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***Activities in Schleswig-Holstein***

**National Park Theme**

* this year’s theme is ***Science in the Wadden Sea*** (more here [Nationalpark-Themenjahr 2021: Wissenschaft im Wattenmeer | Nationalpark Wattenmeer (nationalpark-wattenmeer.de/sh)](https://www.nationalpark-wattenmeer.de/sh/themenjahr))
* Activities of NOGs in the Wadden Sea Region
  + Open day on Amrum: Nature Conservation NGOs (Schutzstation Amrum, Naturzentrum des Öömrang Ferian und Verein Jordsand) present their work on 11 September 2021 to the public: introduce activities such as scientific monitoring and spring tide counts; the recycle-mobil on wheels: visitors as ask to bring collected litter which is then sorted correctly with with recycle-mobil on wheels to create new materials
* The National Park Authority conducts environmental education on the topic of "Marine litter“ to address aspects such as the consequences for animals and plants and what can be done to counteract, eg. Activities such as „Fishing for litter“
* 2022 year’s theme is ***Bird migration during the year***

**National Park Partner**

* **Training courses & workshop**: courses and workshops were held online so far but will restart as face-to-face events soon.
* The annual partner meeting was split into two events: the virtual round tables with different themes (held on 4 February 2021) and the plenary meeting held in presence on 21 September 2021.

The National Park Visitor Center **Multimar Wattforum**:

* Photo exhibition shows faces of the Danish-German Wadden Sea region. A special kind of photo documentation by the Danish artist Luca Berti is currently on display at the Nationalpark-Zentrum Multimar Wattforum.

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* Transnational Visitor Survey (Contractor/implementation: NIT/ETFI): The survey has been completed at the end of August. Sorting, Coding and checking of collected questionnaires will take till the end of October, however, first results may become available as early as beginning of October
* The tender for the survey of residents on „Wadden Sea Nature: Positive effects on wellbeing of residents?“ has been awarded and will start in October..

**Other**

* A regional bank (VR Bank Westküste) financially supports the educational work of the Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea National Park Administration over the next three years. Within the framework of a new cooperation, support amounting to 35,000 euros per year has been agreed. “Wadden Sea Corners” will be installed in schools and child care centres to promote awareness of the Wadden Sea and its World Heritage status.
* After more than 20 years, the "Wadden Sea National Park" exhibition in the Wiedingharde Information Centre in Klanxbüll was revised and redesigned as part of the interactive German-Danish experience exhibition. The exhibition renovation was largely made possible by funding from the Schleswig-Holstein National Park Foundation.
* New info units on seals: After a first edition of 13 units last year, the National Park Authority has now followed up and had another 14 of these mobile boxes made. They are intended for other information facilities on the National Park coast and beyond, for example for the Baltic Sea Information Centre in Eckernförde, and are now being delivered one by one.
* Opening of the circular walk and the visitor information system in Friedrichskoog with live music, a champagne toast and a walk around the circular hiking trail and the Visitor Information System (BIS). The walk and BIS opened on Thursday, 24 June 2021 in the Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea National Park.
* The Whale Trail of Sylt - The harbour porpoise (Phocena phocena) - Schleswig Holstein's little dolphin. Along the entire western beach of Sylt, harbour porpoises can be spotted when the sea is calm. To learn more about the native whale species and to get to know Europe's first whale sanctuary a trail has been developed specially for the little whale trail with 22 interactive information displays and pillars provide nature information on the island of Sylt, along the West Beach and Königshafen in List.
* Construction of the West Coast Integrated Station in Beltringharder Koog takes shape. Exhibition on nature conservation (focus on Beltringharder Koog, also Wadden Sea National Park and World Heritage Site, Halligen Biosphere, coastal protection)
* The island of Pellworm becomes a Dark Sky island: in August 2021, the islands of Pellworm and Spiekeroog (Lower Saxony), both located in the UNESCO World Heritage Wadden Sea, were recognised as Dark Sky Islands by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) from Tucson, USA.
* The annual regional **Symposium on *Nature and Tourism*** takes place on 18 November 2021.
* The bi-annual meeting of the World Heritage Working Group West Coast will be held on 24 November 2021.