

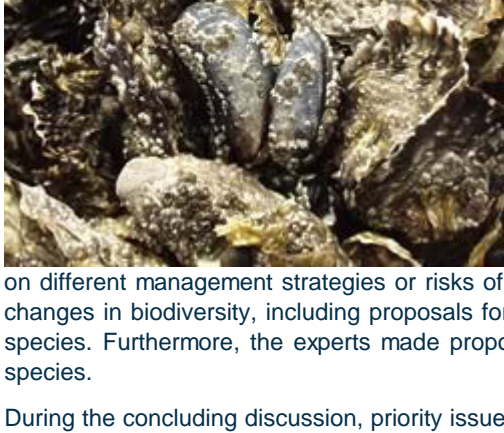
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## 1. Policy & Management

### Trilateral Conference on Neobiota in the Wadden Sea



On 26 August 2010, the 5th Trilateral Wadden Sea Day was held in Wilhelmshaven. Over 110 participants attended the conference on "Neobiota in the Wadden Sea - Challenges for Nature Conservation". The Conference was jointly organized by the National Park Administration Lower Saxon Wadden Sea and the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat. The great response on the registration clearly showed the relevance of this issue.

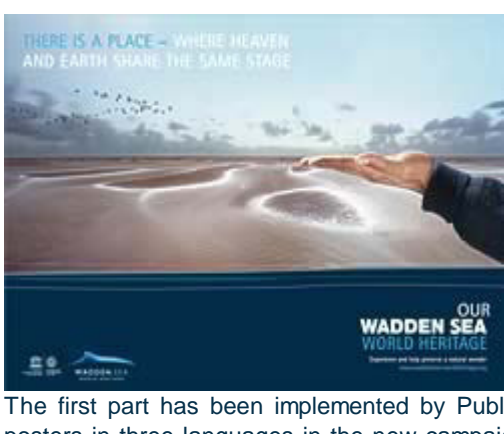
Experts from the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark gave information on the colonization and distribution of alien species in the Wadden Sea and introduced tools for assessing the risks of ballast water exchange. They also pointed out impacts on different management strategies or risks of mussel transports, and presented new concepts for monitoring changes in biodiversity, including proposals for enhancing public awareness on the issue introduction of alien species. Furthermore, the experts made proposals for prevention, management and control of invasive alien species.

During the concluding discussion, priority issues were named. These were, for example, preparing an inventory of on-going projects and activities, setting mechanisms to control introduction of alien species, using the existing framework of national, international and EU regulations for managing alien species, and enhancing the cooperation between the countries by developing a trilateral management plan for the Wadden Sea.

The scientific conference on neobiota in the Wadden Sea was a first step towards implementing the agreement of the Sylt Ministerial Conference (March 2010) to develop a common strategy for dealing with alien species introductions in the Wadden Sea, also taking account of the request of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and the ballast water convention.

For further information please visit the website:  
[www.waddensea-secretariat.org/news/symposia/WaddenSeaDay2010/WaddenSeaDay2010.html](http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/news/symposia/WaddenSeaDay2010/WaddenSeaDay2010.html)

### Wadden Sea World Heritage Site - What is happening?



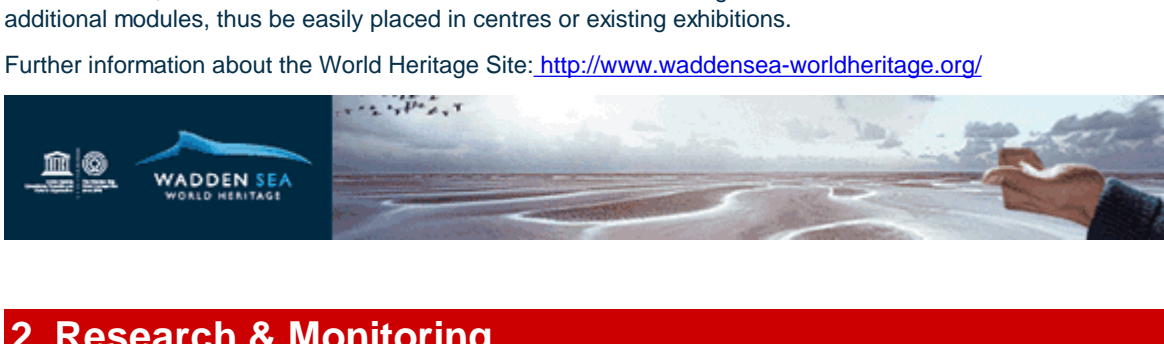
As a common initiative of tourism organizations and nature conservation agencies in the Netherlands and Germany, a joint World Heritage campaign is currently being implemented. The initiative is a follow up of the 2009 campaign to further enhance the awareness of the Wadden Sea World Heritage and to increase the public awareness for the universal values of the property, to support nature conservation and sustainable tourism, and intensify the cooperation between all stakeholders. As a result of a creative competition, in which 11 communication agencies participated, of which 5 presented a pitch, Publicis Hamburg was selected to implement the campaign.

