FINAL SUMMARY RECORD

Meeting of the

**Task Group Management (TG-M 20-4)**

11 December 2020

Online meeting

1. **Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda**

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Mr Jørgensen at 14:30 on 20 October 2020. He welcomed Ms Luna (SIMP officer) CWSS), Ms Nazzari (Partnership Hub officer), Ms Perrin (intern CWSS) as guests to the full meeting. The chair passed apologies from Ms Bauer and Mr Janke. The meeting started with a short tour de table. A list of attendees is at Annex 1.

TG-M **adopted** the draft agenda of the meeting (Annex 2), Action items are at Annex 3.

1. **Adoption of the draft summary record**

*Document: TG-M20-4-2\_SR20-3*

Schleswig-Holstein had submitted the following minor amendments to the summary record: 3 Announcements/Germany/bullet point 1 “*In accordance with the ESPOO-Convention, an international consultation will also be carried out (Information recently received by BSH that this will be in the first quarter of 2021);”* Bullet point 1 Schleswig-Holstein has been transferred to bullet point 2 Germany*: “In accordance with the ESPOO-Convention, an international consultation is will also being carried out (Information recently received by BSH that this will be in the first quarter of 2021)”.*

TG-M **adopted** the draft summary record of TG-M20-3 with above minor amendments.

1. **Announcements**

*Documents: TG-M20-4-3-Announcements, TG-M20-4-3-2-20201113\_RTShipping\_NLPV\_Draft\_final\_draft.pdf*

**Denmark**

* Due to political turmoil based on the government’s actions in a matter concerning the killing of all Danish minks in connection with the C-19 crisis, the minister for food have had to step down (He’s one of two ministers in our dual ministry; Ministry of environment and food). Further the ministry will be divided into separate ministries again implemented immediately. This will not affect the Environmental Protection Agency though;
* Status for updating of the Danish plancomplex also concerning the Wadden Sea and The North Sea, all due in 2021:
	+ Maritime Spatial Planning: 1. generation in preparation, (https://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/vaekst-and-rammevilkaar/havplan )
	+ Waterframework: 3. Generation in preparation (https://mst.dk/natur-vand/vandmiljoe/vandomraadeplaner/vandomraadeplaner-2021-2027/ )
	+ N2000 (Birds- & Habitatsdirectives): 3. Generation in preparation, (https://mst.dk/natur-vand/natur/natura-2000/natura-2000-planer/natura-2000-planlaegning-2022-2027/ )
	+ Marine Strategy: 2. Generation in preparation , (https://mfvm.dk/natur/hav/ )
* Ad 2d: It is the intention to include several TWSC strategies into the Action Programme of the MSFD-Strategy in DK: SIMP, MAPAS, Seals, Flyway and Swimway. This is on a preliminary stage though, so nothing final has been decided yet.

**Germany**

European Court of Auditors has just published [the special report “Marine environment: EU protection is wide but not deep](https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=57066)” (No 26/2020), led by Court Member João Figueiredo. EU action has not led to the recovery of significant marine ecosystems and habitats. Its framework to protect the marine environment is not deep enough to restore seas to good environmental condition, while EU funds rarely support the conservation of marine species and habitats. The auditors found that marine protected areas (MPAs) provide limited real protection, while overfishing persists, particularly in the Mediterranean.

**Schleswig-Holstein**

No announcements

**Hamburg**

No announcements

**Lower Saxony**

* A new amendment of the Act on the Lower Saxon Wadden Sea National Park came into force on 03.12.2020 alongside other amendments of the Lower Saxon nature conservation law; <https://www.niedersachsen.de/download/161522/Nds._GVBl._Nr._43_2020_vom_03.12.2020_S._443-454.pdf> . Special protection purposes of single core zones were updated, like inclusion of the grey seal. The zonation maps were completely revised, updated and adapted to the change of the nautical chart zero level, without significant changes in the percentage of core, intermediate and recreational zones;
* The NPA has elaborated a guidance paper on management of neobiota (in German). It distinguishes between EU listed and non-listed neobiotic species. Management concepts shall contain certain modules and follow a species-specific assessment scheme;
* The Lower Saxon National Park Authority commissioned the Wadden Sea Forum with a stakeholder analysis as a preparatory step toward the Round Table Shipping. The Analysis has now been finalised by the WSF. The NPA would like to inform TG-M by submitting the study as a background paper. Conclusions and recommendations contained in the study reflect the opinion of the consultant (see TG-M20-4-3-2-20201113\_RTShipping\_NLPV\_Draft\_final\_draft.pdf).

