

# FINAL DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 43)

16 May 2024  
Ameland, Netherlands



### 1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Anne-Marie Rasmussen, at 08:30 hours on 16 May 2024. She conveyed the apologies from Joost de Ruig, who was substituted by Linda-Rose Santhagens (RWS), Ilka Wagner substituted by Thomas Borchers and Christian Hansted, covered by Thomas Larsen. The Dutch Wadden Sea Provinces, represented by Susan Top, were excused, and thus not represented at this WSB meeting.

The Chair welcomed the new Member of the German Delegation, Alexandra Stück, from the Ministry for Environment, Energy, Building and Climate Protection of Lower Saxony (replacing Volker Brengelmann), and Janne Lieven as the new permanent representative from Hamburg (replacing Bernd-Ulrich Netz).

The Chair congratulated Sascha Klöpfer on his official appointment to the position of Executive Secretary of the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS). The German Delegation expressed their congratulations and full support.

The Meeting thanked the Dutch Delegation, in particular Sjon de Haan, Karst Jaarsma, and Mayor Leo Pieter Stoel, for the organisation of the field visit, invitation to dinner on 15 May, and the warm welcome.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Document: [WSB 43/2 WSB 43 draft annotated agenda](#)

An outline of the agenda and the list of documents not foreseen for discussion during the meeting are in Annex 2 and 3.

The WSB **adopted** the agenda as submitted.

*Table 1: List of documents submitted to WSB 43, but not foreseen for discussion during the meeting. By 16 May 2024, no comments by the delegations or advisors were received.*

Agenda item	Submitted by	Description	Proposal
WSB43/4	CWSS	<a href="#">CWSS announcements</a>	take note
WSB43/5.1/1	TG-WH and CWSS	<a href="#">State of Conservation Report 2024 – Overview of timeline</a>	take note
WSB43/5.2/2	NG-ST/CWSS	<a href="#">NG-ST progress report</a> including Sustainable Tourism Strategy Evaluation: outcome consultations in the regions	take note
WSB43/5.4/2	OPteamPH/CWSS	<a href="#">OPteamPH progress report</a>	take note

**WSB43/6.1**

CWSS

TWSC Business plan (sent by e-mail)

take note

### 3. Summary Record WSB 42

Documents: [WSB 43/3 Final Draft Summary Record WSB 42](#)

The WSB **adopted** the final draft summary record of WSB 42, with the request to add the meeting's presentations as annexes.

### 4. Announcements

Document: [WSB 43/4 CWSS announcements](#)

#### Denmark

- The planned large PtX project in Esbjerg, close to the Wadden Sea, was postponed to 2028/2029 and the scale of the project was reduced. The Danish UNESCO focal point informed the World Heritage Centre of the plans, and the respective EIA.
- The National Park updated their Management Plan to focus more on active guest guidance and nature and health. Participation in trilateral activities continued to be one of the six priority areas.
- Regarding the possible development of a new wind turbine test centre in the vicinity of the property, on 1 February 2024 the conclusion of omitting further investigation in this area was reached and to continue investigations at another location in Denmark.
- The Danish Coastal Authority granted a permit to deepen the navigation channel to Esbjerg Harbour to a depth of -12.7 m (from -10.3 m). Prior to the permit, an extensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was conducted, including an assessment of the nearby Natura 2000 area. No complaints were filed within the public consultation phase. The port is expected to begin dredging in October 2024 and complete the work by the end of March 2025.
- A new research project aiming at examining the connection between the wading surfaces and birds' food base is expected to be announced soon. The project involved the foundation Aage V. Jensen, Danish universities, and the Danish Coastal Authority. More information would become available for the next WSB meeting.

