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**Expert Group Climate Change Adaptation (EG-C 15)**

7 December 2022

online

1. **Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda**

The meeting was opened by the chairperson Robert Zijlstra on 09:00 on 7 December 2022 on MS Teams. He passed apologies of Jacobus Hofstede (MEKUN), Jannes Fröhlich (WWF), and Frank Ahlhorn (WSF). Andreas Wurpts (NLWKN) joined for agenda item 5.

He welcomed Belinda Burtonshaw (Waddenvereniging) substituting Ester Kuppen, as new member. The meeting started with a tour de table.

A list of participants is at Annex 1.

The EG-C **adopted** the draft agenda of the meeting (Annex 2)

1. **Adoption of the draft summary record**

*Document: EG-C15-2-SR-EG-C14*

The chair reviewed the list of action items, of which all were completed or on today´s agenda.

EG-C **noted** the information and **adopted** the draft summary record of EG-C 14 with minor changes.

1. **Announcements**

**Denmark**

* There are changes in the Danish delegation of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation (TWSC): Martin Petersen will function as new head of the delegation. New member of the delegation is Hans Erik Cutoi-Toft from the Danish Coastal Authority (Kystdirektoratet). Janne Liburd will continue for a short period of time, until her position as chair for the Danish national park is filled and her successor will join the delegation. Christina Egsvang Føns, representing the Danish municipalities, will not continue her representation in the delegation as she will no longer work for the Municipality of Ebsjerg.
* The formation of the Danish government is on-going
* The Danish municipalities are in process of finding a substitute for their representative Christina Egsvang Føns, who has left the Municipality of Esbjerg.

**Schleswig-Holstein**

* The National Park Administration filled a new position on biodiversity – part of this will be in the field of climate change adaptation.

**Netherlands**

* Late November, the minister of water and public works sent a policy letter to the chamber on “ water and surface/bottom steering”. Aiming at turning around spatial planning in the Netherlands. Dutch history is to make our water and soil system as good as possible to service agriculture and human interest. This policy letter addresses the need to turn things and put the interest of a healthy robust water an soil system first. The policy letter addresses 33 items to change water and bottem management , a power stretching letter which is delivered to the regional governments to implement this in their policies. Documents, in dutch, can be found here: https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/kamerstukken/2022/11/25/water-en-bodem-sturend
* Annual delta congress held early November -session held on Wadden Sea presenting perspectives how to deal with sea level rise. Link: https://www.deltaprogramma.nl/nationaaldeltacongres/2022/parallelsessies/parallelsessie-zeespiegelstijging-en-het-waddengebied. Link includes a video, including our Eg-c chair saying some things on the importance on trilateral cooperation.

**CWSS**

* The 14 Trilateral Governmental Conference was held from 28 November – 1 December 2022 (see agenda item 5). The Ministerial Declaration will be signed as soon as the Danish parliament is settled. Next Wadden Sea Board (WSB) meeting is expected early 2023. Structure of the groups. good we are proactive – climate is and will remain big topic.

The group **noted** the information.

1. **Presentations – current projects/proposals**

Saa Kabuta held a presentation on Climate change and Alien species (Annex 4).

The group **noted** the information

1. **Ministerial conference and declaration**

The chair reported on contributions of EG-C at the 14th Trilateral Governmental Conference on the Protection of the Wadden Sea “Together for ONE Wadden Sea World Heritage” in Wilhelmshaven from 28 November to 1 December 2022: 1) information stand with the climate change animation on screen (mute, with subtitles) and take-away material (tidal inlet flyer 2018, 1-pagers of the Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI) and MANABAS Coast 2) Support with workshop on climate vulnerability, including moderation, presentation and sneak-preview of the climate change animation 3) presentation of animation and speech at main event by the chair of the group.

CWSS added that the climate change animation video was published and appeared in the CWSS newsletter today.

Claus von Hoerschelmann informed that the animation will be shown in the exhibition in the Multimar Wattforum and also in other information centers of Schleswig-Holstein.

EG-C proudly **noted** the information and **thanked** the organisation and animation video committee (Ester Kuppen, Claus von Hoerschelmann, Robert Zijlstra and CWSS). The group **agreed** that the animation should be distributed more broadly along with a guidance text (please use the animation in your exhibition), e.g., in exhibitions throughout the Wadden Sea, as soon as the translation of subtitles to the three Wadden Sea countries has been completed. CWSS will inquire with the coordinator of the International Wadden Sea School (IWSS) Anja Szczesinski, Belinda Burtonshaw will inquire with colleagues of the Waddenvereniging, Klaus Bertram Fries will inform the Danish National Park.

CWSS informed that the draft Ministerial Declaration may undergo final discussions early 2023 and will then be signed by the Ministers as soon as the Danish parliament is set up. At the Conference, a joint statement by Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands was adopted as common position in the Trilateral Governmental Council: <https://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/node/1909>

Climate change will certainly remain a core topic throughout the Danish presidency.

The next Wadden Sea Board will be held as early as possible in 2023 (possibly March) and it is planned to discuss also Task- and Expert Groups. A proactive approach (see activities/work plan in agenda item 6) is certainly useful for EG-C.

The group **noted** the information

1. **Activities 2022-2023 and Work plan 2022 – 2026, including MANABAS Coast**

Document: EG-C15-5 Work plan and ToR

The group discussed the amended work plan.

