National Park Act regarding the ban on Gas and Oil drilling in the NP. The amendment procedure is expected to pass parliament in September and to enter into force in October this year.

- Janne Lieven reported on a critical discussion on sediment management. The Hamburg Port Authority is preparing a new request to dump substrate in the lower Elbe close to the German National Parks and the World Heritage site. Hamburg Port Authority expects hardly any effects on the World Heritage site, but the issue of pollution will be critically followed.

Netherlands

- Nanou Beekman informed about achievements realised with the mussel seed fisheries: In order to create an opportunity for nature recovery in the Wadden Sea it is important to close areas to this activity. Since 2008 Nature organizations, the fishery sector and the authorities are working on these agreements. Due to the latest agreement an additional 15 % of mussel seed fisheries areas will be closed from the 1st of the July onwards to ensure an undisturbed development of this area and a benefit for the ecosystem. In total it adds up to a 50% increase of closed areas. As reported in a former meeting it was hard to find a legal base to close down areas for shrimp fisheries. However, in a recent agreement 2 sites were closed for shrimp fisheries. Also 10 permits were bought out.
- Within the framework of the *Waddenmars initiative*, 30 young people walked a full weekend through the Dutch Wadden Sea and summarized their findings in a manifesto passed to the minister of nature and nitrogen. It will now be investigated how the youth can be better embedded in the decision making in the Netherlands related to Wadden Sea policy.
- Gas Drilling: the definitive decision on the gas drilling at Ternaard is expected in the near future. Translated documents (including a fully translated Environmental Impact Assessment) was send to UNESCO and forwarded to IUCN.
- Joost de Ruig reported about the short and long-term developments of the fairway Holwerd-Ameland.
In the short-term, the recent fairway moving to the East requires more and more dredging. The ministry of Infrastructure and Watermanagement is looking for possibilities to adapt to a new fairway further east which will require 30% less dredging activities. In the long-term, the aim is to find new fairway possibilities and more sustainable shipping practices.
- Secondly, he informed about a floating LNG terminal (like in Wilhelmshaven) in the Groningen Seaport, Delfzijl. The terminal will be finished on 08 September and expected to open on 15 September. At the opening representatives from the German and Dutch Ministry will be invited. The agreement will be signed this week.

Wadden Sea Team

- Hans-Ulrich Rösner expressed that the WST continues to be concerned about the increasing number of requests from UNESCO and IUCN and the possible consequences that this can have on the World Heritage designation. In response to his request, just before summer, to arrange for an additional meeting on this topic of the WSB, the WST representatives joined a meeting with the TG-WH on this topic.
- He also informed that the Waddenvereniging with the support of other NGOs wrote a letter to the Dutch and German ambassadors regarding cable connection to highlight the risk that better ecological alternatives are not taken into account because of border issues. There was a reply from the ambassadors stating that the issue will be considered.

- Henk de Vries reported that the bird flu is of major concern and that developments will be monitored. The secretary of the CWSS informed the meeting that the CWSS will organise a workshop on the bird-flu issue in October later this year.
- He also reported on a massive mortality event of cockles, most probably due to the heating up of the water in the last weeks.

Wadden Sea Forum

- The WSF will celebrate the 20th years anniversary on 28 Sep 2022 at the UNESCO Wadden Sea World Heritage Visitor Centre in Wilhelmshaven. All WSB members are invited to the celebration and the Heads of Delegations are invited to address the participants with celebratory speeches either in presence or online. Invitation will be sent out next week.

CWSS

Document: WSB 37/4/2 Announcements by CWSS

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 37 /5.1/1 TG-WH Progress report](#)

The WSB **noted** the progress report.

5.1.2 Progress report of the Single Integrated Management Plan

Documents: [WSB 37 /5.1/2 SIMP Progress report](#)
[WSB 37/5.1/4 IUCN recommendation on SIMP](#)

Barbara Engels, chair of TG-WH, presented the main aspects of the consultation phase as well as the few pending aspects. She proposed to address these in the TG-WH together with the CWSS and to integrate the input received from the World Heritage Centre/IUCN which was received very late. Ms Engels explained that TG-WH will further discuss on the best way to implement the SIMP and try to present to WSB 38 a first draft of an operationalisation matrix and a roadmap for further guidance.