#### Germany

- The German Action Programme for Natural Climate Protection (ANK), led by the BMUV, is expected to focus on preserving and restoring ecosystems to enhance their role as natural climate protectors. Marine and coastal ecosystems, which can sequester carbon, would be a key part of this effort. Coastal states such as Lower Saxony, Schleswig-Holstein, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, and Hamburg would be able to apply for a total of around € 75 million in funding to support projects involving seaweed and saltmarshes. These projects would aim to increase CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacity and resilience to climate change while being consistent with international and European marine conservation efforts. The funding would support both direct ecosystem restoration and initiatives to build expertise on CO<sub>2</sub> storage capacities.
- Public participation within the plan approval procedure on the deepening of the Outer Ems started in April. The aim of the measure would be to adapt the navigation channel of the Outer Ems up to Emden to the requirements of shipping traffic to ensure better accessibility to the port of Emden. The project would involve deepening the fairway between Emden and the Dutch Eemshaven by about one meter and establishing a turning point at the Emspier. Dredging would cover approximately 13 km from Emden to Gatjebogen. Due to its location near the German-Dutch border, some documents were translated into Dutch in coordination with Dutch authorities. Public objections and comments were submitted to the GDWS planning authority until 17 June

([https://www.gdws.wsv.bund.de/SharedDocs/Planfeststellungsverfahren/DE/200\\_VertiefungAussens.ms.html](https://www.gdws.wsv.bund.de/SharedDocs/Planfeststellungsverfahren/DE/200_VertiefungAussens.ms.html), <https://www.kuestendaten.de/Tideems/DE/Startseite/Startseite-Portal-Tideems-node.html>).

- Lower Saxony was updating its spatial planning programme. The planning procedure started in 2023 and would be expected to be completed next year. Scoping was completed recently. The first participation phase would start shortly, and a first draft of the plan would be expected to be available for consultation in July/August. The plan would include two new cable corridors for connecting offshore wind farms to the grid, crossing the World Heritage Site via the islands of Baltrum and Langeoog. There would also be plans under discussion to designate priority areas for sand extraction for coastal protection, which may partly overlap with the World Heritage Site.  
<https://www.ml.niedersachsen.de/lrop/fortschreibung-des-landes-raumordnungsprogramms-223501.html>
- In Schleswig-Holstein, the company Wintershall Dea exploiting oil from Mittelplate platform has withdrawn all applications and extraction activities within the Wadden Sea will end in 2041. Preparations for decommissioning activities would start during 2030s. Schleswig-Holstein would report this to the Task Group World Heritage and to the World Heritage Centre.
- Baltic Sea Action Plan: Three new nature reserves would be established in the Baltic Sea in Schleswig-Holstein (within 12 km from the coast). A strict protection regime would be applied on 12,5 % of the designated area and would therefore contribute to the EU Biodiversity Action Plan.
- The National Parks in the Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea are currently under evaluation.

## Netherlands

- The N2000 Wadden Sea management plan was evaluated last year. The measures previously taken appeared to be less effective than anticipated. This would be partly due to intensive use of the area and developments such as climate change and bird flu. The results of the evaluation were included in the development of the new management plan. [Natuurbescherming Waddenzee kost meer tijd - Waddenzee](#)
- The Netherlands had proposed a Plan of Action (PoA) of the PSSA evaluation and the review of existing safety measures. After discussion with the representatives of the trilateral shipping authorities (the German Federal Ministry of Digital and Transport, the Danish Environmental Protection Agency and the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management), it was agreed that the initial focus should be on establishing a trilateral inventory of shipping safety and risk mitigation measures. At a later stage, stakeholder participation should be arranged. The PSSA Operational Plans would be used as input for the evaluation.
- The Netherlands had asked the German shipping authorities to carry out a joint study to investigate whether the multiple usage of shipping lanes and cables and pipelines in the Ems-Dollard could work. The German authorities had presented arguments to show that a route through the Ems-Dollard for electricity and hydrogen does not comply with shipping safety regulations and would therefore not be possible. However, the German shipping authorities saw more favourable alternatives, such as the routes through the Wadden Islands and the tunnel option. The Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy would request a joint assessment of the Ems-Dollard route, as there were gaps in the knowledge of the impact of the laying of energy infrastructure on shipping safety and they had proposals to mitigate the risks identified by the German shipping authorities. The aim would be to reach a conclusion this summer on the possibility of multiple use of the route through the Ems-Dollard. Members of the German WSB delegation thanked for the information unknown to them at the time.