**Netherlands**

* Dutch Wadden Sea Board (WSB) delegation will have two new members, being Joost de Ruig (Director for Northern Netherlands at Rijkswaterstaat) and Theo Meskers (on behalf of the Coastal municipalities);
* Pilot Whale Cadaver. Wednesday 25 November 2020 a dead common mink whale (4.7 meter) has been found on Rottumerplaat. It has been decided that the cadaver will remain at a save spot on the inhabited island. The location offers a unique opportunity for monitoring the cadaver and the impact it will have on nature;

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|  | *Wageningen Marine Research will monitor the whale. Cameras have been installed in order to capture the process of dissolution. What other animals and organs will benefit? Which discoveries will do in regard to the impact on vegetation, quality of soil and perhaps development of dunes?* |

* Agenda for the Wadden 2050: On 3 December 2020, the Agenda for the Wadden Sea Region 2050 has been approved. The aim of the parties involved in drawing up the Agenda – national, provincial and municipal authorities, along with water authorities, nature conservation organisations and the private sector – is to achieve a guiding and integrated vision of the future development of the Wadden Sea region;

The Agenda is the result of a great deal of consultation with parties in the region and between authorities. In this process, members of the public and organisations were given the opportunity to take part in formal, open (internet) consultations and air their views on the draft Agenda, so a broad group of interested parties were given a chance to have a say in the matter. We now start working on the Wadden Sea Region Implementation Programme 2021-2026. This will be divided over 19 topics: (1) act from ecological principles, (2) design of Wadden studio, (3) nature recovery and development and sustainable usage, (4) 2nd part of the Eems-Dollard 2050 program, (5) investigating the long-term sustainable connectivity, (6) research towards long-term effects of climate change, (7) integral approach coastal zone, (8) energy for the Wadden area, (9) reconnaissance ‘Wadden islands in balance for broad welfare’), (10) implementations pilots for green shipping, (11) integral management meeting fishery, (12) limiting risks of big containerships above the Wadden, (13) policy rules in regards to drones in the Wadden area, (14) development north of North-Holland, (15) maritime development harbours, (16) knowledge household and integral knowledge agenda, (17) more synergy between monitoring for permits and the basic monitoring, (18) translation of the agenda into policy and rules and (19) how to deal with laws and rules in a dynamic system.

The Agenda will not result in any transfer of tasks or competencies. Each party has its own role and responsibility, but they all need each other. The parties will incorporate the strategies individually in their own policy and rules. The main goal of the Wadden Sea is: “a sustainable protection and development of the Wadden Sea as a natura area and maintaining the unique open landscape”. The underlining goals are:

* Nature is and remains of world-class and continues developing. In cohesion with border crossing nature,
* The unique values of the landscape and culture heritage will remain and continue to develop,
* It is good, safe and climate-proof living, working and recreate in the Wadden area.
* Economic sectors excel within the context of Wadden Sea World Heritage.

 The challenges and strategies are distinguished in the following topics:

1. Nature of world class,

2. Landscape and cultural heritage,

3. Sustainable accessibility,

4. Climate Change,

5. Energy Transition,

6. A Liveable Wadden Sea region,

7. A sustainable Wadden Sea economy,

8. Various other topics.

Trilateral activities are mentioned as a guiding principle and in regards to the knowledge agenda and sustainable tourism.

* Dutch response on Msc. Zoe accident: 26 November, the minister of Infrastructure and Water replied to the Investigative Council for Security (OVV) rapport in regard to the MSC Zoe accident. The minister announced the following measures focused on risk management in regard to losing containers;
* The Netherlands will lobby within IMO for a broader analysis of the extent to which international rules are not in line with the increase of scale for containerships and lobby for obliging new guidelines;
* Since October 31st, the coastguard advises big containerships to avoid the southern route with certain weather(circumstances). Due to results of additional research, the coastal guard is also advising this for smaller containerships;
* Germany will give the same advice for ships sailing into western direction;
* The Netherlands will also focus its efforts on creating a better information position for the crew on ships. For example, in regards to using a machine measuring swing angle and trace containers.