Thomas Borchers thanked Ms. Engels and TG-WH and expressed full support from the German Delegation to the current version of the SIMP, stressing the importance of the consultation process. He stated to be confident that the pending issues will be solved as proposed until the next WSB meeting.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner informed that the Wadden Sea Team (WST) was part of the consultation and several environmental NGOs contributed to the WST-comments. While the impression about the SIMP was overall

positive, there is also some disappointment that some important contributions had not been taken up. He emphasised that the aspect of overtourism should be taken up in the SIMP operationalisation.

Anne-Marie Rasmussen asked to improve the clarity on how the SIMP is related to the Ministerial Declaration. Janne Liburd emphasised the importance of alignment between the two documents since the SIMP can be used to implement the Ministerial Declaration. Mr Borchers added that the SIMP is planned to have a review cycle of 10-12 years with progress reports in time for each Trilateral Governmental Conference to give the opportunity to adapt and add implementation aspects in the Ministerial Declarations. Ms Engels contributed to the clarification by adding that the SIMP is a request to comply with the World Heritage committee Decision 38COM 8B.13.

Vera Knoke suggested to decide in the next WSB 38 if the SIMP should be a separate document or included as an Annex of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration based on a short paper by CWSS depicting pros and cons and the procedure of former documents, e.g. the WSP.

Nanou Beekman emphasised the importance of the implementation of the SIMP and therefore operationalisation and prioritisation are key.

The chair concluded that TG-WH and CWSS should propose how to come forward with a SIMP implementation strategy as a living document and adopt a step-by-step approach for the SIMP topics. For a prioritisation, she suggested energy as a current important topic that demands urgent tackling. Ms Knoke agreed that this could be a priority topic, considering the requests from WHC/IUCN and the concerns of the environmental NGOs.

The WSB **endorsed** the draft SIMP version 0.9 with the pending aspects to be fully harmonised with the Wilhelmshaven Declaration and the IUCN/WHC comments. The WSB **requested** to TG-WH and CWSS to propose a draft SIMP implementation strategy as a living document for the next WSB 38, including a note on pros and cons of having the SIMP as a separate document or annexed to the Wilhelmshaven Declaration.

5.1.3 Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative Strategic Framework 2022-2029

[Documents: WSB 37 /5.1/3 WSFI Strategic Framework 2022-2029](#)

Anne Marie Rasmussen reiterated the importance of the Flyway Initiative. The meeting thanked the WSFI cooperation and especially CWSS/Kristine Meise for the coordinating effort.

Bernard Baerends communicated that the latest Flyway assessment report was launched before summer and there was an overwhelming attention by the media, particularly in Germany.

The WSB **acknowledged** the WSFI Strategic Framework.

Oral update on the Foundation:

Thomas Borchers informed the meeting that there is no substantial progress to be reported at the moment. Intensive discussions with the Danish partners are ongoing and hopefully, progress can be announced at the next meeting.

The WSB **noted** the information.

5.2 Nature conservation and integrated ecosystem management

Document: [WSB 37/5.2 Progress report of the Task Group Management](#)

The WSB **noted** the progress report.

Trilateral monitoring and assessment programme

The chair was pleased to report orally that the finalized QSR Thematic reports are expected to be issued online around 1 September.

5.3 Communication and Education

Document: [WSB 37/5.3 IWSS Evaluation Report 2022](#)

As requested by the WSB 35, an evaluation of the International Wadden Sea School Trilateral Education Work Programme 2019-2022 was conducted. Anja Szczesinski, coordinator of the IWSS, presented the main findings of the evaluation of the International Wadden Sea School 2019 – 2022.

Janne Liburd thanked for the presentation and suggested to explore possibilities to co-finance some activities via e.g. Interreg projects and to better include the topics of digitalisation, youth education and regenerative input for cross-border activation. She also informed the meeting that the TriWadWalk initiative started in June and will be continued in September.

The chair highlighted the importance of this IWSS for the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation, the importance of networking at cross-border level and suggested to think about how to manage expectations in different countries.

Volker Brengelmann highlighted how the IWSS is a positive example of the partnership-oriented networking approach within the Partnership Hub. He stated to agree to continue the IWSS, asking attention for the question on how to spread responsibility among different persons / organisations. Nanou Beekman shared and joined the positive remarks of the colleagues including suggestions made to further adapt the IWSS to the specific needs of the youth.

Thomas Borchers underlined the importance to secure further funding to the IWSS by the TWSC, therefore a budget proposal is necessary.