## Wadden Sea Team

- Hans-Ulrich Rösner referred to the announcements of Germany (Schleswig-Holstein, SH) expressing support for the agreed stop of any extension of the oil production activities within the National Park and within the exclaves of the World Heritage Site. However, the year 2041 for the closure of the Mittelplate oil platform would be much too late in the view of the green NGOs. This date was agreed between SH and Wintershall Dea, while the green NGOs proposed the year 2030 for the closure.

- Regarding the decisions for the Baltic Sea, Rösner announced that the green NGOs were deeply disappointed about the failure of the envisioned National Park there. However, they appreciated that SH had decided to create three new nature reserves in the SH Baltic Sea and to develop 12.5 % of the SH Baltic Sea as no-take area.
- Henk de Vries presented a study by the Waddenacademie on freshwater inflow changes in the Wadden Sea due to climate change and their influence on the Wadden Sea's salinity.
- De Vries reported that the permit for the Ternaard extraction site has been declined for now, but no final decision has been made.
- Marco Brodde reported that numbers of breeding birds are going up on Mandø as a positive result of the bought-up land on the island, while in the Wadden Sea populations are declining, especially after a long and rainy winter.
- Brodde reported that Mandø has been certified as Dark Sky Park.
- Brodde presented a research project on visitor traffic on paths conducted by universities and authorities.

## CWSS

- For CWSS announcements see document **WSB43/4** in Table 1.
- Additional announcement: Over 40 participants joined the Wadden Youth Weekend, organised by the Partnership Hub, which took place on Schiermonnikoog 9 to 12 of May 2024. The Wadden Youth Weekend provided a platform for engaged youngsters, aged 18 to 28, to connect, exchange with and learn from stakeholders and other international youth networks and was a further step towards the establishment of a Wadden Sea Youth Network. The core group of organisers and the participants thanked the TWSC for the financial support and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) and especially Sjon de Haan for support.

The WSB **noted** the information.

## 5. Implementation Wilhelmshaven Declaration

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

5.1.1 State of Conservation -see document **WSB 43/5.1/1** in Table 1-

The WSB **noted** the document.

#### 5.1.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

*Document: [WSB 43/5.1/2 rev.1 Progress on Strategic Environmental Assessment](#)*

Rutger Bults (LNV) asked the WSB 43 participants to take pictures showing interaction and conflicts of activities in the Wadden Sea during the excursion on the previous day (see annex for presentation). During an interactive session he introduced the discussion on cumulative effects by showing a selection of pictures he received. The participants discussed the presented situations, such as having various existing usages in N2000 areas, the issue of balancing nature protection and energy transition (e.g. wind farms adjacent to the World Heritage property), the salinisation of agricultural land from the Wadden Sea, effects on the seabed due to dredging and trawling, and noise pollution in protected areas (e.g. visitors, electricity). The interactive session was closed with a discussion on the fact that the outcomes of all these cumulative effects remain uncertain against the effects of the climate crisis and sea level rise.

Soledad Luna then presented document WSB43/5.1/2 submitted by TG-WH/SEA subgroup and CWSS (see annex for presentation). The board was invited to comment and endorse the further details on the steps to develop the joint SEA, to support the preliminary roadmap to develop the national components and the joint SEA, and to discuss the budget and to approve one of the implementation scenarios.

Vera Knoke welcomed the roadmap with the next TGC as targeted finish line and appreciated the proposal of having a joint document that would show UNESCO that the TWSC would deal with current and future challenges in a coordinated way. She emphasised the importance of using the information that has already been compiled and delivered.

Martin Petersen endorsed the steps and roadmap on behalf of the Danish Delegation and stated appreciation that the planned national steps are visibly included. He added that the approach must be to respond to the task given by the World Heritage Centre, and not further.

Nanou Beekman also expressed support for the approach and stated that in the Netherlands a scoping document in line with Dutch working procedures must be delivered and endorsed by the Dutch policy board scheduled in December 2024. Hence, the tight roadmap could be achieved but poses challenges. Beekman emphasized that it is important for the Dutch government that the socio-economic aspects were considered, to which the Chair replied that, as requirement by the relevant EU Directive, these effects were to be considered. Beekman also stated that the TWSC should also remain in continuous dialogue with the World Heritage Centre (WHC) throughout the process. She further raised the question on how to distinguish between scientifically proven and subjectively felt cumulative effects and remarked that effects from activities in the perimeter of the Property, such as extraction platforms in North Sea need to be considered.

