MEETING DOCUMENT

**Task Group Management (TG-M 21-4)**

14 October 2021

Online meeting

**Agenda Item: 2. Summary record**

**Subject: Draft summary record TG-M 21-3**

**Document No.:** TG-M 21-4/2

**Date:** 10 October 2021

**Submitted by: CWSS**

This document contains the summary record of TG-M 21-3 held on 25 May 2021.

**Proposal:** The group is invited to adopt the document.

DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD v1.0

Meeting of the

**Task Group Management (TG-M 21-3)**

25 May 2021

Online meeting

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

The meeting was opened by the chair, Henrik Jørgensen at 14:30 on 25 May 2021. He passed apologies from Floris van Bentum and Klaus Janke and. A list of attendees is at Annex 1.

Henrik Jørgensen announced Anne Husum Marboe as guest for a presentation on the Danish Learning Universe “Mit Vadehav” under agenda item 4.

TG-M **adopted** the agenda of the meeting (Annex 2) and **noted** that document *TG-M21-3-5-shipping.docx* for agenda item 5 was not provided, but that corresponding information is available under the website of the Dutch Safety Board <https://www.onderzoeksraad.nl/en/page/13223/safe-container-transport-north-of-the-wadden-islands.-lessons-learned>. Action items are at Annex 3.

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

*Document: TG-M21-3-2\_SR21-1*

TG-M **agreed** to omit the second sentence of the first paragraph in agenda item 7.

TG-M **adopted** the draft summary record of TG-M21-2 with the suggested amendment.

1. **Announcements**

*Documents: TG-M21-3-3-Announcements*

**Denmark, Germany**, **Hamburg, Lower Saxony**

No announcements

**Schleswig-Holstein**

* The visitor center Multimar Wattforum has reopened to visitors, but there are strict rules:
	+ Two visit blocks are open: the visit is possible either between 10:00 and 13:00 or between 13:30 and 17:00. The building is disinfected during the lunch break.
	+ According to the current Corona Ordinance of the State of Schleswig-Holstein, a visit to the Multimar Wattforum is only possible for the following people: Tested people: with negative test evidence (no self-test); vaccinated people: with proof of complete vaccination protection; recovered people: with evidence of recovery; children under 6 years
	+ Leave contact details or register using the "Luca app"; wear a medical mouth and nose cover in the building; compliance with the generally applicable hygiene rules; at least two meters distance from people who do not belong to their own family
* The national park administration offers mudflat tours with a ranger within the framework of the Corona state ordinance. The group size is a maximum of 14 participants plus rangers.

Requirements for participation are: Collection of contact details; a negative test evidence (no self-test); wear a medical mouth and nose cover throughout the event; the provisions of the national park administration's hygiene concept apply (e.g., compliance with the generally applicable hygiene rules; at least 1.5 meters distance from other people)

**Netherlands**

* The Netherlands will start an investigation into innovative methods of crossing the Wadden Sea with energy-cables and/or pipes while limiting the nature impact as much as possible. Part of the investigation will be a comparison with German and Danish methods. An English summary of this report (approximately ready in September) may be discussed in TG-M.

**CWSS**

* The next Wadden Sea Board (WSB) meetings are scheduled as follows:

WSB 33. 27 August 2021, in Wilhelmshaven (hopefully live meeting, back-to-back with the Wadden Sea Day the day before)

WSB 34. 18 November 2021. Planned to be held in Esbjerg. Due to elections Esbjerg cannot host this meeting. Germany is looking now for alternative hosting.

WSB 35. 10 March 2022. Netherlands offered to host this meeting.

WSB 36. 26 August 2022 in Wilhelmshaven, again back-to-back with Wadden Sea Day.

WSB 37. Optional Sept 2022 (no date fixed yet, pending also on the progress made in August meeting of WSB)

WSB 38. 6 October 2022. Denmark offered to host this meeting

WSB 39. 29 /30 November 2022, Wilhelmshaven, day before Ministerial Council, Wilhelmshaven

The group **noted** the information.

1. **Implementation of the Leeuwarden Declaration**

*Document: TG-M21-3-4-1-TG-M progress report-v1.0.docx, TG-M21-3-4-1-Annex1-Work plan 2021-22.xlsx*

Anne Husum Marboe presented the Danish Learning Universe “Mit Vadehav”, which is based on school curricula and therefore directly usable for schoolteachers.