The WSB **noted** the progress report, **supported** the continuation of the programme and **requested** a proposal on how go on in the short-term including a budget for the next WSB meeting.

5.4 Sustainable Tourism

Document: [WSB 37/5.4/1 Action Plan WSWH Sustainable Tourism](#)

The draft Action Plan on Sustainable Tourism, prepared by the Network Group Sustainable Tourism, was introduced by Anja Domnick (CWSS) and presented in more detail by Anja Szczesinski (WWF) and Sjon de Haan (Management Authority), as appointed members of the NG-ST Editorial Board for the action plan. For the Q&A round afterwards, Peter Saabye Simonsen (DK Nationalpark) and Catharina Grewe (SH National Park) participated online.

The Chair noted that the draft Action Plan is an important step also in relation to the SIMP as it addresses how to stimulate concrete changes not only in general but with specific actions.

Leo Pieter Stoel thanked the Network Group for all their work, stressed the importance of this topic and underlined the need for having an Action Plan. He stressed the necessity to include the local communities in the implementation. Therefore, he requested more time for the Netherlands to discuss the draft Action Plan locally to get full support of local levels.

Vera Knoke thanked the NG-ST and specially Anja Domnick for her long work, also pointing at the successes in co-funding e.g. with several INTERREG projects in the last years on implementing the Sustainable Tourism Strategy delivering i.a. economic benefits for the regions. Some more time is needed to work on the draft Action Plan to deal with some open issues.

Anne Marie Rasmussen thanked for the action plan directed to the stakeholders and she recommended that the plan can be a useful input for a Sustainable Tourism Strategy review.

Janne Liburd considered that the STS and the action plan have enabled a transformation for more local involvement and raise awareness and encouraged to keep up the good spirit.

Henk de Vries expressed that they are in favour of sustainable tourism and plead for a way or tool to measure and manage overtourism. Hans-Ulrich Rösner suggested that a concrete proposal for this could be included in the SIMP implementation plan, referring to results achieved with the Interreg B project PROWADLink (the 'Wadden Sea Tourism Radar').

The chair concluded that more work with the local stakeholders is needed, a central coordination is essential and while many companies and others want to become sustainable, this Action Plan might lead the way, which the WSB can only encourage.

The WSB adopted the Action Plan on Implementing the WSWH Sustainable Tourism Strategy as a draft and requested for an amended version to be submitted after consultations with partners and local stakeholders have been concluded for final adoption by the WSB.

Introductory presentation on the aspect of (international) shipping relative to the PSSA Wadden Sea and (existing) Associated Protective Measures, by Joris Brouwers.

Upon the invitation by Joost de Ruig, Joris Brouwers gave a presentation on shipping safety issues relevant for the Wadden Sea, with a focus on measures taken after the Zoe-incident, including cross-border cooperation. He stated that his presentation was content-oriented, so it could also be used as reference on the PSSA Wadden Sea history.

The meeting welcomed the update given and discussed several issues, e.g. on the relevance of Associated Protective Measures and/or other additional protective measures, the existing maritime cooperation across the borders, and agreed on the need for an evaluation and review of the since over 20years existing PSSA Wadden Sea.

In the further process it was also recommended to include existing relevant actors like the KIMO.

The chair thanked Joris Brouwers for his clear presentation and his willingness to further support and cooperation with the TWSC.

6. Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Hub.

Documents: [WSB 37/6/6.1 OPTeamPH Progress Report](#)
[WSB 37/6/6.2 Partnership Hub Evaluation Report](#)

Ms Marieke Verweij and Mr Kees van Es, WING Process Consultancy, presented their key findings on the evaluation of the pilot phase of the Partnership Hub. The evaluation was conducted as requested by the Leeuwarden Declaration reference para 2.

As presented by the consultants, the evaluation results confirm that the Partnership Hub concept is widely embraced and that most parties see the potential added value of the Partnership Hub with its working environment of creating a structure where governments meet stakeholders. Nevertheless the report also suggests that there is room for improvement especially regarding the communication and outreach, support from core partners and liaison persons with the OPTeamPH, as well as on the organisation of the PH. The consultants gave recommendations on how to further improve the organisation of the partnership and its way of working.

The chair mentioned that expectations should be well managed and, referring to the recommendation “be bold”, suggested to use the Hub as an incubator, acting upfront for new ideas and projects.

