

ADOPTED SUMMARY RECORD

42nd Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 42)

23 November 2023
Wilhelmshaven, Germany



1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was opened by the chairperson, Anne-Marie Rasmussen, at 09:00 on 23 November 2023. She passed apologies from Joost de Ruig, who was substituted by Linda-Rose Santhagens (RWS, Freemantle Highway presentation), and Nanou Beekman, substituted by Marre Walter.

The chairperson welcomed the new Danish Delegation member Klaus Bertram Fries from Varde municipality (replacing Henrik Studsgaard) representing the four Wadden Sea municipalities and Flemming Just, chair Wadden Sea National Park of Denmark, replacing Janne Liburd, and the new Dutch member Henk Emmens, replacing Johan Hamster. The new members introduced themselves.

As guests to the meeting, she welcomed Erich Hinrichs (vice-chair of WSF association) and Pieter van Kuppenveld (member of Executive Committee of WSF) for oral contributions on agenda item 7.1. The chairperson further informed that for agenda item 5.3.1 Mike Horne (ASHA & Co.) will join the meeting for a presentation and Arjen Bosch (representative of the Wadden Sea Ports) for an oral contribution on 7.2 Roadmap "Sediment Management in Wadden Sea Ports".

Staff of the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS) would join during lunch for an exchange.

The list of participants of WSB 42 is in Annex 1.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Document: WSB 42 draft annotated agenda

An outline of the agenda and an action list resulting from the meeting are in Annex 2 and 3.

The WSB **adopted** the agenda as submitted and **noted** that remarks on documents "to note" annexed to the agenda in future should generally be sent to CWSS in advance to the WSB meeting. Such requests will be passed beforehand to the relevant trilateral bodies.

Table 1: List of documents submitted to WSB 42, but not foreseen for discussion during the meeting. There were no comments received by the delegations and advisors by 23 November 2023.

| Agenda item | Submitted by | Description | Proposal |
|-------------|----------------------|--|-----------|
| WSB42/4 | CWSS | CWSS Announcements | take note |
| WSB42/5.2/1 | Ad hoc WG C&P / CWSS | Activities report of the Ad hoc group Cables and Pipelines | take note |
| WSB42/5.3/2 | TG-WH / CWSS | Annual progress report on the status of SIMPLEMENTATION | take note |
| WSB42/5.3/3 | CWSS | Tentative scope of the TWSC communication strategy | take note |

3. Record WSB 41

Documents: WSB 42/3 Final Draft Summary Record WSB 41

Marre Walter requested to amend the Dutch announcements as follows (strikethrough, underlined):

“Marre Walter also announced that the shrimp fishermen submitted an application for a new nature permit. As the application was not complete yet (the nitrogen emission demands were not complete), a ‘tolerance decision’ has been issued ~~for 9 months~~ until end 2024 in order to allow the fishermen to meet the demands during that period”

The WSB **adopted** the summary record of WSB 41, under consideration of one minor amendment in the Dutch announcements.

4. Announcements

Denmark

- The 5th UNESCO World Heritage Marine Manager Conference was held in Esbjerg on 5-9 October. The conference was a huge success, the feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly good and the planning behind the conference worked really well.
- Wind Turbines: Previously, six areas have been screened in terms of becoming home to a test center. Now two more areas have been added. These two areas must now be screened on equal terms as the other six. When the two most recently added locations have undergone screening, it is expected that the conciliation circle will make a final decision at the end of November/beginning of December on the location of the test center, so far, no decisions has been taken – it is for now only proposals.
- The MSFD Action Program that constitutes the third phase of Denmark's marine strategy II is in national hearing until the end of December and will be followed by an ESPOO-hearing. The action plan brings together the decided actions that contribute to achieving and maintaining good environmental conditions in the sea, and implements specific Wadden Sea measures, i.a. the SIMP.

Germany

- BMUV: New regulations in the updated German [WindSeeGesetz](#) have created new funding opportunities for marine nature conservation. According to Section 58 of this Act, 5 % of the licence fees for marine nature conservation measures in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, including also coastal waters and, where applicable, across borders, have to be paid to the BMUV, the so called

“Meeresnaturschutzkomponente”. The sum that offshore wind power developers will have to pay in summer 2024 is around 690 million euros and results from the corresponding share of the total sum for the licences for the construction of 8 GW WEO in the North Sea. Due to provisions in the same law, the same amount has to be paid for environmentally friendly fisheries, including fishery structural measures, with the Ministry of Agriculture as recipient. After this first round of tenders, more will follow to reach the target of 70GW of WEO installed by 2045.

