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The Task Group World Heritage met on 4 October 2012 at the CWSS to review the comments on the consultation version on the extension nomination for the Danish and the German part of the Wadden Sea World Heritage with the aim to elaborate a final draft of the nomination document and agree on the procedure and timetable for the finalization and submission of the nomination dossier.

Extension Nomination

Comments resulting from the consultation process were received from Germany and were reviewed and included in a further draft of the nomination document. No written comments had been received from the Danish consultations yet and it was understood that the process was still ongoing respectively had been concluded recently but that there were still some principle discussions on boundaries. The meeting was therefore not able to finalize the discussions on chapter 1 of the nomination document, the identification of the property. In the further discussion the following fundamental starting points were emphasized:

- (1) The nomination is based on the existing rules and regulations encompassed by the Trilateral Conservation Area.
- (2) Outstanding Universal Value is fundamental (OUV), only smaller areas that did not meet the OUV in the 2009 inscription – oil and gas and military exercise fields – were excluded from the property.
- (3) The three state parties have a common responsibility for the inscribed and nominated property.

The time schedule for the completion and submission of the dossier is very tight and the attached schedule should be strictly adhered to.

Other Issues

The flyway initiative of the Dutch and the German projects are on schedule. It is in view of the pending Danish World Heritage nomination Denmark is requested to nominate a person (expert) for the Flyway Initiative Steering Committee.

TG-WH also discussed the follow up of the current communication and marketing programme. The stakeholder workshop in Hamburg (January 2012) recommended the development of mid- and long-term programme of Wadden Sea World Heritage and the meeting discussed the next step with regard to developing such a programme. There was agreement that it was necessary to lift the current programme to deliver a consistent approach for stakeholder activities, enhances synergies and cooperation, and contributes to

protection and maintenance of the OUV but there was no agreement as to what the next concrete step would be and how to relate this to the discussion around the foundation.

Korea is currently in the process of the first step of nominating a part of the Korean tidal area as a World Heritage property. In the context of the MoU a Korean delegation toured the Wadden Sea mid July to learn from the Wadden Sea experience and the secretary was invited to a workshop in Korea to outline the Wadden Sea nomination process. The inclusion of another tidal area on the World Heritage List – of which there is basically –only the Wadden Sea included – would help enhancing the attention for tidal area management world wide.

Proposal

The meeting is **proposed**

1. To approve of the time schedule in the attachment taking account of the nomination principles.
2. To invite Denmark to nominate an expert for the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative steering group.
3. To exchange viewpoints on the follow-up World Heritage work programme after 2013.
4. To note the information about Korea.

Finalization of World Heritage Nomination Dossier 2013

The submission of a nomination document is only possible once annually and by 1 February at the latest. TG-WH-8 adopted the following benchmarks and schedule:

Work steps	Who	Deadline	O	O	N	N	D	D	J	J
List of missing information and open questions to State Parties	CWSS	08.10.2012								
Circulation of amended dossier with results of consultations to TG-WH	CWSS	10.10.2012								
Delivery of missing information and final DK boundary data to CWSS	Denmark, Lower Saxony	30.10.2012								
Preparation final draft of dossier and submission to state parties	TG-WH	15.11.2012								
Delivery of supporting letters from advisory boards and municipalities to CWSS	State Parties	30.11.2012								
Formal approval of final draft dossier by State Parties.	State Parties	14.12.2012								
Printing of complete dossier and map (10 copies)	CWSS	07.01.2012								
Signing of printed dossier by ministers (Danish Ministry, German Federal Ministry, Lower Saxon Ministry, Dutch Ministry).	State Parties	18.01.2013								
Delivery of dossier to World Heritage Center Paris via foreign ministry and permanent representative as appropriate.	Denmark	01.02.2013 17:00								

Once the dossier has been completed and approved by the state parties it must signed by the responsible ministers and transferred via the permanent representation of the coordinating country at the UNESCO to the World Heritage Center.

It is suggested that the coordinating state party, in this case is Denmark, will be responsible for the submission. Sufficient time must be available for this process which will take about two weeks. The decision on the extension (which will positive) will be taken by the World Heritage Committee at its session the year after the submission of the nomination document.