CWSS informed that the Interreg project MAinstreaming NAture BAsed Solutions through COASTal systems (MANABAS COAST) was granted. The chair informed that a Dutch salt marsh case is planned for MANABAS COAST, combining coastal- with nature protection and also considering carbon storage. CWSS reported on interests of the trilateral Expert Group Salt Marshes and Dunes in a small-scale common meeting of representatives involved of both interest groups (conservation and coastal protection). This is based on the notion that in the Netherlands, many seawalls have to be reinforced, leading to a potential conflict between conservation values and other interests.

The chair suggested taking up trilateral experiences with nature restoration projects. Aline Kühl-Stenzel (NABU, Germany) is interested in projects and solutions. This topic would fit well to knowledge exchange on the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (knowledge exchange, local solutions). This may result in climate change adaptation handling perspectives, how to make the Wadden Sea more resilient. CWSS added the proposal by the European Commission on a Nature restoration law: <https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/nature-and-biodiversity/nature-restoration-law_en>

The group **thanked** Jacobus Hofstede for the adapted draft work plan. The group **agreed** on the general work plan – as living document with possible adjustments to tasks and timing. The group further **agreed** to define activities 2023 more precisely at the next meeting, with a draft by CWSS (input by all) as starting point.

1. **Trilateral Monitoring Assessment Programme (TMAP)**

The group discussed how to proceed with their contribution to the Trilateral Monitoring Assessment Programme (TMAP) and a planned TMAP climate workshop. Robert Zijlstra underlined that this should be centered around system understanding and prediction.

Saa Kabuta offered combining climate with a workshop planned on alien species and TMAP in March or April 2023.

The group **agreed** CWSS to provide a one pager and to continue sending suggestions for possible participants for a TMAP workshop to CWSS. Saa Kabuta will share planning of the alien species workshop with EG-C.

Julia Busch informed the group that CWSS has received a first draft of the climate change adaptation thematic report of the Quality Status Report (QSR) by Katja Philippart as lead author and co-authors. The draft is now in review process.

The group **noted** the information.

1. **Any Other Business and next meeting**

The group discussed a role of EG-C in the Trilateral Research Agenda and planned bilateral (Dutch-German) call.

The group **agreed** to offer support in helping prioritising from viewpoint of building resilience in the WS area (CWSS to offer internally via secretary).

CWSS informed on an update of the climate change section on the trilateral website <https://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/climate-change>

The group **agreed** CWSS to provide draft to be shared in email consultation with EG-C. This draft should consider the “resilience story” – work towards resilience in the Wadden Sea.

Next meeting:

EG-C 16 with topic of work plan 22 - 24 February online (1,5 hours)

EG-C 17 physical meeting early April 24-25 noon noon or 25 26 noon noon

EG-C 18 online **6**,7,8 June 9 – 11:00

EG-C 19 September excursion Germany (Multimar & WWF St Peter Ording)

EG-C **agreed** to the meeting schedule above, for which CWSS will provide a doodle.

1. **Closing**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 12:30 on 7 December 2022.and thanked participants for a fruitful discussion and Saa Kabuta for the presentation.

**ANNEX 1: List of participants**

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| **Ms Julia A. Busch**  Common Wadden Sea Secretariat | | |  | |

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1. Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda

The meeting will be opened by the Chairperson at 09:00 on 7 December 2022.

Proposal: Adopt the draft agenda of the meeting

1. Adoption of the draft summary record

Document: EG-15/2-SR-EG-C14

Proposal: Adopt the draft Summary Record of EG-C 14.

1. Announcements

Announcements of participants. Proposal: Note the information.

1. Presentations – current projects/proposals

Presentation: Climate change and Alien species (Saa).

Proposal: Note the information

1. Ministerial conference and declaration

Look back and evaluate the conference.

Proposal: Note the information, provide feedback, consequences for our work

1. Activities 2022-2023 and Work plan 2022 – 2026, including MANABAS Coast

Document: EG-C15-5 Work plan and ToR

Discuss work plan and ToR of EG-C, including Interreg MANABAS Coast project

Proposal: Agree on work plan

1. Trilateral Monitoring Assessment Programme (TMAP)

Workshop preparation.

Proposal: Recommend participants and agree on workshop concept.

1. Any Other Business and next meeting

Any other business

Next meeting.

1. Closing

The meeting will be closed no later than 13:00 on 7 December 2022.

**ANNEX 3: Action items arising from EG-C 14**

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| **Action #** | **Agenda item** | **Actions agreed upon** | **Person responsible** | **Deadline** |
| 1 | 5 | Plan distribution of climate animation | all |  |
| 2 | 6 | Draft / define activities 2023 | CWSS/All | Before next meeting |
| 3 | 7 | TMAP climate one pager/inform on possible participants | CWSS/DK | Next meeting |
| 4 | 8 | Offer support in helping prioritising from viewpoint of building resilience | CWSS |  |
| PREVIOUS MEETINGS | | | | |
| 14 | 2 | CVI II workshop report – list of institutions, not names of participants. Recommendations to the WSB are pending. | CWSS | Next meeting |
| 14 | 3 | Information on water as leverage | chair and CWSS | Next meeting |
| 11 |  | Circulate TMAP list | Robert | ASAP |
|  | EG-C7/5 | Summarise CVI main conclusion and turn those to recommendations for the next trilateral working period/review the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (CCAS) and to communicate results | all | Next WSB meeting |

**ANNEX 4: Presentation Saa**

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