- LS: 15th Migratory Bird Days: In October, the 15th Lower Saxon Migratory Bird Days took place. Partner countries of this year were Denmark and The Netherlands. Around 360 events were on the programme and a total of 9600 people interested in nature took part this year, including more than 1300 children. <https://www.zugvogeltage.de>
- LS: Cuxhaven Declaration on the protection of the Wadden Sea: The environment and energy ministers Tobias Goldschmidt (Schleswig-Holstein), Christian Meyer (Lower Saxony) and the environment and energy senator Jens Kerstan (Hamburg) have agreed at their meeting in Cuxhaven on October, 16 on a joint position paper. In it, the three members of the governments speak out in favour of stronger protection of the Wadden Sea World Heritage, sustainable sediment management and the energy transition in the northern German region. https://www.umwelt.niedersachsen.de/download/200223/Cuxhavener_Erklaerung.pdf
- LS: UNESCO-Biosphere Reserve Expansion: The German Wadden Sea National Parks are also designated as UNESCO Biosphere Reserves since 1992. In June, the UNESCO MAB International Coordinating Council in Paris reapproved the biosphere reserves in SH and LS, which now include additional inland transition areas in Schleswig-Holstein and Lower Saxony to become model regions for sustainable development. The UNESCO-biosphere reserve HH has been confirmed within the regular periodic review.
- SH: 16 November 2023: 27th Schleswig Holstein Nature Conservation Day was celebrated under this year's motto "National parks in Germany - a successful model for nature conservation and regional development" – presenting i.a. examples from the Wadden Sea national parks, a lot of interests in that topic indicated by more than 800 participants.
- HH: New EU Research Action project “RescueME” funded by the Horizon Europe program, focusing on enhancing the resilience of cultural landscapes in Europe. A first workshop took place in October addressing the issue of “too much water”. Beginning 2024 a second workshop dealing with the topic “pollution” is in preparation. [RescueME | Home \(resilientculturallandscapes.eu\)](https://www.rescue-me.eu/)

Netherlands

- Dutch elections on 22 November resulted in highest votes for Geert Wilders with the far-right Party for Freedom (PVV). Coalition negotiations are upcoming.
- Under the Wadden Sea implementation programmes of Germany and the Netherlands, a joint scientific research programme '[Insight into complex pressures on the Wadden Sea and options for action](#)' was launched in 2023, at a combined investment of 15 million euros. In November 2023, the funders made the selection decision and selected five proposals. These were invited to go through the second stage of the German application process pending the final funding decision (planned May-June 2024). All project proposals will study sediment and/or saltmarshes, often including multiple aspects of biodiversity and ecology, as well as governance of the Wadden Sea, and always committed to delivering options for policy action and implementation. The consortia have tied numerous cooperation partners and stakeholders, will integrate Dutch and German research practice, and often include Danish expertise. Projects will be active until mid-2028.

Wadden Sea Team

- Hans-Ulrich Rösner informed on the International Wader Study Group (IWSG) Annual Conference was held at the Wadden Sea island of Sylt, Germany on 29 September to 03 October 2023. With many scientific talks, the key group of Wadden Sea birds – the waders – were discussed among the 200 participants from all over the world.

- Marco Brodde reported about the decreasing numbers of breeding birds. On a positive note, an exception to the overall development was reported on a predation management project on Fanø in cooperation with the National Park: Due to a fence installation, a significant increase of Arctic terns was recorded.

CWSS

- The annual report of the CWSS with focus on Dark Sky was published. For further announcements, see **WSB42/4**.

The WSB **noted** the information.

5. Implementation Wilhelmshaven Declaration

5.1 Protect and strengthen the Outstanding Universal Value (paras 1-16)

State of Conservation

Document: WSB 41 /5.1 State of Conservation of the Wadden Sea World Heritage (sent by e-mail)

On behalf of the Task Group World Heritage (TG-WH), Soledad Luna presented activities following the Decision on the State of Conservation adopted by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee during its 45th session on 10-25 September 2023 (Annex 4 - submitted as a separate file).

The question about possible consequences of not responding at all or in a non-satisfactory way to the WHC was raised. It was underlined that requests from the WHC must be taken seriously since the three States as signatories of the World Heritage Convention committed to do their best to maintain the site's Outstanding Universal Value (OUV). Not responding to the requests could have as a possible consequence the listing of the Wadden Sea World Heritage site in the UNESCO [List of World Heritage in Danger](#).

