

**Wadden Sea Board**

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**Agenda Item: 5.9 International Cooperation**

**Subject: MoU Wadden Sea – Korea: Draft work plan**

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Attached is a draft work programme of the MoU for the time period 2016 – 2018 which covers five main topics as presented at the WSB 13 (January 2015).

The work will be carried out within the MoU core budget, the IWSS budget and the proposed Supplementary Budget 2016 (for specific activities not covered by the core budget).

**Proposal: The meeting is invited to endorse the draft work programme 2016-2018.**

**MoU Wadden Sea Korea - Draft work programme 2016 - 2018**

(version 23 February 2016)

The draft work programme was prepared cooperatively by the CWSS, the Korean Marine Environment Management Corporation (KOEM) and the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries (MOF) in 2015 and focused on five main topics as presented to the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 13, January 2015). The draft programme will serve a framework for the MoU activities and will be further developed as appropriate.

**1. Policy and management**

* Exchange of experience on management issues
  + marine spatial planning
  + restoration projects,
  + adaptation to climate change,
  + exchange of reports and publications,
  + participation at workshops and conferences, also internationally
* Focus 2016: Korean-Wadden Sea Workshop on the occasion of the World Wetlands Day (in Korea on 19-20 May) including on MoU event. MOF will invite CWSS, Bird expert, and IWSS.

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| **When** | **Where** | **What** | **Result** | **Target Audience** | **Impact** | **Who** |
| 19 – 20 May 2016 | Korea | Workshop on policy and management of coastal migratory bird | Workshop Report | Policy makers and site managers | Enhanced information exchange, expert network | MOF |
| 2018 | Leeuwarden | Ministerial Conference. Side event to present MoU and to launch new work plan 2019 – 2023  Leeuwarden – Europe’s Cultural Capital 2018. | MoU Work Plan | Policy and decision makers, site managers, NGOs | Enhanced awareness of MoU activities and support. | CWSS |

**2. Monitoring and Waterbird Management**

* Strengthening bird monitoring network and exchange in Korea (using experience and know-how from the Wadden Sea),
* Exchange of knowledge and know-how on ecosystem monitoring,
* Further enhance connection between science and policy,
* Focus 2016: MOF suggested a joint representation of Korean and Wadden Sea experts at the Yellow Sea workshop at the IUCN World Conservation Congress (Hawaii, 1-10 September 2016).

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| Sept.  2016 | Hawaii IUCN World Conservation Congress | Contribution by CWSS to Yellow Sea Workshop on coastal migratory birds | Workshop Report | Scientists, managers,  Flyway networks | Enhanced awareness importance of tidal flats for migratory | MOF |
| Aug  2017 | Wilhelms-haven | Annual Wadden Sea Day (depending on theme of WSD, to be decided) | Report | Managers, and scientists, | Enhanced exchange on flyway management | CWSS |
| 2017 | Denmark | 14th International Wadden Sea Symposium (Workshop on Waterbird Management.) | Proceed­ings |  |  |  |

**3. Eco-tourism, information centres and education**

* Cooperation and exchange on sustainable tourism
* Continue cooperation between info centres
* Develop partnerships between Korean and Wadden Sea info centres
* Develop joint education products,
* Focus 2016: Information exchange and study trip to Wadden Sea visitor centres. Education workshop on 20 May 2016 in Korea (on invitation by MOF).

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| 2016  June | Wadden Sea | Site visit of Getbol visitor centres to the Wadden Sea | Study report | Centre managers and staff | Practice examples Wadden Sea for Getbol centres | Visitor centres |
| 20 May  2016 | Korea | Education workshop at Getbol centre | Workshop report | IWSS members, Getbol centres managers and staff | Prepare producing Centre-School related education programme | MOF / visitor centres |
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| 2016 - 18 | MoU Network | Regular information exchange (reports, events) |  |  |  | MOF / CWSS |

**4. Science and research**

* Definition of research themes which integrates issues relevant for the MOU
* Approach scientists and institutions who are willing to cooperate on these issues (building on the existing scientific structures at both sites)
* Encourage to attending scientific workshop or symposium
* Focus 2016: Korean scientists will attend the workshop of the Dutch Wadden Academy in autumn 2016 presenting their research results.

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| 2016 | Wadden Academy Workshop | Scientific Workshop | Workshop Report | Scientists | Enhanced cooperation | MOF / Wadden Academy |
| 2017 | Denmark | 14th Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium. (theme to be determined) | Proceedings | Scientists, managers, NGOs, info centres |  | CWSS / DK |

**5. MoU Communication**

* Extend communication on MoU to a broader audience and multipliers
  + MoU leaflet and brochure
  + Information about MoU on various channels such as website, social media, and information centres
* Focus 2016: Enhanced visibility of MoU activities on websites in the Wadden Sea and Korea. Presentation of MoU at related workshops and symposia.

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| 2016-18 |  | Communicate MoU to relevant target audiences | Communication Plan | Managers, scientist, education, tourism | Enhanced awareness of MoU | MOF / CWSS |
| 2018 |  | Information brochure on MoU (activities, results, outcomes) | Flyer / brochure | Managers, scientist, education, tourism | Enhanced awareness of MoU | MOF / CWSS |