



Wadden Sea Forum
42nd meeting
Wilhelmshaven, 29 September 2022

FINAL DRAFT MINUTES

1. Opening

The chair of the meeting, Mr Preben Friis-Hauge, welcomed all participants in Wilhelmshaven at UNESCO Weltnaturerbe Wattenmeer Besucherzentrum on 29 September 2022 and opened the meeting at 09:30 hours. Following, he gave a short overview of yesterday's ceremony. A list of today's participants is in **Annex 1**. The chair introduced today's program and the draft agenda, which was adopted without any changes and which is in **Annex 2**. A list of participants at the 20th anniversary is in **Annex 3**.

Yesterday, on 28 September 2022, the WSF held its 20th anniversary celebration. The ceremony was opened on 13:00 hours and the chair welcomed 46 friends and members of the Wadden Sea Forum, who gathered in Wilhelmshaven for the celebration. The first part of the ceremony was filled with updates of projects the WSF is currently taking part in and potentially future topics:

1. "TrilaWatt" by Zakaria Mohamed, WSF
2. "Crisis Management – Nursing Homes and Black Out" by Peter Deyle, DRK Wesermarsch (WSF member)
3. "MediaWatt – Media Training of Volunteers" by Sabine Molitor, project manager
4. "Sustainable Shipping and Ports Initiative" by Marine Perrin, BUND Lower Saxony
5. "EU Green Deal and the WSFs Green Coastal Deal" by Jean Tanti, Environment and Green Deal, European Committee of the Regions
6. "Saline Farming in the Wadden Sea Region" by Angelica Kaus, former project SalFar
7. "Water as leverage" by Titian Oterdoom, PRW
8. "Moving towards energy system integration in the North Sea region" by Rob van Zoelen, New Energy Coalition

Afterwards, welcoming words to the WSF 20th anniversary were presented to the audience by

- Gesche Marxfeld, Vice-Mayor of the City of Wilhelmshaven
- Anne-Marie Rasmussen and Martin Petersen, Danish Delegation

- Ilka Wagner, Head of Division Marine Nature Conservation in the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection and Head of the German Delegation in the Wadden Sea Board
- Olaf Lies, Minister of Lower Saxon Ministry for the Environment, Energy, Construction and Climate Protection
- Nanou Beekman, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Netherlands
- Bernard Baerends, Common Wadden Sea Secretariat
- Hannelore Strik, Omgevingsberaad Waddengebied
- Maren Bauer, Ministry for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature of the State of Schleswig-Holstein
- Stefan Mohrdieck, Head of County Dithmarschen

Following, the newly created film for the 20th anniversary of the WSF celebrated its premiere (it can also be seen on our homepage www.waddensea-forum.org and our [YouTube channel "MediaWatt"](#)) and afterwards a guided tour through the new created exhibition of the visitor centre could be joined by the participants. The evening closed with a dinner and two speeches, one of long-time WSF member (Herman Verheij) and a short-time member (Peter Deyle).

2. Adoption of the Draft Minutes of WSF-41

Document: WSF-41 Final Draft Minutes

The meeting **adopted** the final draft minutes of the WSF-41, Breklum, 16 and 17 May 2022, distributed by e-mail of 21 June 2022. The final draft minutes are also available on the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org.

3. Announcements

Preben Friis-Hauge informed the meeting that

- The Danish Nationalpark Authority is very much pleased about the 20th anniversary of the WSF and he handed over an illustrated book as birthday present. He apologised Janne Liburd for not being there personally
- He furthermore informed the meeting, that the next Wadden Sea Board meeting will take place in Tønder, Denmark, on Thursday next week.
- The prime minister of Denmark has made a decision for new national elections, which will take place on 1st November 2022. Mr Friis-Hauge pointed out that he is a local candidate of his party and if he should be elected as Member of Parliament, he will have to cancel his WSF chairmanship.
- the key topics discussed in the Danish Wadden Sea Advisory Board (DWSAB) before summer holidays were as follows
 - DWSAB gave input to the declaration and to the SIMP
 - Furthermore the DWSAB gave input to a wish to support the work on Goose Management

4. Minutes Steering Committee

Documents: WSF-42 4 Minutes SC-2022-3

The last Steering Committee meeting took place on 28 June in Heide on invitation of Stefan Mohrdieck, head of the county Dithmarschen. Main items on the SC-2022-3 were the discussion and preparation of the 20th anniversary and the WSF-42 meeting. Furthermore, the SC finally discussed the way of procedure with regard to the result of the internal WSF consultation process on the Ministerial Declaration. An amalgamated statement based on the discussion at WSF-41 and the SC discussion was provided to the CWSS.

The meeting took note of the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting SC-2022-3 on 28 June 2022.

5. Active Role of WSF and TGC-14 Programme

- Presentation and discussion of
 - SIMP – Update (Soledad Luna, CWSS)
 - TGC-14 programme - Update (Carolin Galler, MU)
 - WSF ideas to side-events at TGC-14 in Nov/Dec 2022 in Wilhelmshaven
 - Goose Management: planning of a meeting based on results of a project in Schleswig-Holstein
- Siltation small harbours of WSR
- Progress on Regional Round Tables of WSF

6. Reports Wadden Sea Advisory Boards, OBW and WSB

Representatives of the advisory boards were invited to present relevant information about proceedings within their boards and organisations.

Denmark:

Mr Friis-Hauge briefly introduced the key topics discussed in the Danish Wadden Sea Advisory Board before summer holidays:

- Input declaration
- Input to SIMP
- Wish of Danish Advisory Board to support the work on Goose Management

7. Next Meeting – WSF 43

It is planned to have the next WSF-43 meeting in May 2023 in the Province of Friesland, the Netherlands. The OBW is acting as Regional Round Table in the Wadden Sea area of the Netherlands, and the WSF is planning to have a joint meeting. The exact date is not settled yet.

8. Any other Business

The WSF secretariat informed in short about the budget outlook for 2022 until 2024 because detailed information were already given at WSF-41. The outcome will be that a surplus of approx. 27,000 € will be taken over into the next years and help provide a positive balance until 2024.

9. Closing

The chair summarized the agreements made, which are in **Annex 3**, thanked the participants for their commitment and contributions and closed the meeting at 11:45 hours on 29 September 2022.

ANNEX 2

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DRAFT AGENDA

- Agenda item 1. Opening
- Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Draft Minutes of WSF-41
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- Agenda item 4. Minutes Steering Committee
- Agenda item 5. Active Role of WSF, WHV Declaration (WHV CD) and TGC-14 Document
- Agenda item 6. Reports Wadden Sea Advisory Boards, OBW and WSB
- Agenda item 7. Next Meeting – WSF 43
- Agenda item 8. Any other Business
- Agenda item 9. Closing