**CWSS**

* Annual Report of the TWSC produced by the CWSS, with lead article by Prof Philippart et al;
* Project outline ”Climate Resilience for Critical Sites for Migratory Birds and People along the East Atlantic Flyway (Short Title: Climate Resilient East Atlantic Flyway)” has been selected in the first stage of the thematic-oriented IKI-selection procedure (see TG-M20-4-4-1-LD overview.docx);
* CWSS Programme Officer, Flyway and Biodiversity Gerold Lüerssen will retire by end of 2020. Recruitment process for successor is on-going;
* The Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI) phase 1 “Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) vulnerability” report has been published. The second phase “Community Vulnerability” is planned for February 2021;
* Instead of a Wadden Sea Board (WSB) meeting, a webinar with three presentations (shipping, Swimway, Flyway) was held on 19 November 2020. The next proper Wadden Sea Board (WSB) 32 meeting has been postponed to 4 March 2021.

The group **noted** the information.

TG-M **noted in particular** that the National Park Authority Lower Saxony has provided document TG-M20-4-3-2-20201113\_RTShipping\_NLPV\_Draft\_final\_draft.pdf as a background paper for TG-M, and that conclusions and recommendations contained in the study reflect the opinion of the consultant. TG-M is invited to contact the Wadden Sea Forum individually in case of factual mistakes in the document.

1. **Implementation of the Leeuwarden Declaration**

*Document: TG-M20-4-4-1-LD overview*

**TG-M 20-3/4/1/ 5.1 Paragraph 5 & 12: Flyway & Breeding Birds**

Upon request by Mr Jaarsma on the role of CWSS in trilateral information exchange on outbreaks of type H5N8 bird flu in the Wadden Sea, Ms Busch informed that upon the proposal by Schleswig-Holstein, supported by WWF, during the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) webinar on 19 November 2020 for CWSS to take on coordination in this matter, the combined bird groups JMBB/JMMB 20-2 meeting held on 24 November 2020 had discussed an overview on numbers of dead bird species. These numbers are currently collected at CWSS.

TG-M **noted** the information.

**TG-M 20-3/4/1/ 5.2** **Paragraph 13: Swimway**

*Documents: TG-M20-4-4-2-WG-Swimway-ToR, TG-M20-3-4-3-WG-Swimway-Policy-summary*

The group discussed next steps for establishment of a trilateral Expert Group Swimway/Fish.

Mr Jogensen reported that in Denmark, the idea of additional associated supplementing 1-2 fixed members to trilateral groups is being discussed. This also applies to the Swimway group.

Suggestions to re-formulate minor parts of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) by a subgroup consisting of Ms Sanns, Mr Jørgensen and CWSS: 1) Participation by additional experts is welcome upon invitation: add “*on specific topics*” 2) that “*fisheries are not part of the topic handled by this group*” towards that “*Sustainable Fisheries Framework is dealt with otherwise*”, to be allocated in the background section, will be implemented.

The group **agreed** to amend the ToR with changes suggested by Schleswig-Holstein and Lower Saxony in the preceding email consultation, as well as suggestions above, and to give this consolidated version to TG-M for final remarks. The consolidated version will then be handed to WG-Swimway for response, the chair Mr Kellermann will receive a track changed version in addition. TG-M will then receive the document and aims to submit to WSB 32 on 4 March 2020.

The group further **noted** the suggested list of possible institutions and persons (to be kept confidential) for a future Expert Group, which may be considered for -, but will not necessarily reflect actual nominations.

TG-M discussed re-naming of the executive summary to policy recommendation.

Mr Borchers suggested adding common names (DK, D, NL) of fish in the Annex.

TG-M **agreed** to update the policy recommendation by two sentences on the legal situation in the German National Parks to be provided by the National Parks Schleswig-Holstein and Lower Saxony. The document will be amended by Ms Sanns, Ms Sobottka, Mr Jørgensen and CWSS, and then given to WG-Swimway for final additions, for final submission to TG-M. TG-M will take the document and resulting next-steps up at their next meeting.

TG-M further **agreed** to use the main policy document as valuable background document for internal use only. The document should not be further elaborated.