The German delegation stated that they see the request from UNESCO as a joint endeavour and as supportive to address the impacts of increasing activities on the Wadden Sea and to find a political answer.

The WSB **thanked** Soledad Luna for the presentation.

The WSB **noted** the information and generally **endorsed** the proposed outline for responding and the preliminary roadmap for the SoC report. It was **agreed** that the approval of the draft report by WSB will not correspond to an official approval by the Ministries but should be noted as a general endorsement to share the draft for a possible stakeholder participation process by countries and Federal States.

Upon reflexion whether the draft EU Nature Restoration Law should be considered for the SoC, the WSB **concluded** that the EU-legislation process was still ongoing, and it is not yet clear what this regulation would mean for each country and in relation to the OUV of the WH Site.

The Wadden Sea Board discussed the request by the WHC for a Joint Strategic Environmental Assessment (Joint SEA).

Preben Friis-Hauge informed that the Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) society closure (see Agenda item 7.1) will preclude the proposed WSF participation under the presented "Preliminary steps for development of the joint SEA", "5. Appropriate stakeholder consultation and participation", but that stakeholders may be involved via the existing regional round tables.

Vera Knoke emphasized the clear language of the WHC requests and reminded the meeting that the inscription of the Wadden Sea as World Heritage should not result in new legislation and therefore the Joint

SEA should address important issues and be based on existing national and EU legislation and trilateral agreements.

Marre Walter commented that the WHC request benefits the Dutch ambition to investigate cumulative effects in the Wadden Sea. She informed on the [Environment and Planning Act of the Netherlands](#) which may be used for a better protection of the OUV beyond the current implementation of EU legislation.

The WSB advisors informed on concerns in the NGO community on the increased use of the Wadden Sea. As a result, the request for a Joint SEA has received generally positive feedback. Henk de Vries advised considering current activities and the present state of the Wadden Sea, not only those planned for the future. Hans-Ulrich Rösner underlined the distinctive wording of the WHC and the apparent threat of enlisting the Wadden Sea World Heritage as in danger. He emphasized that the request clearly underlined the need to decrease the extraction activities on oil, gas and salt which should be clearly reflected in the Joint SEA. Marco Brodde commented that for a proper advice, more information on earlier discussions between the three delegations should have been provided. He recommended that trilateral activities should not be limited to EU legislation for the protection of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) but should go beyond if necessary. The Wadden Sea should be regarded as a universal and special area instead of a generally protected area under European legislation.

The WSB **endorsed** the general way forward to develop the Joint SEA, including trilateral discussions and agreements on the overall method which should be taken up in the parallel development of the national components.

The WSB **agreed** that all States Parties should get prepared and communicate about their time frame and ambition level for the joint SEA. TG-WH was requested to provide a proposal, e.g., outlining labour division between national and trilateral levels, scenarios on ambition and timing as well as budget planning to the next WSB meeting .

5.2 Enhance Sustainability of Human Uses and foster Transformative Change (paras 17-37)

5.2.1 Energy -see table 1-

5.2.2 Shipping and Ports

Linda- Rose Santhagens held a presentation on the “Freemantle Highway” incident and maritime salvage mission coordinated by Rijkswaterstaat, the Netherlands (Annex 5, - submitted as a separate file). The international evaluation of the incident was still ongoing.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner emphasized that this was another incident that fortunately went rather smoothly. On his request, Linda- Rose Santhagens informed that she was not aware of any difficulties regarding the cross-border cooperation during the rescue mission which she regarded as a rather positive experience, also with the German Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (Havariekommando). (Addition to the discussion: On 27 February 2024 a meeting will be held between the German Havariekommando, VTS Ems and the Dutch Coastguard to evaluate the communication during near-border incidents.)

Ilka Wagner shared her impression that the Netherlands seemed very capable of the situation and thanked Nanou Beekman for her prompt updates during the incident. She emphasized her concern about such accidents that occur almost every year. In Germany, a large media response was observed, and a debate evolved about the safety of transporting electric vehicles.

Leo Pieter Stoel suggested exploring further how to prevent accidents and fires, such as stopping fire extinguishing with water to prevent sinking of ships. As an example, recommendations for changing routes under certain wind conditions were developed after the MS Zoe incident (Surveillance from West to East is in place while it is missing from East to West).