Thomas Borchers also endorsed the necessity of good communication with the WHC and IUCN. Regarding the budget scenarios, Borchers embraced the approach to get external support from the very beginning to ensure the comparability of the national results as well as receive advice on the process. Germany strongly supports scenario 1. To be able to endorse a concrete budget, more detail would be needed. Borchers proposed for CWSS to prepare a call for tender with a detailed scope of deliverables and call for tenders over the summer months.

Petersen agreed on the need of an external consultant and stressed that a clear description of tasks is essential, also to define the budget.

Rösner stressed the importance of the joint SEA development and welcomed the roadmap. He underlined that there is a risk of producing a large document with little impact on damaging activities, which should be avoided. Instead, the document should have clear language on red lines in management and use of the Wadden Sea.

Petersen answered that the document would be strategic and therefore broad.

Brodde suggested that the document should ideally be of use to all authorities in the Wadden Sea.

Borchers stated that it would help to focus on cumulative effects and enhance awareness of this issue.

Rösner stressed that the purpose of the joint SEA was to support the protection of the World Heritage property, not to extract a satisfactory answer from the site management and suggested to keep in mind that the joint SEA should not merely fulfil a duty towards the WHC.

Knoke agreed and stated that the request of UNESCO was already seen as strong political signal and that the joint SEA development should be taken as input to the TWSC's work on adequately protecting the World Heritage Site.

Knoke raised the question of whether the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment, having the experience of supporting the development of UNESCO's Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments, could be approached for advice. Beekman stated that the Dutch delegation would explore that option in May/June.

Brodde raised the issue of shifting baselines, as prior to endykements the Wadden Sea used to be three times its current size.

Luna responded that, while this is an issue, the baseline will be drawn from the current state of the environment and complemented by the time of the Wadden Sea's designation as World Heritage Site. This is because data since 2009 was present and largely complete thanks to the nomination dossiers and QSRs, as well as national evaluation in relation to the EU Directives, whereas this cannot be said about former times.

Borchers underlined that in the context of legal framework and obligations it is required to define the baseline as suggested.

Beekman stated that it is important for the consultant to be able to successfully interlink the three national SEAs. The consultant should therefore be involved as early as possible based on the tenders.

The WSB **endorsed** the further details on the steps to develop the joint SEA and **supported** the preliminary roadmap to develop the national components and the joint SEA.

The meeting **tasked** the SEA subgroup to develop a call for tender with terms of reference that include clear activities and more specific budget required for a consultant / group of consultants. The call will be shared with the WSB for written comments prior to publication.

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

### 5.2.1 Task Group Coordination and Management Progress Report

*Document: [WSB 43/5.2/1 rev. 1 TG-CM progress report](#)*

The meeting considered the proposal to join the EU Blue Parks Community (BPC).

Petersen endorsed the proposal on behalf of the Danish Delegation and expressed the hope that most workshops would be held online and travel and thus resources involved would be kept to a minimum. Klöpfer stated that CWSS would take care of this.

The meeting noted the progress of the ad-hoc Working Group Renewable Energy on the LANICE project.

The WSB **noted** the document and **endorsed** the proposal to join the EU Blue Parks Community (BPC).

### 5.2.2. Tourism -see document **WSB 43/5.2/2** in Table 1-

The WSB **noted** the document and **requested** a progress report on the results of the action plan implementation.

## **5.3 Manage and communicate effectively (paras 44-56)**

### 5.3 Strategic communication and brand management

*Document: [WSB 43/5.3 Proposal on development process of strategic communication and brand management](#)*

Annika Bostelmann presented document WSB43/5.3 submitted by CWSS (see annex for presentation). The meeting was invited to endorse the proposal and budget plan. She underlined, that no additional budget would be needed for the proposal and that the amount was earmarked for topics linked to PROWAD LINK.