**TG-M 20-4/4/4/5.7 Paragraph 22 - 23: Marine litter**

*TG-M20-4-4-4-Marine litter-inventory; TG-M20-4-4-5-Marine litter cover note*

Mr van Bentum introduced the marine litter inventory and stressed the question on the added value for the Trilateral Cooperation.

Ms Sanns offered inviting Mr David Fleet, member of OSPAR technical group on marine litter, to the next TG-M meeting, for input to several points raised in the document, and to avoid duplicate activities.

The group **agreed** to update the document once with German inclusion by Ms Sanns and Mr van Bentum, possible future updates need to be discussed again. The group **thanked** Mr Fleet for his offer to join a TG-M meeting, which may be taken up at a later time, but not at TG-M 21-1.

Mr Jørgensen introduced the Marine Litter cover note to the group to discuss the group´s involvement and activities in marine in this topic, including monitoring and the Partnership Hub.

Mr Jaarsma suggested taking this prominent topic for activities at the next Ministerial Conference, yet this would need prioritisation amongst the many other TWSC topics.

The group shortly discussed marine litter monitoring, also referring to the Quality Status Report 2017 thematic report on Marine Litter, which displays OSPAR monitoring data.

Ms Nazzari reacted on two bullet points in which the Partnership Hub is mentioned: 1) support of the Hub in facilitating exchange best practices is principally possible, yet prior investigation on existent activities and exchange would be necessary; 2) offering the Hub and the Center as platform and place for those initiatives fits generally in the Partnership Hub´s concept, but this would need discussion in the OpTeamPH meeting. The next one on 12 January 2021.

Mr van Bentum suggested exchanging at TG-M the implementation of the European Commission’s (EC) initiatives related to implementing the single-use plastics directive ([EU 2019/904](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/904/oj)) adopted in June 2019. This Directive includes fishing gear, which accounts for 27% of all beach litter.

The group **noted** that marine litter monitoring is well covered by the Task Group Monitoring and Assessment (TG-MA).

The group **agreed** that awareness raising, and communication may be one topic to foster in the trilateral cooperation, e.g., by joining existing initiatives, such as the beach clean-up day on each 3 September.

The group further **agreed** to apply changes to the document Mr Jørgensen provided and to continue the discussion at TG-M 21-1 meeting. Both documents should be updated and submitted to WSB 32 on 4 March 2021.

The group **considered** taking up the implementation of the EU single-use plastics Directive at TG-M level.

1. **Shipping**

Mr Jørgensen reported on a recent meeting with the Wadden Sea Forum (WSF)and Wadden Sea Team, in which the WSF´s project was discussed.

Ms Sobottka reminded that TG-M was tasked by WSB to give content-wise technical recommendation on Partnership Hub projects.

Ms Busch informed that the response of the Dutch Minister for Infrastructure and Water Management on the MSC Zoe report will be taken up at TG-M 21-1 (see 3 Announcements).

TG-M **noted** the information and will take the WSF project, as well as the response of the Dutch Minister to the MSC Zoe report up at their next meeting.

1. **Single integrated management plan (SIMP): particularly Sustainable Fisheries and Energy**

*Documents: TG-M20-4-6-1-SIMP-legal databases, TG-M20-4-6-1-SIMP-legal database-Annex 1 Fisheries.xlsx, TG-M20-4-6-1-SIMP-legal database Annex 2 Shipping regulation Wadden Sea.xlsx, TG-M20-4-6-2-QSR.docx*

Ms Luna reported on synergies between the single integrated management plan (SIMP) key topics and QSR thematic reports. QSR reports related to the key topics of the SIMP, as well as in relation to sessions of the International Scientific Wadden Sea School (ISWSS) are planned to be updated within 2021.

Due to time restrictions, this agenda item and presentation of Ms Perrin were postponed to the next meeting.

TG-M **noted** the information.

1. **Any other business and next meeting**

TG-M agreed on the following topics, besides those mentioned above, in their next meeting TG-M 21-1: presentation Dutch strategy 2050 by Ms Nielen, OSPAR ministerial conference with Wadden Sea as exemplary region (houting project).

The N2000 roof report feasibility study will be postponed to the TG-M 21-2 meeting in March 2021.

Ms Sobottka requested taking up air traffic regulation which impact flight height of planes above the Wadden Sea in the March meeting.