Marco Brodde questioned on this matter how the corresponding articles in the Wilhelmshaven Declaration were implemented by the work of the WSB and the TWSC in practice .

The chairperson noted the limitations on activities due to existing IMO arrangements.

When available, further information will be shared with WSB on the evaluation of this accident and also the cargo ship collision near the island of Borkum on 15 November 2023 as the investigations were ongoing. Further safety measures to guarantee safe shipping in the affected area and surveillance of potential damage to the environment were undertaken.

The WSB **thanked** Linda-Rose Santhagens for the presentation and **noted** the information.

5.3 Manage and communicate effectively (paras 44-56)

5.3.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage Brand

Document: [WSB 41/5.3.1 Wadden Sea World Heritage Brand](#)

Mike Horne (ASHA & Co.) held a presentation on the development of a structure for a “Place Brand Architecture & Management Strategy” (Annex 6 - submitted as separate file). The presentation showed how the existing brand assets could be deployed with more clarity. He described some of the problems and challenges with the current mark and system, and potential alternative architecture of the brand system. He advised avoiding any discussion becoming a mere ‘logo discussion’ and recommended starting with “tidying-up” of the existing brand-use and addressing the broader brand challenges that were expressed by stakeholders during the consultation stage of the project, before deciding on the future brand management and an architectural system (*recommendations were sent as part of Annex 6 after WSB 42*).

The WSB **thanked** Mike Horne for the presentation and for taking the brand strategy discussion “on a higher level”. The WSB **noted** the information and **welcomed** receiving the presentation and a brief written summary of the recommendations after the WSB meeting.

The WSB **agreed** that CWSS shall prepare a proposal on next steps of the branding process addressing how to work/proceed with the further development of the current brand strategy with regard to the following:

- The relation of the branding and the communication strategies.
- Trilateral and national consequences of any next steps in the review of the brand strategy (who should do it, resources, prioritisation with other tasks).
- Recommendations on how to manage and use the brand as basis for decision and adoption on WSB level.

5.3.2 Annual progress report on the status of SIMPlementation -see table 1-

5.3.3 Communication Strategy -see table 1-

6. Trilateral Governance

6.1 Trilateral Review Process

6.1.1 Trilateral groups

Document: [WSB 42/6.1/1 Proposal Trilateral Groups \(sent by e-mail\)](#)

The chair introduced the review of trilateral groups and their Terms of Reference.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner advised to re-formulate the text of the Partnership Hub box in the organogram (page 4 of the document) from “Plans and projects beyond the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation topics and

geographic area” to “Plans and projects supporting the goals of the cooperation in partnership with the civil society”. This was in order to provide a legal reason for funding of activities, or, in other words, to avoid potential restrictions in terms of possible funding of projects under that heading. This more positive formulation was supported by Vera Knoke. Margrita Sobotka noted that the organogram was adopted with The SIMP earlier.

Thomas Borchers reminded on the considerable effort of the TWSC to enlarge partnership engagement by cooperating with all the different partners through the Partnership Hub. The role of the Hub as facilitator of stakeholder involvement will be continued also by means of a Partnership Hub officer’s post at CWSS.

The WSB **adopted** the proposal with the following amendments:

The Wadden Sea Board will discuss and decide in 2024 on the continuation or termination of the Task Group World Heritage.

The WSB **noted** that the new role of the Task Group Coordination and Management originates from the idea to improve preparation and performance of WSB meetings by suggesting valid and focussed discussions that lead to decisions, and to avoid multiple groups with the same group members. It is not supposed to function as firewall/filter or to add another coordination layer into the TWSC structure.

Further, the WSB **agreed** to evaluate the new structure in the beginning of 2025, with a particular view on the role of the Task Group Coordination and Monitoring.

6.1.2 Wadden Sea Board

Document: WSB 42/6.1/2 Proposal WSB Performance (sent by e-mail)

The chairperson introduced a proposal on improvement of the WSB performance.

Upon the reduction of in-person WSB meetings to once a year, Marco Brodde advised to not underestimate the power of in-person meetings, which in history have shown to ease collaboration through direct contact and discussions in meeting breaks and during dinner. This new set-up may hinder new members of the WSB and advisors stepping in.

The WSB **adopted** the proposal on improvement of the WSB performance, under consideration of amendments below, and with a revision foreseen in 2025.