Marina Sanns reported on similar activities in Schleswig-Holstein, including a “Wanderwerkstatt” which is stationed at schools for one week and provides information on selected topics.

The group **thanked** Anne Husum Marboe for the informative presentation and **noted** the information.

The group **noted** the TG-M progress report with TG-M relevant tasks of the Leeuwarden Declaration (LD)

In particular, the group **noted** that

* Karst Jaarsma will follow the situation of Dutch representation in the Swimway group (as cc in email conversations);
* Three items in the work plan are associated with high risk. One of these concerns the wardening workshop which had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Karst Jaarsma will start a new attempt for early 2022;
* The remaining items associated with high risk relate to the working approach sustainable fisheries (see agenda item 7).

The group **agreed** on an email consultation started by Germany, to follow-up on the agreements of TG-M 21-2, where TG-M had agreed “*to proceed with recommendations on marine litter activities of the TWSC for WSB 33 in written form, starting with Germany (e.g., clustering, addition of new activities). Based on this document, TG-M will discuss the document and start drafting a first contribution on this issue for the Declaration text”.* The marine litter inventory as basis for recommendations had been submitted to the Wadden Sea Board 32 [WSB 32/5.2/5 TG-M Marine Litter inventory](https://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/system/files/WSB-32-5-2-5-tg%20m%20marine%20litter.pdf).

1. **Shipping**

Henrik Jørgensen reported that the round table shipping, which was scheduled to be held online on 30 April 2020, was postponed, due to low number of participants. Currently, next steps are being investigated by Frank Ahlhorn (Wadden Sea Forum).

Margrita Sobottka reminded on concerns of the Advisory Board of the National Park Lower Saxony as addressed to the Ministry of Environment, Energy, Construction and Climate Protection Lower Saxony, and the corresponding letter of the Ministry to Prof Dr Karin Lochte, chair of the TWSC. The Ministry of Environment, Energy, Construction and Climate Protection Lower Saxony has been informed accordingly by means of a letter by Prof. Lochte with support from CWSS. (see [WSB 31/5/2.1 TG-M progress report](https://waddensea-worldheritage.org/system/files/WSB-31-5-2-1-tg%20m%20progress%20report.pdf)).

Julia Busch listed two shipping related items under responsibility of TG-M: 1) as key topic of the single integrated management plan, and 2) agreed activities following the MSC Zoe accident. At TG-M 21-2 had agreed “*that Floris van Bentum will prepare a short statement to sustain the action taken up by the German and Dutch Governments regarding the MSC Zoe accident and to bring possible actions towards IMO. This will be discussed in the next TG-M meeting, and a note to the WSB 33 is planned. The document may also be used to inform responsible ministries in Denmark and Germany*”.

Karst Jaarsma reminded a summary on MSC Zoe developments to the Wadden Sea Board 32 in the [WSB 32/5.2/1 TG-M progress report](https://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/system/files/WSB-32-5-2-1-tg%20m%20progress%20report.pdf):

*In June 2020, The Dutch Safety Board has published an investigation report on the loss of containers from the MSC Zoe in 2019: Dutch-Safety-Board-Safe-container-transport-north-of-the-Wadden-Islands-Lessons-learned-following-the-loss-of-containers-from-MSC-ZOE. In December 2020, the respective response from the Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and Waterstate was published. The minister announced the following measures focused on risk management in regard to losing containers;*

* *The Netherlands will lobby within IMO for a broader analysis of the extent to which international rules are not in line with the increase of scale for containerships and lobby for obliging new guidelines;*
* *Since October 31st, the coastguard advises big containerships to avoid the southern route with certain weather(circumstances). Due to results of additional research, the coastal guard is also advising this for smaller containerships;*
* *Germany will give the same advice for ships sailing into western direction;*
* *The Netherlands will also focus its efforts on creating a better information position for the crew on ships. For example, in regards to using a machine measuring swing angle and trace containers.*

The group **noted** the information

1. **Working approach sustainable fisheries**

Julia Busch informed that contributions by TG-M members to the status part of product 2 outlined in the working approach on sustainable fisheries, “Document with status and recommendations for principles of the Framework for Sustainable Fisheries (Annex 3 Tønder Declaration)”, is still pending.