Mr Brengelmann asked clarification on the potential management structure which foresees a body (Advisory board) which is in the position to advice but not to decide.

Ms Knoke suggested to bring the Partnership Hub to the next phase with a mean and lean structure and asked if this would mean an extension of the pilot phase.

The consultant replied that the Hub is beyond the pilot phase, in a growing phase in which the PH first has to further prove its added value.

Bernard Baerends reminded the meeting that currently the essential function of coordination is supplied via 1,5 fte and that the related contracts are ending in December.

Ms Beekman recognised the existing dilemma and the possible lack of additional funding to further support the Partnership Hub and reminded the meeting that some of the Hub activities also benefit from a substantial support initiated by the Dutch Programme towards a Rich Waddensea (PRW). The PRW also relies on the network approach and she suggested the PH/executive secretary to discuss with PRW on potential synergies for the near future, as PRW ends at the end of this year.

The consultant reminded that during the interviews also PRW representatives clearly mentioned that for the expansion at the trilateral level of some activities initiated by PRW the PH support was fundamental (e.g. Dark Sky Initiative).

Ms Rasmussen suggested to have a further evaluation of the PH in the upcoming years.

Ms Janne Liburd asked for news on the Partnership Center building project in Wilhelmshaven.

Mr Thomas Borchers informed that the planning procedures are almost completed and that there are new positive perspectives with regard to the budgeting of the building.

The meeting tasked the OPTeamPH to submit a proposal on how to guide the next phase of the partnership to WSB 38. The document should include a proposal on the organisational structure, a tentative list of prioritized topics and activities and an estimation of related financial implications.

The WSB **noted** the progress report, acknowledged the conclusions and recommendations of the consultants and tasked the OPTeamPH to submit a proposal on how to guide the next phase of the Partnership Hub to WSB 38.

7. Trilateral Governmental Conference 2022

The Chair invited the delegations to briefly summarise the main results of their national consultations.

In the Netherlands the main feedback was received by the stakeholders advisory group OBW (Omgevings Beraad Waddenzee) and the Management Authority. Main critical point was the lack of SMART formulated goals and the need for operationalisation of all the issues listed. Ms Beekman also stipulated that it was agreed with the consulted partners that no trilateral agreement which might have an impact on the national level will be discussed beforehand.

The minister as well as the parliament will be informed in September.

In Denmark around 30 reactions were received, with a great variation in content. The draft Declaration was generally appreciated as were the enhancement of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation especially as a World Heritage site.

More specifically issues like speeding up with the CO₂-neutrality, concerns about the shipping safety, the wish for a common vision on fishery and the implementation of the energy transition as signed by the prime ministers of the Wadden Sea countries in Esbjerg recently, were addressed.

In Germany at the national consultation level a general support for the draft Declaration was received. In Schleswig-Holstein consultations took place at the ministerial level and via the National Park Advisory Boards. General appreciation was received and some recommendations were given, e.g. to include cultural aspects. Regarding the energy aspects, it was remarked that due to the current geopolitical situation this might change considerably in the upcoming period.

In Lower-Saxony the main consultation comments were received by the National Park Advisory Board, who unanimously pointed towards several key points to be addressed: CO₂ neutrality by 2030, sustainable fisheries, PSSA, estuaries, pollution by dumped ammunition, sediment dumping. Neighbouring ministries commented also on the energy transition challenge, the disputed area issue and the closed area approach. The issue of shipping, ports and sediment managed was also addressed in the Hamburg consultation round, but with the request to put this into the right perspective by considering also the positive aspects of these activities.

The WST informed the meeting that they submitted a detailed input to the draft, based on contributions by several green NGOs. . It was remarked by Hans-Ulrich Rösner that important proposals of the WST were not taken up , and that in the present version of the declaration there is not enough progress with the three key issues mentioned in the green NGO's Call for Action, i.e. the shipping issue, the energy issue and the underwater habitats.

The WSF had also submitted their input already, but Mr Preben Pris-Hauge informed the meeting that the WSF will have another look at this draft.

Ms Vera Knoke remarked that any new items in the draft Declaration will need to be consulted again with their Advisory Boards.

Finally, Ms Rasmussen announced that Denmark offers to produce a common brochure on the main points of implementation of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration they foresee to take up during the Danish presidency 2023-2026.