Borchers asked for the added value in a new branding strategy as a strategy was already formulated a couple of years ago (PROWAD brand manual). Bostelmann replied that the mentioned strategy was published 10 years ago and specifically targets the touristic use of the Wadden Sea World Heritage brand, whereas the current project would look at the positioning of both the TWSC and the WSWH brand – the latter as enhanced place brand.

Petersen agreed that the current strategy needed an update, that the new strategy should be shorter, and that it would benefit from becoming more operationalised. Increased tourism could be a threat and the TWSC needed a sustainable strategy for this with a focus on limiting those adverse effects. Denmark further encouraged a strict usage of consultants by CWSS.

Rösner pointed out that CWSS already has good communication compared to the past and that the acceptance of a communication framework by stakeholders against their own priorities might prove difficult. Bostelmann agreed and underlined that how we present ourselves in relation to each other would be an important aspect in the development process so that the WSWH/TWSC approach would be in no conflict with partner approaches. Bostelmann pointed out that there were no plans to create a new logo.

Beekman suggested that the any key results would be discussed within TG-CM before submission to the WSB.

Stück asked whether there is a final report on the first presentation of ASHA at WSB 42. CWSS confirmed this and suggested to send around the report once more via e-mail.

Borchers expressed favour to have close contact between TG-CM and the task force throughout the process to ensure that ideas at national level were considered.

The WSB **endorsed** the proposal including the considerations mentioned and agreed to involve TG-CM. The final report by ASHA will be sent to the WSB.

## **5.4 Intensify collaboration and strengthen engagement by working with partners (paras 57-66)**

### 5.4.1 Stakeholder involvement

*Document: **WSB 43/5.4/1** Stakeholder involvement (distributed via e-mail)*

Klöpper presented document WSB43/5.4/1 submitted by CWSS stating that the three-step outline of the process was also shared with the OPteamPH, which led to intense discussions on the different understandings of the task. CWSS's understanding was to outline the future involvement of stakeholders in the TWSC. Another interpretation was to outline how stakeholders could be represented in the Wadden Sea Board after the closure of the WSF. CWSS's proposal addressed the former and suggested to foster a dialogue with the different stakeholders and develop a proposal for the entire stakeholder involvement in consideration of the different needs. Klöpper suggested to offer a neutral platform for participation and would prepare a proposal accordingly and leave a discussion on this until the proposal is submitted.

Stoel stressed that it would be important to evaluate why the past structure didn't work and that the proposal on the future steps needed to get approval from the TG-CM before submission to the WSB.

On behalf of the Danish Municipalities, Klaus Bertram Fries stressed the importance of cross- sectoral dialogue and the continued involvement of independent stakeholders in the trilateral cooperation, in particular in the light of the closure of the trilateral Wadden Sea Forum. Fries suggested using the already existing structures for stakeholder engagement, such as the Danish Advisory Board/ Regional Round Table, familiar with the trilateral cooperation and with a broad, well consolidated, and active representation. Fries advised against building parallel structures.

Knoke underlined the importance of having independent stakeholders as well as the municipal level involved. Municipalities from Germany were currently not represented in the German delegation due to the complex federal system and limited seats. Hence, it would be essential that municipalities would (also) be represented at some level, such as it was with the WSF. The former WSF funding from Schleswig-Holstein would be available to fund such activities.

Petersen approved of the proposed approach's step on evaluation the status quo. Petersen suggested re-thinking how stakeholders can be heard in the WSB in the future, but not necessarily starting a whole new process. Klöpfer agreed on keeping the process concise also in consideration of limited resources.

Rösner stated that the Wadden Sea Team was supportive for engaging stakeholders beyond the green NGOs for decades now. He offered to contribute with the experiences made by the NGOs to the analysis.

Knoke emphasized that the PH has been established but lacked a permanent position to date. This would be a solution, especially also for German Counties (Landkreise), to get involved with the National Park Advisory boards. Denmark stated that further considerations concerning the PH were needed, also in the light of the apparent challenges of getting a broad support for the concept, and proposed to also consider the PH in the approach to stakeholder involvement after the WSF's closure. Borchers added that when it comes to stakeholder representation in the WSB, whoever would be appointed advisor would have to be able to represent on a trilateral level.

Klöpfer reassured that the different national structures and the Partnership Hub would be considered when approaching partners and moving forward with the proposed process.