Karst Jaarsma suggested focusing on an agreement and guidance by the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) on the level of ambition for this complex topic. TG-M may submit three scenarios on how to continue with the fisheries topic to the Wadden Sea, including realistic possibilities for a change in nature protection to the WSB. Possible scenarios may be to leave this topic to the national policies or to treat it in the Quality Status Report.

The group **noted** the information, and that the envisaged “product 2” will provide information for the single integrated management plan (SIMP) and for drafting the next Ministerial Declaration.

The group **agreed** to continue working on this topic and noted the possibility to follow the Dutch proposal on scenarios.

Thomas Borchers will send information on changes in fisheries regulations in the plaice box.

1. **Single integrated management plan (SIMP) and Quality Status Report (QSR)**

## *Document: TG-M21-3-7SIMP-matrix-example, TG-M 21-3-7-2-QSR SK (21-05-21).docx*

## SIMP

The group **agreed** on a first list of TG-M members for the ad-hoc SIMP drafting-sub-groups (each sub-group meeting will last up to two hours).

* ad-hoc SIMP drafting-sub-group shipping: Henrik Jørgensen, Floris van Bentum, Margrita Sobottka
* ad-hoc SIMP drafting-sub-group energy: Henrik Jørgensen, Maren Bauer, Karst Jaarma, Margrita Sobottka
* ad-hoc SIMP drafting-sub-group fisheries: Henrik Jørgensen, Karst Jaarsma, Maren Bauer

TG-M further **agreed** to submit names of experts, including members of trilateral expert groups to CWSS.

The group **noted** that Henrik Jørgensen will approach the Task Group Monitoring and Assessment (TG-MA) for the opportunity to add members to the sub-groups.

## QSR

The group **welcomed** the informative paper and **noted** the information.

1. **Air traffic**

*Document: TG-M21-3-8 air traffic regulation\_inventory matrix\_20210520.docx*

Margrita Sobottka introduced the air traffic inventory matrix, which gives a comparison of regulations for flight heights for air traffic in the Wadden Sea (including drones), which shows lowered flight heights particularly in Denmark and Germany. Flight heights were recently lowered by an EU regulation. She inquired whether a trilateral approach to lift the minimum flight height would be desirable.

Angelique Nielen informed on a brochure on regulations for drones, which has been prepared by RWS. She suggested an exchange of information, including on communication of regulations, and sharing best practices.

The group **noted** the information and **agreed** that on-going activities may be initiated by German colleagues. These activities may include a desktop study on effects of flight heights on the Wadden Sea (or other) ecosystem(s) and consideration of the precautionary approach.

1. **Any Other Business**

The group **noted** the group specific access for documents in the trilateral document library <https://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/members/document-library> and expressed the wish for free access for all groups to all documents in the library.

1. **Next meeting**

The group **agreed** to have three more meetings in 2021, of which some will be held online. The next meeting will be scheduled before summer break. CWSS will prepare a doodle. If possible, meetings should end no later than 15:00, to comply with working times of all group members.

1. **Closing**

Henrik Jørgensen thanked participants for a fruitful discussion and closed the meeting at 17:20 on 25 May 2021.

**ANNEX 1: List of participants**

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

**Task Group Management (TG-M 21-3)**

25 May 2021

Online meeting

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**ANNEX 2:** **Final agenda**

FINAL AGENDA

**Task Group Management (TG-M 21-3)**

09 March 2021

Online meeting

# Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda

The meeting will be opened by the chairperson at **14:30** on **25 May 2021**. Participants will be invited to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting.

1. **Summary record**

*Documents:* *TG-M21-3-2\_SR21-2*

Proposal: Adopt the draft Summary Record of TG-M 21-2.

