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WADDEN SEA



The Wadden Sea

Joint Responsibility – Joint Opportunity

Integrated Management
between Governments and Stakeholders



The Wadden Sea

- ❑ One of most important wetlands in the world
- ❑ Largest unbroken stretch of intertidal mudflats in the world
- ❑ 12 million birds pass through each year



Trilateral Conservation Area 11,000 km²

95 % Natura 2000 Area

Denmark
Nature and Wildlife
Reserve
National Park

Germany
Federal Nature Protection Law,
National Parks (3 Federal States)

The Netherlands
Nature Protection Act,
Planning Decree Wadden Sea



Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation



Guiding principle: “to achieve, as far as possible, a natural and sustainable ecosystem in which natural processes proceed in an undisturbed way”.

No Legal binding

Trilateral Governmental Conferences (3y)

1982 Joint Declaration of the Wadden Sea

2010

**1997 Trilateral Wadden Sea Plan
Joint Monitoring Programme**

2010



The Wadden Sea Forum

from Nature Protection to Sustainable Management

- ❑ EU ICZM Pilot Project on Sustainable Tourism (1997-2000)
- ❑ In 2001 the ministers decided to establish a Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) to advice on sustainable development
- ❑ To day the WSF is an independent organisation of stakeholders from the Wadden Sea Region
(agriculture, energy, fishery, industry and harbour, nature protection, tourism, and local and regional governments)



The 11th Governmental Conference 2010

Stakeholder Involvement and Co-Responsibility

The Ministers take into account the recommendations by the Wadden Sea Forum:

- The development of a sustainability indicator tool
- The further development of ICZM and marine spatial planning
- Future energy developments along the Wadden Sea
- Trilateral goose management

- Invite to the development of the Wadden Sea as a World Heritage Site**

Wadden Sea World Heritage

“legal binding cooperation”

Criteria for global importance:

Geology, ecological processes and biodiversity

 Nominated property





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The Ministers:

"to initiate and organize the development of an overall Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy for the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site, in order to meet the request of the World Heritage Committee"

Tourism Strategy Group:

Representatives from GOs nature agencies, tourism organizations green NGOs and the Wadden Sea Forum.

Being adopted in 2013.



Tourism Development Strategy

Challenges

- Lack of experiences in transboundary cooperation on tourism (different culture and language)
- Competition between regions

Opportunities

- World Heritage as the Unique Selling Point
- Common responsibility by all stakeholders
- Enhance awareness of visitors
- Quality instead of quantity



Conclusions

The Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation:

Role model for linking tourism and conservation across borders

- ❑ Tourism organizations support nature conservation and have included it in their marketing strategy
- ❑ Good visitor management system (visitor guidance info centers)

World Heritage Wadden Sea:

New opportunities for tourism and conservation

- ❑ Increase support for nature conservation on all political levels
- ❑ Involvement of all stakeholders (awareness, commitment)
- ❑ Enhancement of international cooperation



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