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Agenda Item:	5.3 Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme
Subject:	TG-MA Progress Report
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This document contains a progress report of the Task Group Monitoring and Assessment since WSB 36. All activities were discussed in written procedures.

Proposal: The meeting is invited to note the document.

Task Group Monitoring and Assessment progress report to WSB 38

Since WSB-36 the TG-MA has progressed on the following specific items:

1. Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme (TMAP) and trilateral data handling

1.1 TMAP

As previously reported, TG-MA envisaged a series of activities and workshops in 2021/22 with the aim to fill the revealed deficiencies in TMAP but also to explore the integration of new parameters from emerging issues (e.g. climate change, new pollutants, alien species). Comprehensive monitoring proposals had been received for fish (by EG-Swimway), alien species (draft status by EG-AS) and for dark sky (by external expert consortium). TG-MA will consider these proposals and come up with a condensed outline for a national/regional consultation process before the Trilateral Governmental Conference. A corresponding workshop on subtidal habitats, planned originally for end of 2021, will be conducted in November 2022 with the aim to potentially add another proposal for monitoring activities within TMAP.

Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.

1.2 Trilateral Data Handling

During its 36th meeting, the WSB agreed that TG-MA, together with EG-Data, would coordinate a study to investigate the necessary resources for implementing the different data handling scenarios, including the option to incorporate additional data. Due to the expected necessary effort for such study, CWSS commissioned a consultancy to provide such study in close cooperation with EG-Data. For gaining a broader perspective, a consortium of external experts from the Danish Environmental Portal and ICES, who also attended the January data processing workshop, contributed to the process in an advisory capacity. As a result, the involved trilateral groups developed a separate document (WSB 38/5.3/2) outlining a future TMAP data handling procedure for underpinning and safeguarding a sound TMAP.

Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.

2. Quality Status Report (QSR)

QSR Thematic Reports

Early in September, CWSS published [nine updated thematic reports](#), displaying assessments on birds, marine mammals, alien species, and fish populations, as well as on subtidal habitats, energy, and tourism. The reports were written by 80 selected experts and peer-reviewed by an editorial board and, where considered appropriate, by a trilateral group. Reports on fishery, harbours and shipping and climate change are expected later this year. To better streamline the QSR process in the future, CWSS will draft a comprehensive process proposal during the first quarter of 2023.

Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.