1. **Announcements**

*Document: TG-M21-3-3-Announcements*

To account for the shortened time for this virtual meeting, meeting participants are invited to hand in their information to the CWSS until **24 May 2021**. Individual announcements will not be repeated during the meeting, but time given for questions. Proposal: Note the information

1. **Implementation of the Leeuwarden Declaration**

*Documents:* *TG-M21-3-4-1-TG-M progress report-v1.0.docx, TG-M21-3-4-1-Annex1-Work plan 2021-22.xlsx*

Presentation “Learning universe “Mit Vadehav” including [marine litter](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w03wcoV53_g) by Anne Husum Marboe

Following up agreements of WSB 32 upon TG-M relevant tasks of the Leeuwarden Declaration (LD)

Proposal: Note the information, update the work plan as appropriate and agree on a procedure for marine litter documents

1. **Shipping**

Discuss TG-M relevant activities, in particular towards a short statement to sustain the action taken up by the German and Dutch Governments regarding the MSC Zoe accident and to bring possible actions towards IMO. Proposal: Note the information and agree on next steps

1. **Working approach sustainable fisheries**

Information on status of the working approach on sustainable fisheries, in particular product 2 “Document with status and recommendations for principles of the Framework for Sustainable Fisheries (Annex 3 Tønder Declaration)”. Proposal: Note the information and agree on a procedure for completion of product 2: Status and recommendations for Framework Sustainable Fisheries

1. **Single integrated management plan (SIMP) and Quality Status Report (QSR)**

*Document: TG-M21-3-7SIMP-matrix-example, TG-M 21-3-7-2-QSR SK (21-05-21).docx*

Information on current activities in the SIMP process, in particular work in ad-hoc SIMP drafting-sub-groups, as well as on QSR activities.

Both the SIMP and the QSR are elements in the processes leading to the 14th Ministerial Declaration and the presumably accompanying Policy Assessment Report (PAR). At the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) 32 meeting, a draft outline of a roadmap leading to the 14th Trilateral Governmental Conference (end 2022) in Wilhelmshaven were approved. The process of finishing both QSR and SIMP will need to be coordinated into the draft outline roadmap. Issues concerning the SIMP/QSR progress and the overall coordination with the PAR and MCD-14 process may be considered in this TG-M meeting. Proposal: To note the information; to name the members of TG-M and further trilateral groups and experts that may be part of the ad-hoc SIMP drafting-sub-groups.

1. **Air traffic**

*Document: TG-M21-3-8 air traffic regulation\_inventory matrix\_20210520.docx*

Discuss relevance and seriousness of this issue and opportunities for trilateral action Proposal: Note the information

1. **Any Other Business**

The group will be invited to discuss any other business

1. **Next meeting**

Proposal: agree on next meeting dates 2021

1. **Closing**

The meeting will be closed no later than **17:00** on **25 May 2021.**

**ANNEX 3: Action items arising from TG-M 21-3**

ACTION ITEMS

**Task Group Management (TG-M 21-3)**

2 May 2021

Online meeting

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| **Action #** | **Agenda item** | **Actions agreed upon** | **Person responsible** | **Deadline** |
| 1 | 4 | Follow the situation of Dutch representation in the Swimway group | Karst | On-going |
| 2 | 4 | Prepare wardening workshop for early 2022 | Karst | Early 2022 |
| 3 | 7.1 | Submit names of experts, including members of trilateral expert groups for ad-hoc SIMP drafting-sub-groups to CWSS | all | 2021-06-10 |
| 4 | 7.1 | Approach TG-MA with the same request (item 3) | Henrik | 2021-06-10 |
| 5 | 10 | Plan next meeting (doodle) before summer break | CWSS |  |
| **Pending from previous meetings** |
|  | 21-3/4.2 | Proceed with marine litter activities of the TWSC in written form (aim: WSB 33 paper) | German members |  |
|  | 21-3/4.3 | Inform the group on outcomes of the German discussion on the Swimway main policy document | Schleswig-Holstein | ASAP |
|  | 21-3/4.4 | Proceed with feasibility study (aim: WSB 33 paper) | Denmark | ASAP |
|  | 21-3/5 | Prepare a statement regarding the MSC Zoe accident and to bring possible actions towards IMO, as note for WSB 33 | Netherlands | Next TG-M meeting |
|  | 21-3/6 | Provide missing input to status of Framework Sustainable Fisheries principles | all | 2021-03-31 |
|  | 20-4/4 | Consider taking up the implementation of the EU single-use plastics directive | TG-M |  |
|  | 20-2/6 | Share N2000 feasibility study with TG-MA | CWSS | Upon finalisation |