Mr Borchers informed that it is planned by the German presidency with support from CWSS to present the WSB a first draft of the Ministerial Declaration a year in advance, preceded by a policy assessment report. This topic may be taken up by TG-M in autumn 2021. Mr Jørgensen reminded that Denmark would need a mandate early in the process, in the early autumn of 2021.

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TG-M **noted** the information and **agreed** on above selected topics for the next TG-M meetings.

1. **Next meeting**

TG-M agreed to postpone their next meeting TG-M 21-1 from 13 January to 28 January (13:00) 2021.

TG-M 21-2 is scheduled for 9 – 10 March 2020.

1. **Closing**

The Chairperson thanked CWSS and participants for productive meeting and closed the meeting at **17:20** on **11 December 2020** and thanked participants for a fruitful discussion.

**ANNEX 1: List of participants**

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

**Task Group Management (TG-M 20-3)**

20 October 2020

Online meeting

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| **Secretary** |
| **Ms Julia Busch**Common Wadden Sea Secretariat |  |
| **Invited guests** |
| **Invited Guest: Ms Soledad Luna, Ms Cristina Nazzari & Ms Marine Perrin**Common Wadden Sea Secretariat |  |

**ANNEX 2:** **Final agenda**

FINAL AGENDA

**Task Group Management (TG-M 20-4)**

11 December 2020

Online conference

1. **Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda**

The meeting will be opened by the chairperson at **14:30** on **11 December 2020**. Participants will be invited to adopt the draft agenda of the meeting.

CWSS single integrated management plan officer Ms Soledad Luna and Partnership Hub officer Ms Cristina Nazzari and CWSS intern Marine Perrin are invited to the meeting.

1. **Summary record**

*Document: TG-M20-4-2\_SR20-3*

Proposal: Adopt the draft Summary Record of TG-M 20-3.

1. **Announcements**

*Documents:* *TG-M20-4-3-Announcements, TG-M20-4-3-2-20201113\_RTShipping\_NLPV\_Draft\_final\_draft.pdf*

To account for the shortened time for this virtual meeting, meeting participants are invited to hand in their information to the CWSS until 09 December 2020. Individual announcements will not be repeated during the meeting, but time given for questions.

Proposal: Note the information

1. **Implementation of the Leeuwarden Declaration**

*Documents:* *TG-M20-4-4-1-LD overview, TG-M20-4-4-2-Swimway-ToR-composition, TG-M20-4-4-3-WG-Swimway-Policy-statement; TG-M20-4-4-4-Marine litter-inventory; TG-M20-4-4-5-Marine litter cover note*

Participants will be informed on TG-M relevant tasks of the Leeuwarden Declaration (LD)

Proposal: Note the information and proceed as planned.

Specific topics to be discussed:

* SWIMWAY 1: Terms of Reference (ToR) for future Expert Group and suggested group composition. Proposal: agree on ToR with the aim to submit these to WSB 32 in March 2021 and consider/forward suggested group composition for possible future nomination for EG-Swimway;
* SWIMWAY 2: Policy statement (formerly: Executive summary of policy recommendation) by ad hoc Working Group Swimway (WG-Swimway). Proposal: Agree on executive summary;
* Marine litter 1: Discuss inventory on marine litter activities. Proposal: Agree on next steps for inventory;
* Marine litter 2: Discuss the group´s involvement and activities in marine litter. Proposal: Agree on involvement of the group in the topic and on next steps.
1. **Shipping**

Update on recent developments. Proposal: Note the information

1. **Single integrated management plan (SIMP) and Quality Status Report (QSR)**

*Documents:* *TG-M20-4-6-1-SIMP-legal databases, TG-M20-4-6-1-SIMP-legal database-Annex 1 Fisheries.xlsx, TG-M20-4-6-1-SIMP-legal database Annex 2 Shipping regulation Wadden Sea.xlsx, TG-M20-4-6-2-QSR.docx*

Discussion of current activities and potential contributions regarding the SIMP process and alignment with the Quality Status report. Proposal: Note the information and to proceed with the review of the “Shipping and Ports” database and send comments by 29 January 2021.

1. **Any Other Business**

The group will be invited to discuss any other business

1. **Next meeting**

Meeting dates for TG-M 21-1 is 13 January 2021 (online), and TG-M 21-2 for 9 – 10 March 2021.

1. **Closing**

The meeting will be closed no later than **16:30** on **11 December 2020**.