The WSB **agreed** to amend the last three bullet points under “Enhance the effectiveness of the WSB on strategic and operational level” on page 2 of the document WSB 42/6.1/2, to clarify the role/tasks of the involvement of TG-CM (CWSS proposal for amendment will be submitted to the WSB in a separate e-mail).

The WSB **noted** that the new setup will strongly limit the in-person exchange between CWSS staff and WSB members and **invited** CWSS staff to reach out to any WSB member and advisor openly and directly in case needed.

6.2 Business Plan for 2024

Document: WSB 42/6.2 draft TWSC Business Plan (sent by e-mail)

The secretary briefly introduced the updated Business Plan of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation (TWSC) 2023-2026.

Denmark asked to expand the Business Plan to 2026 (entire Danish presidency).

The WSB **thanked** CWSS and **adopted** the updated TWSC business plan as living document, with the request for CWSS to integrate the update of the TWSC group structure (see Agenda item 6.1) and to add brief information about achievements in different topics (status update).

6.3 Danish priority programme

Document: [WSB 42/6.3 Danish Priority Programme](#)

Martin Petersen introduced the "Challenges and focus of the Danish Presidency 2023-2026", upon which WSB members and advisors commented:

Ilka Wagner questioned the Rights of Nature as priority topic, and asked how the theoretical concept would help the TWSC for a better protection and sustainable use of the Wadden Sea. She also commented that a technical update of the Wadden Sea Plan 2010 (WSP) should not lower environmental standards. She recommended awaiting finalisation of the Nature Restoration Law and national analysis on its implementation before taking up this topic trilaterally.

Leo Pieter Stoel underlined the importance of trilateral ambition, also in time and effort. An update of the WSP should not result in reduced activities. Links to the Waddenacademie or the Statistical Bureau could be established if needed. He suggested considering an addendum to the current WSP.

Martin Petersen explicitly confirmed that with the update of the WSP no lowering of ambition level was intended.

Vera Knoke underlined the importance of the WSP as the official management plan of the UNESCO Wadden Sea World Heritage Site, which forms, along with the SIMP, the basis for trilateral work.

Marco Brodde underlined his aforementioned concern about a strong focus on EU legislation as the main objective, with potentially losing focus of the Wadden Sea as a World Heritage site. The Wadden Sea would require special protection and is important to people beyond Natura 2000 legislation. He advised considering this in the formulations.

Several members of the WSB reflected that Natura 2000 is seen as baseline, and joint ambition in protecting the OUV of the World Heritage Site goes beyond EU obligations.

The WSB **noted** the document and **thanked** the Danish delegation.

7. Wadden Sea Board Advisors: Wadden Sea Forum; Wadden Sea Team

7.1 Wadden Sea Forum Society Closure

Document: [WSB 42/7/1 Wadden Sea Forum Society Closure](#)

Preben Friis-Hauge informed on the decision of the Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) Executive Committee to start the process of closing the WSF society.

Erich Hinrichs (GER), Pieter Kupperveld (NL) and Preben Friis-Hauge (DK) held a speech (Annex 7 - submitted as a separate file).

Participants expressed their regret on the closure and recognized the great effort of the WSF to bring and keep stakeholders together as an organisation independent from the governments.

Ilka Wagner mentioned the huge financial share by Germany to all aspects of the trilateral cooperation including stakeholder involvement, e.,g., WSF-projects, and the Partnership Hub and offered general support

from Germany for the future involvement of stakeholders. Vera Knoke added, that the WSF has also been institutionally co-financed by the Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein for a long time.

Vera Knoke and Volker Brengelmann informed about the formal stakeholder fora in the Federal States – with the National Park Curatoria Nordfriesland and Dithmarschen in Schleswig-Holstein and the National Park Advisory Board in Lower Saxony. Erich Hinrichs reminded that the WSF had received the information that these bodies were established by law with defined tasks and could not serve for the round table format of independent stakeholders. Vera Knoke confirmed the establishment by law, the legally defined tasks and the lead of the Head of Counties. Since more than 25 years the curatoria regularly engage themselves with trilateral tasks, especially in the preparation of Council meetings or important trilateral documents as e.g., the SIMP.

Hans-Ulrich Rösner questioned sufficient participation for additional round tables in the German federal states and recommended to concentrate on a lively Partnership Hub which requires to solve the capacity problem of the hub.

The WSB **cordially thanked** the WSF, its Steering Committee and all people who were active in the WSF for their ambitions, work and good advice given to the WSB for more than twenty years.

