

Wadden Sea Board

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Subject:	Status Report MoU Korea –Wadden Sea (§ 70-71 TD)
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Attached is a report on the status of the Memorandum of Understanding with Korea (§ 70 TD) and the joint input on tidal flat management delivered to the COP CBD in Korea in October 2014 (§ 71 TD).

Proposal: **The meeting is proposed to comment on the MoU and the preparation of the work programme 2015-2018.**

Status Report MoU Korea –Wadden Sea

Background

In accordance with the Tønder Declaration (§ 71 TD), an official side event has been organized at the CBD COP in Korea in cooperation with the Korean partner of the MoU:

- The Korean Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) who signed the MoU,
- The KOEM (Korean Marine Environment Management Cooperation) as the management organization for the Ministry MOF, who implements the MoU,

The aim was to present the results of the MoU for a transnational conservation of tidal flat ecosystem as input to the CBD. The programme has been prepared by the CWSS and the KOEM. Because the side event was finally confirmed in September 2014, the appointment of experts and budget preparation had to be done on very short notice.

A Wadden Sea delegation of six persons attended the CBD on 6 – 10 October and contributed to the side event and the MoU activities in Korea (overall schedule **Annex 1**). The programme of the CBD side event is in **Annex 2**.

Outcome

The MoU with Korea has been presented to a wider audience at the CBD COP. About 60 persons participated at the side event. The presentation underlined the global importance of both tidal flats and the joint responsibility to protect the most important and largest tidal flat ecosystems worldwide with importance for biodiversity way beyond their boundaries.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to organize a joint high level event with participation of Dutch, German, and Danish senior officials and representatives from the relevant Korean Ministries. This would have been strong political signal and would have profiled the MoU internationally but also nationally.

Overall, the MoU activities carried out since 2009 can be regarded as successful. Until October 2014, over 19 events have been organized, with about 150 experts involved and about 2,000 persons reached at both sites. In specific, the exchange between the info centres in Korea and the Wadden Sea are very close and have strengthened the capacities at both sites (see list of activities in **Annex 3**). A concrete joint education product is the preparation for a children's book about migratory birds (Atlantic and Pacific Flyways) which will be published in 15.

In conclusion, activities under the MoU have been quite successful, mainly because of the high interest of the stakeholders in the regions (local governments, NGOs, scientists, info centres) and a number of joint project has been realized. This approach will also be continued in the coming work period.

Follow up

On the occasion of the CBD, the work programme of the MoU for the next period was discussed with the KOEM and the stakeholder in two meetings (6 and 7 October 2014 in order to prepare a draft MoU programme by beginning of 2015.

The main focus will be on:

1. Policy and management

- Exchange of experiences on management issues e.g. restoration projects, adaptation to climate change, assessment reports (activities: exchange of report and publication, participation at workshops and conferences, also internationally)

2. Monitoring and Waterbird Management

- Strengthening bird monitoring network and exchange in Korea (using experiences and know-how from the Wadden Sea),
 - Further enhance connection between science and policy
3. Information centres, education and eco-tourism
- Continue cooperation between info centres (exchange, capacity building and training)
 - Develop partnerships between Korean and Wadden Sea info centres
 - Develop joint education products (e.g. flyway book project)
 - Cooperation and exchange on sustainable tourism
4. Science and research
- Definition of research themes which integrates issues relevant for the MOZ
 - Approach scientists and institutions who are willing to cooperate on these issues (building on the existing scientific structures at both sites)
5. MoU Communication
- Extend communication on MoU to a broader audience and multipliers (MoU leaflet or brochure, website and via info centres).

A draft programme is currently being prepared jointly by the CWSS and Korean KOEM and will be submitted to the WSB and the Korean Ministry MOF for endorsement.

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ANNEX 1**MoU Korea Wadden Sea at CBD-COP****6 - 10 October 2014****Final Schedule**Participants

1. Mr Harald Marencic, Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, Managing Director World Heritage,
2. Mr. Hubert Farke, Senior Scientist, WIMO Project, National Park Lower Saxon Wadden Sea, Germany
3. Mr. Jens Enemark, Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, International Advisor,
4. Mr. Martin Baptist, IMARES, Waddenacademie, The Netherlands, Senior Scientist.
5. Ms Anja Szczesinski, WWF Germany, World Heritage Environmental Education,
6. Mr. Soeren Rask Jessen, Nature Agency Danish Environmental Ministry, Denmark

Day	Location	Programme
5.10.2014	Yongpyoung Resort	Arrival at Hotel (afternoon up to 22:00), briefing
6.10.2014	Yongpyoung Resort	10:00 – 17:00 MoU joint meeting on work plan 2014-2018
7.10.2014	Yongpyoung Resort / CBD Conference Venue	10:00 – 13:00 Preparation MoU side event (presentations, discussion, statements) 13:00 attend CBD-COP
8.10.2014	CBD Conference Venue	13:15 - 14:45 MoU side event (about 60 participants) 15:30 – 17:30 Meeting MoU 18:15 Participation side event East-Asian- Australasian Flyway Partnership
9.10.2014	Yongpyoung Resort, CBD Conference Venue	8:30 – 13:00: Excursion (Naksansa Temple, East Sea), 13:15 – 14:45 Participation event Yellow Sea Partnership
10.10.2014	Yongpyoung Resort, Dragon Valley Hotel	11:00 – 14:30: Meeting with Korean World Heritage Project Team
11.10.2014	Departure	Departure or West Coast Excursion