The WSB **noted** the document and **endorsed** the process proposed by CWSS.

5.4.2. Partnership Hub -see document **WSB 43/5.4/2** in Table 1-

The WSB **noted** the document.

## 6. Trilateral Governance Business Plan for 2024

*Document: **WSB 43/6** TWSC business plan (distributed via e-mail)*

Klöpfer presented the business plan for 2024 and informed that further updates discussed in TG-CM were not included due time limitations and would be further discussed prior to WSB44. The Chair underlined that the business plan was a rolling plan with regular updates.

The WSB **noted** the document.

## 7. Wadden Sea Board Advisors

Rösner stated that some green NGOs would like to create a position to support cooperative projects to be located in the Partnership Hub. The discussions, including the difficulty to finance that, had just begun.

On behalf of the Waddenvereniging, Rösner forwarded concern on the mud situation especially in Ems/Dollard estuary. Sedimentation is too intense there, while a deficit of sediment is observed in most other parts of the Wadden Sea. The Waddenvereniging stressed that especially in light of climate adaptation sediment management on a trilateral level should be addressed sooner rather than later.

The WSB **noted** the information.

## 8. Any Other Business



Following a request regarding a Wadden Sea Dictionary, CWSS pointed to the “materials” section on the IWSS website [iwss.org](https://iwss.org/sites/default/files/Dictionary_3.pdf) (direct link: [https://iwss.org/sites/default/files/Dictionary\\_3.pdf](https://iwss.org/sites/default/files/Dictionary_3.pdf)).

Borchers reported on the trilateral research call, that the research consortia had been selected and would be informed in the beginning of June. Jaarsma stated that in the Netherlands the selection had already been announced, also to the media. Klöpper reported that CWSS was invited to play a more vital coordinative role in the implementation of the research projects together with the Waddenacademie. Jaarsma added that the selected projects should feed into next year’s International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium.

Just reported that the Wadden Sea World Heritage Summer School, organised by the Partnership Hub and the Trilateral Programming Committee on Wadden Sea Research, would take place at the end of August on Borkum and would include participation at the Wadden Sea Day in Wilhelmshaven.

## 9. Closing

The Chair thanked the participants for joining and for their contributions and closed the meeting at 12:00 hours on 16 May 2024.

The next WSB 44 meeting will be online on Wednesday 20 November 2024. The WSB **agreed** to evaluate the new meeting setup.

**ANNEX 1: List of participants**

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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## ADOPTED AGENDA

### **43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB 43)**

16 May 2024  
Ameland, Netherlands

- 1. Opening of the Meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 3. Summary Record WSB 42**
- 4. Announcements**
- 5. Implementation Wilhelmshaven Declaration**
- 6. Trilateral Governance**
- 7. Wadden Sea Board Advisors: Wadden Sea Team**
- 8. Any Other Business**
- 9. Closing**

**ANNEX 3: Action items arising from the 43<sup>rd</sup> WSB**

**ACTION ITEMS**

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<b>Action #</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Actions agreed upon</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
1	3	Add the presentation as an annex of the summary record of WSB 42	CWSS	As soon as possible
2	5.1.2	Develop a call for tender for SEA external expertise with terms of reference that include clear activities and a specific budget. Share with the WSB for written comments prior to publication.	TG-WH/ SEA Subgroup	June 2024
3	5.2.1	Join the EU Blue Parks Community	TG-CM, CWSS	As soon as possible
4	5.2.2	Progress report on the results of the Sust. Tourism action plan implementation	NG-ST	WSB 44
5	5.3	Present results of each phase of the Communication and Brand Management Strategy to TG-CM before presenting overall results to WSB 44	CWSS	WSB 44
6	5.4	Proposal for stakeholder involvement	CWSS	WSB 44

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

- **ANNEX 4a:** Presentation “Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)” by Rutger Bults presented at Agenda Item 5.1.2.
- **ANNEX 4b:** Presentation “Progress on SEA” by Soledad Luna presented at Agenda Item 5.1.2.
- **ANNEX 4c:** Presentation “Strategic communication and brand management” by Annika Bostelmann presented at Agenda Item 5.3.