The WSB **agreed** that the cross-sectoral dialogue and independent stakeholder involvement needs to be secured, and that the CWSS, together with Preben Friis-Hauge and other interested persons, should deliver a proposal on how to involve stakeholders in the future. The potential role and capacity of the Partnership Hub should be included.

The WSB **noted** that Preben Friis-Hauge was willing to give future advice to the Wadden Sea Board as chair of the round table in Denmark.

7.2 Roadmap “Sediment Management in Wadden Sea Ports”

Document: [WSB 41/7/2 Wadden Sea Forum – Sediment Management Project](#)

Arjen Bosch gave a presentation on the trilateral stakeholder initiative, the Wadden Sea Port cooperation, including activities on sediment management in Wadden Sea Ports (SustSPI). He asked how to proceed the collaboration and open activities after closure of the WSF society (see Agenda item 7.1) and suggested, in this respect, that a cooperation with the Partnership Hub may be a way forward. He underlined that support of other parties, e.g., of NGOs, would be crucial.

The WSB discussed how far the Partnership Hub could support open stakeholder initiatives. Hans-Ulrich Rösner added that there are not sufficient capacities in the NGO sector to take up (the lead) activities on sediment management in Wadden Sea Ports.

Vera Knoke commented that engagement also of ports in Schleswig-Holstein in the initiative has been asked for.

The WSB **thanked** Arjen Bosch for the presentation and **noted** the information.

The WSB **agreed** to assign CWSS to elaborate on the request for funding possibilities and to explore to what extend the Partnership Hub could support ongoing stakeholder projects. It was **noted** that increased functions for the Hub would have funding implications as it operates with limited resources (temporal contract for one person until end 2024) while not being a funding instrument itself. Options for transferring any budgets foreseen for the WSF to the PH need to be explored.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Next meeting

The WSB **thanked** Marre Walter for the invitation of the WSB 43 spring meeting in the Netherlands in May/June. Further details will be provided two weeks after the meeting at the latest.

10. Closing

The chair thanked the participants for joining and for their contributions and closed the meeting at 15:20 on 23 November 2023.

ANNEX 1: List of participants

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ANNEX 2: Agenda

FINAL AGENDA

**42nd meeting of the Wadden Sea Board
(WSB 42)**

23 November 2023
Wilhelmshaven, Germany



- 1. Opening of the Meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Summary Record WSB 41**
- 4. Announcements**
- 5. Implementation Wilhelmshaven Declaration**
- 6. Trilateral Governance**
- 7. Wadden Sea Board Advisors: Wadden Sea Forum; Wadden Sea Team**
- 8. Any Other Business**
- 9. Next meeting**
- 10. Closing**

ANNEX 3: Action items arising from the 42nd WSB

ACTION ITEMS

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| Action # | Agenda item | Actions agreed upon | Person responsible | Deadline |
|----------|-------------|--|---|------------|
| 1 | 3 | Amendment Dutch announcement | CWSS | 2023-12-15 |
| 2 | 5.1 | Provide a proposal for Joint SEA process as basis for decision. | TG-WH | WSB 43 |
| 3 | 5.3 | Short written summary of ASHA&Co recommendations and proposal on relation of the branding and communication strategies | CWSS, ASHA&Co | WSB 43 |
| 5 | 6.1 | Evaluate the new TWSC group structure | WSB | 2025 |
| 6 | 6.1 | Change wording of bullet points under WSB performance document | CWSS | WSB 43 |
| 7 | 6.2 | Consider new group structure and add key words to achievements to TWSC business plan | CWSS | WSB 43 |
| 8 | 7.1 | Proposal on how to involve stakeholders in future | CWSS, Preben Friis-Hauge and interested persons | |
| 9 | 7.2 | Elaborate on the request for funding possibilities and in how far the Partnership Hub can support continuation of ongoing stakeholder projects | CWSS | WSB 43 |
| 10 | 9 | Provide information on date and place for next WSB meeting | NL, CWSS, chair | 2023-12-07 |

ANNEX 4: In-meeting presentations (*distributed to WSB Members, Advisors, and Staff via e-mail*)

- **ANNEX 4a:** Presentation on the SEA development by Soledad Luna given at Agenda Item 5.1.
- **ANNEX 4b:** Presentation and written summary of ASHA&Co recommendations for the Wadden Sea World Heritage brand hierarchy by Mike Horne given at Agenda Item 5.3.1.