The chair invited Mr Thomas Borchers as chair of the Drafting Group of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration to guide the meeting quickly through all the main points to be discussed, such as the new proposals depicted in yellow in the 2nd version of the draft Wilhelmshaven Declaration and existing reservations.

All these points were discussed, and the Drafting Group on the Wilhelmshaven Declaration was tasked to continue to work on this draft taking into account the remarks made in the WSB 37, and to deliver an updated version of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration, which will be the last version before the Conference. The meeting was informed that this final draft version will be submitted to the WSB in due time to the next WSB.

The Trilateral Dark Sky Initiative, para 49, was very much welcomed and appreciated. A list of signatories should be distributed to the WSB. There was a general wish not to annex this vision to the Declaration itself. The Vision was adopted by the Netherlands. In addition, the chair proposed to send the Trilateral Dark Sky Initiative a letter to indicate the support of the WSB to this Dark Sky Vision!

The WSB acknowledged the results of the consultation rounds, welcomed and discussed the 2nd draft version of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration and tasked the Drafting Group to submit the 3rd draft version to the next WSB, taking into account the remarks of the WSB.

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

Document: [WSB 37/8/1 Joint Statement eNGO's Ports Shipping Representatives](#)

The representatives of the WST provided a short introduction to the draft Joint Statement of the eNGO's, Ports and Shipping Representatives including the envisaged consultation progress, the parties involved and who might sign up and asked for advice and opinions.

A Joint Statement is expected to be signed in a side event of the Conference, depending on the available time left until the Conference.

Joost de Ruig expressed general support. He advised to formulate the proposal of Associated Protective Measures (APM) more general e.g. "or other possible measures" since at the moment it is too early to propose APMs.

Vera Knoke suggested to also add a reference to small scale shipping and other issues such as the introduction of alien species.

Thomas Borchers expressed appreciation for the initiative which was supported within the Partnership Hub framework and informed the meeting that several initiatives around shipping and ports, such as the *Joint Statement* and the WattFossilFrei Project in Lower Saxony, are foreseen to take place during the days of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Conference. In cooperation with the partners several side events on that issue have to be coordinated, including a Conference from the Green Port initiative, which is scheduled for November, 28 parallel to TGC14.

The WST and WSF added that further detail on who will sign the Joint Statement will be provided in the future.

The chair concluded that the initiative is welcomed and appreciated and clarified that it is not the purpose to be signed by the ministers, but will be brought to their attention.

The WSB **welcomed** the initiative towards the Joint Statement by the eNGO's, Ports and Shipping Representatives.

9. Any Other Business

Document: WSB 37/7/2 Draft Conference Programme TGC 2022

The draft of a more detailed programme for the 14th Trilateral Governmental Conference was tabled at the meeting for information and was noted by the WSB 37.

Thomas Borchers pointed out that the invitations will be send out in due time.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be kindly hosted by the Danish colleagues. It will be a live meeting *on Thursday October 6th* in Tønder.

11. Closing

The chair closed the meeting at 15:30 on 26 August 2022 and thanked participants for their engagement.

ANNEX 1: List of participants

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ANNEX 2: Agenda

FINAL AGENDA

**37th meeting of the Wadden Sea Board
(WSB 37)**

26 August 2022



- 1. Opening of the Meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Record WSB 36**
- 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 37th WSB**37th meeting of the Wadden Sea Board
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Action #	Agenda item	Actions agreed upon	Person responsible	Deadline
1	5.1.2 5.1.4	Proceed on SIMP harmonisation with Wilhelmshaven Declaration and IUCN/WHC comments.	TG-WH/CWSS	Before WSB 38
		Proposal on SIMP implementation strategy.		
		Short note on pros and cons of having the SIMP annexed to the Wilhelmshaven Declaration		
2	5.3	Draft a proposal on IWSS continuation in the short term including a budget.	IWSS/CWSS	Before WSB 38
3	5.4	Prepare final draft of the Sustainable Tourism Action Plan after consultations with partners and local actors.	NG-STC/CWSS	ASAP, in time before TGC14
4	6	Proposal on next phase of the Partnership Hub	OPTeamPH	Before WSB 38
5	7.	Prepare updated 3 rd draft of the Wilhelmshaven Declaration and tasked the Drafting Group	DG-MCD	Before WSB 38
6	8	Prepare final joint statement of eNGO's, Ports and Shipping companies	Signatories	In time before TGC14