MoU Korea Wadden Sea at CBD-COP

The 4th Joint Workshop on the MoU Wadden Sea Korea

8 October 2014

13:15 – 14:45

Final Programme

13:15 – 13:20 Mr. Cho, KOEM: Opening and Introduction to the MoU

13:20 – 14:20 Presentations by Wadden Sea and Korean Experts

1. Harald Marencic, CWSS: Management and Protection of Tidal Flats in an international perspective (World Heritage, Flyway, MoU Korea)
2. Byoungseol Koh, KOEM: Science and monitoring of tidal flats in Korea and scientific exchange
3. Hubert Farke, WIMO Project / Martin Baptist, IMARES / Waddenacademie: Ecology of intertidal flats - Cooperation in science and monitoring
4. Yung-Ki Ju, Korean Shorebird Network: Migratory Birds in Korea and exchange with the Wadden Sea
5. Anja Szczesinski, IWSS / Soeren Rask Jessen, Nature Agency: Environmental education, cooperation of info centres and sustainable tourism (Trilateral Wadden Sea School, info centre network and exchange with Korea)
6. Ji-Young Jang, EcoHorizon: Tidal flat education in Korea and exchange with the Wadden Sea

14:20 – 14:25 Summary (chair Jens Enemark)

14:25 – 14:45 Discussion, Q&A (chair Jens Enemark)

Annex 3**List of MoU Activities (December 2014)**

No.	Description	Date	Result	# experts participated		# persons reached		Type of event
				WS	Korea	WS	Korea	
1	Int. Symposium on East Asian Coastal Wetlands. Side Event Ramsar COP 10, Changwon		Workshop Report, Prep MoU Ramsar Resolution X.2	3			120	Man
2	12 th International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium, Wilhelmshaven	March 2009	Lecture Getbol, Signing MoU		18	250		Man, Research
3	1 st Joint MoU Workshop on Learning on Wadden Sea Strategy for Getbol protection, Mokpo	October 2009	Workshop Report, Definition of work themes and priorities	12			200	Man, Mon, Info
4	11th Trilateral Governmental Conference, Sylt, March 2010	March 2010	Conference and Workshop on Benthos with exchange for monitoring strategies		14	180		Man, Pol, Mon
5	International Symposium of Migratory Birds, Mokpo	October 2010	Review of monitoring methods and data exchange	2			80	Mon
6	Workshop on Wadden Sea education, Mokpo, Muan, Sinan.	September 2010.	Training courses and shared experiences, know-how and material of the International Wadden Sea School.	3			100	Info
7	3rd MoU Workshop on Benthos Monitoring, Mokpo	Sep 11	Workshop Report, Practical field studies.	8		40		Mon
8	Study visit info centres Wadden Sea	October 2011	Input for info centers Korea		6	40		Info
9	IUCN World Conservation Congress Jeju, World Heritage workshop, Mokpo	Sep 12	Report and input for Korean World Heritage project	2			150	Man
10	Joint workshop on tidal flat education, Suncheon	November, 2012	Input on educational programs and exhibition	4			50	Info
11	13th International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium, Leeuwarden. Study visit Ameland.	Nov 12	Keynote on Korean tidal flats. Review of work programme.		6	250		Man, Mon, Info
12	Study visit info centres Wadden Sea	June 2013	Exploration of 20 info centers		7	80		Info

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13	Water Bird Society Symposium and International Wader Study Group, Wilhelmshaven.	Sep 13	Joint meeting with bird experts TMAP and excursion		1	15		
14	Annual workshop International Wadden Sea School, Spiekeroog	Nov 13	Workshop Report. Review of work program.	15	5	20		Info
15	International Marine Protected Areas Conference (IMPAC), Marseille,	October 2013	Joint workshop on management MPA (KOEM, CWSS, NOAA)	1	4	25*		Man *international audience
16	12th Trilateral Governmental Conference, Tønder Feb 2014	February 2014	Rep from KOEM, MoU activities 2014/15, Planning CBD COP 12		2	20		Man
17	Study visit info centres Wadden Sea	Aug 14	Exploration of 10 info centers		7	40		Info
18	Joint workshop on tidal flat education	Sep 14	Training courses, capacity building, development of joint material (bird book)	4	10		100	Info
19	4th MoU Workshop, Side event at CBD COP 12	October 2014	Draft work programme 2014-18, Presentation MoU at CBD	6	10		100	Man, Mon, Info, Res
20	MoU Presentation at IUCN World Park Congress 2014	November 2014	Presentation Wadden Sea and Korea activities and outcomes	1	3	20*	200*	Man *international audience
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