**ANNEX 3: Action items arising from TG-M 20-3**

ACTION ITEMS

**Task Group Management (TG-M 20-4)**

11 December 2020

Online conference

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| **Action #** | **Agenda item** | **Actions agreed upon** | **Person responsible** | **Deadline** |
| 1 | 4 | Re-formulate the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) by a subgroup/ give consolidated version to TG-M for final remarks/ give consolidated version to WG-Swimway, track changes to chair for response/ TG-M to submit to WSB 32  | Ms Sanns, Mr Jørgensen and CWSS / all/ WG-Swimway/ all | 2021-01-14 |
| 2 | 4 | Update the policy recommendation, and then given to WG-Swimway for final additions, for final submission to TG-M | Ms Sanns, Ms Sobottka, Mr Jørgensen and CWSS  | 2021-01-14 |
| 3 | 4 | Inform WG-Swimway on main policy document | TG-M | 2020-12 |
| 4 | 4 | Update Marine Litter inventory | Ms Sanns, Mr van Bentum | 2021-01-14 |
| 5 | 4 | Update TG-M20-4-4-5-Marine litter cover note | Chair, CWSS | 2021-01-14 |
| 6 | 4 | Consider taking up the implementation of the EU single-use plastics directive | TG-M |  |
| 7 | 7 | Take up Swimway ToR, Swimway policy recommendation and fate of document, marine litter cover note, WSF project, as well as the response of the Dutch Minister to the MSC Zoe report, SIMP & QSR, Dutch strategy 2050 presentation, OSPAR ministerial conference  | TG-M | 2021-01-28 |
| 8 | 7 | Take up N2000 roof report and air traffic regulations |  | 2021-03-09 |
| **Pending from previous meetings** |
|  | 20-3/5 | Prepare a statement on MSC Zoe report for the WSB meeting in April 2021 | TG-M | TG-M 21-1 |
|  | 20-3/6 | Proceed with tendering procedure, fisheries and energy consultants | CWSS | ASAP |
|  | 20-2/5 | Inquire on possible data for wardening workshop | NL (LNV) | Next meeting |
|  | 20-2/5 | Alignment of DK reduced seal count flights with Seal Management Plan | CWSS | Next meeting |
|  | 20-2/6 | Finalise feasibility study and adding section (half pager) on implementation of N2000 in each country | Consultant (study); all (section) | TG-M 21-2 |
|  | 20-2/6 | Share N2000 feasibility study with TG-MA | CWSS | Upon finalisation |

**ANNEX 4: Work Plan**

Table: Work plan 2020 of the Task Group Management (TG-M) with deliverables/products of the group´s responsibility in black, and supervision and coordination activities in grey. Items in brackets are temporary dealt with in TG-M but will need further allocation within the TWSC (e.g., Partnership Hub) (Work Plan as amended at TG-M20-2 2020-05-14) and submitted to the Wadden Sea Board (WSB) at their 31 meeting on 18 June 2020-.

| L**eeuwarden Declaration** | **TG-M role** | **Products 2020 (what)** | **Responsible group/body/person (who)** | **Time schedule incl. milestones (when)** |
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| 3. Single integrated management plan (SIMP) | Support and contribute | First final draft of the complete SIMP | TG-WH, CWSS (SIMP officer) | 2020-11 |
| 3a Tourism | None | Content on chosen SIMP key topic headings | NG-ST leads, Support managers and TG-MA | TBD by NG-ST |
| 3b. Fisheries | Responsible | Proposal working approach  | TG-M  | 2020-03 (TG-M 20-1) |

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|  |  | Content on SIMP key topic headings “Inventory” and “Common ground" | TG-M and fisheries specialists (potential Task Group or Round Table) | 2020-03 Basic info2020-062020-09 Revision |
| Content on SIMP key topic headings "Strategies and actions for management" based on "Threats and opportunities" and considering "Climate change" | TG-M and fisheries specialists (potential Task Group or Round Table).  | 2020-06 to 2020-09Workshop or meeting of fisheries specialists (potential Task Group or Round Table)First Draft and Revision2020-09-20 Revision |
| Overview on fish monitoring and data | Ad hoc WG SWIMWAY | DONE 2019 |

