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The WSF is going to elaborate an ICZM strategy for the Wadden Sea Region, which will also function as the WSF strategic report for the Wadden Sea Conference in 2014. The draft outline introduces structure and contents of the strategy.

Specific parts of the strategic report like progress in elaborating a trilateral goose management scheme and contributions to a CO₂ neutral Wadden Sea Region will be briefly introduced at the meeting.

Proposal

The meeting is proposed to comment, as appropriate, and take note of the outline for the ICZM strategy for the Wadden Sea Region.

Wadden Sea Forum
ICZM Strategy for the Wadden Sea Region
Draft outline

WSF Introduction

- Establishment of the WSF according decisions by ministerial conference 2001
- Aims and objectives, relationship TWSC

Review of "Breaking the Ice"

- Brief evaluation of the sector strategies and recommendations
- Description of what has been implemented, what is still valid and what has been further developed.

The Wadden Sea Region

- Delimitation
- Natural landscape
- Wadden Sea World Heritage Site
- Cultural landscape
- Socio-economic development

WSF vision

Description of a vision 2030 and long-term perspectives

Aims of the WSR strategy

The ICZM strategy should be a strategy for the Wadden Sea Region. The WSF strategy is recommended to be implemented by the regions in cooperation with then sectors. This chapter will describe the aims, taking into account European initiatives in the field of ICZM and MSP policies and developments.

Sustainability objectives

The strategy encompasses a number of sustainability objectives, which are relevant for the implementation of the strategy. In "Breaking the Ice" many objectives were defined in general terms. Over time, the WSF has defined sustainability indicators, which do measure some of the objectives to get an idea how the WSR is developing and if this is in line with the aims. The objectives for the social, economic and ecological dimension will be explained and the development will be described also on the basis of the data of the sustainability indicator tool.

Social

- Demography (Indicator)
- Education and research (Indicator)
- Employment, (Indicator)
- Health, (Indicator)
- Welfare, (Indicator)
- Cultural history
- Cultural identity

Economic

- Economic resilience (Indicator)
- Harbour (Indicator)
- Shipping
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Fisheries
- Tourism (Indicator)
- Rural development (Indicator)

Ecological

- Biodiversity
- Air quality (Indicator)
- Climate friendly WSR
- Darkness and silence
- Wadden Sea World Heritage
- Cultural landscapes

ICZM principles

An ICZM strategy of course has to integrate the principles, defined on European level. For a sound understanding, the principles should be clearly linked to the work of the Forum and its interpretation for the Wadden Sea Region will be part of the strategy, possibly as an annex.

The principles are:

- A broad overall perspective (thematic and geographic)
- A long-term perspective
- Adaptive management during a gradual process
- Local specificity and the great diversity of European coastal zones
- Working with natural processes and respecting the carrying capacity of ecosystems
- Involving all the parties concerned
- Support and involvement of relevant administrative bodies at national, regional and local level
- Coherence between sectoral policy objectives and planning and management

WSF ICZM instruments

The WSF instruments contribute to the application of ICZM and address the ICZM principles. Furthermore, the instruments are used to reach the vision and objectives of the WSF. In the following, these instruments are described in more detail.

- WSF organization
 - Plenary meetings
 - Working groups
 - Cooperation
- Sustainability indicators
- Planning Portal
- Projects and focus themes
 - Shipping safety
 - Climate friendly WSF
 - Goose management
- Workshops and symposia

Cooperation

Within the strategy also the cooperation with other organisations, EU-programs and projects will be described to underline the principles. This cooperation is also part of the strategy to reach sustainability by involving stakeholders in the Region.

- Wadden Academie (socio-economic analysis)
- HZG, Climate office (climate scenarios WSR)
- EUCC-D (Planning Portal)
- FP7 project ENHANCE (risk analysis, resilience)
- TWSC (Preservation Wadden Sea World Heritage Site)

Recommendations

The recommendations are the essential part of the strategy. The recommendations will be addressed to responsible levels/bodies to make it more concrete. Also proposals for implementation in the view of the WSF will be made. The recommendations will be structured due to the most important themes of field of work. The structure is as follows:

- Policy integration
- Integrated Planning and Management
- Trilateral/transnational implementation
- Partnership
- Monitoring
- Awareness, information throughout the process