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| 3c. Shipping and ports | Responsible/Support | Content on SIMP key topic headings “Inventory”, "Strategies and actions for management" based on "Threats and opportunities" and considering "Climate change" | WSF, with support from TG-M and CWSS.  | TBD WSF |
| 3d. Renewable energy, Energy from Oil and Gas, (Coastal flood defence and protection) | Responsible(Support) | Proposal working approach | TG-M/SH | 2020-03 (TG-M 20-1) |

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|  |  | Content on SIMP headings “Inventory” and “Common ground | TG-M/SH, CWSS (SIMP officer) (EG-C responsible for coastal flood defence and protection) | 2020-03 Basic info2020-062020-09 Revision |
| Content on SIMP key topic headings "Strategies and actions for management" based on "Threats and opportunities" and considering "Climate change" | TG-M, CWSS (SIMP officer), and depending on working approach proposal. Collaboration with EG-C for climate change as appropriate.(EG-C responsible for coastal flood defence and protection) | 2020-06 to 2020-09Workshop or meeting depending on working approach proposal First Draft and Revision2020-09-20 Revision |
| Monitoring, data collection and data management | TG-MA | TBD TG-MA |

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| 5. Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative (WSFI) | Observe | Arctic Cooperation | WSFI SG | 2020-11 |

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|  | Observe | Monitoring of key sites along Flyway |  | 2020-02, on-going |
| Observe | Capacity Building | On-going |

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| 12. Breeding Bird Action Plan | Oversee[[1]](#footnote-1) | Breeding bird trend report | EG-MB/BB | 2020-08 |
| 13. SWIMWAY | Observe/support | Implementation SWIMWAY Vison | TG-M/ad hoc WG SWIMWAY  |  |

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|  | Observe/support | ToR and work programme for EG Fish |  | 2020-11 |

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| 14. Management & Wardening | Responsible | (Site) Managers Workshop | TG-M  |  |

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|  | Responsible | Wardening Workshop |  | TBD (to account for COVID 19) |

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| 15. Seal Management Plan 2018-2022 | Evaluate and support | SMP and Annual Reporting  | EG-Seals |  |

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|  | Oversee | Annual Reporting on harbour seal and grey seal population |  | 2020-07 and -11 |

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| 16. Harbour porpoises | Observe and evaluate | Inclusion to ToR of EG-Seals  | EG-Seals | 2020-11 |
| 17. Alien Species (MAPAS) | Oversee | Implementation MAPAS / Alien Species Platform | EG-AS | 2020-11 (on-going) |
| 20. Quality Status Report | Support | Draft Proposal for next QSR (joint note TG-MA TG-M)  | TG-MA | TBD TG-MA |
| 21. Sustainable fisheries | Responsible | Inventory on fishery activities in the Wadden Sea Conservation Area. | TG-M/CWSS | 2020-06(compare SIMP 3b) |

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|  |  | Document with status and recommendations for principles of the Framework Sustainable Fishery | TG-M/CWSS | TBD |

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| 22.-23 Marine litter | Responsible/Support if needed/Ignition phase | Inventory on activities | [TG-M] NL/D/ QSR thematic report authors/ TG-WH | 2020-xx for WSB 32 |
| [24. Light emissions] | Support | Inventory on activities | WSF/Partnership Hub |  |
| 29. Renewable energy and its transportation | Responsible | Overview on concepts for renewable energy transport/sea floor /(Inventory study 2020) | TG-M (DK, D, NL, coordination by ?) | TBD (compare SIMP 3d)  |
| [30.-34. Sustainable –Shipping and Ports] | Responsible | Concept on Awareness and Education | TG-M | TBD (compare SIMP 3c) |

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|  | Support | WSF Round table approach | [WSF in collaboration with TG-M] | TBD (compare SIMP 3c) |

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| 36. Joint Program on Research  | Support | Installation of T Programming Committee on Wadden Sea Research | TRA-RMC | TBD by TRA-RMC/WSB |
| 44. 15th International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium | Support | Establishment of planning committee and organisation | Schleswig-Holstein | 2021-03-23 to 2021-03-26 |
| Wadden Sea Plan (WSP) | Supervise | Implementation of WSP/Towards technical update of WSP | [TG-M] | On-going |

1. Oversee: Processes and products are followed and aligned to trilateral policy and coordinated where necessary [↑](#footnote-ref-1)