The first part has been implemented by Publicis by preparing print advertisements, online banners and A1 posters in three languages in the new campaign layout for use in the partner network. The ads have already been used by the partners in various print media and magazines. All material can be downloaded at the World Heritage website.

In the second phase of the campaign, inhabitants and visitors will be actively involved by telling their story about the Wadden Sea under the motto: Be part of the World Heritage. A team of "story hunters" will be established in all four regions to look for interesting stories and to attract media attention.

A World Heritage information module is currently being elaborated by the German national parks in cooperation with Ecomare, Texel. The module contains basic World Heritage information and can be extended with additional modules, thus be easily placed in centres or existing exhibitions.

Further information about the World Heritage Site: <http://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/>



## 2. Research & Monitoring

### Toward a trilateral research agenda. Scientific symposium in Leeuwarden on 8 - 10 December 2010

In cooperation with the CWSS, AWI, GKSS and the University of Copenhagen, the Wadden Academy will organise a scientific symposium on the Wadden Sea Region to explore possibilities to set up trilateral research programmes which follow an integrated system approach.

Scientists of all disciplines - geology, ecology, cultural history, economy and climate - will present their research findings from a trilateral perspective. What are the commonalities and differences between sub-regions? The aim of the symposium is to identify important cross-border gaps in our knowledge of the Wadden Sea Region. In addition, the symposium will be dedicated to the exploration of possibilities to set up trilateral research programmes which follow an integrated system approach. Presentations will be given by possible financiers of these programmes.

The 5th symposium of the Wadden Academy takes place in the run-up to the 13th ISWSS, the International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium, which will be held in 2012. The 13th edition of the ISWSS will be organised by The Netherlands; the Wadden Academy has been invited by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality to take the lead in the organisation.

More detailed information about the programme and the registration form will be available on the website of the Wadden Academy ([www.waddenacademie.knaw.nl](http://www.waddenacademie.knaw.nl)) in October.

More: [http://www.waddenacademie.knaw.nl/News\\_item.19+M5e04e5fb354.0.html](http://www.waddenacademie.knaw.nl/News_item.19+M5e04e5fb354.0.html)

## 3. Information & Education

### The Teachers' Lounge - a new offer by the IWSS



In time for the school start after the summer, the new "Teachers' Lounge" of the International Wadden Sea School (IWSS) opens its virtual doors. In addition to the compact information of the IWSS website about sustainable school trips in the international Wadden Sea, the new "Teachers Lounge" now provides free access to all educational materials of the IWSS.

The Wadden Sea Puzzle and the complete IWSS migratory game are available, as well as all species determination sheets and Wadden Sea maps. "Teachers who treat the subject of the Wadden Sea in the classroom or prepare their class trip to the coast can find the available information and material," says Anja Szczesinski, coordinator of the International Wadden Sea School. Teachers can also use the new "material exchange platform" to exchange concepts, lesson plans and material from teacher to teacher.

In addition, the IWSS "Teachers' Lounge" informs about new development in environmental Wadden Sea education and presents new and useful learning sessions for schools and teaching. After a simple, free registration procedure, teachers have access to the "Teachers' Lounge" and access to all downloads. The service is free and the data will not be disclosed to third parties.

The International Wadden Sea School (IWSS) is a trilateral information and environmental education programme of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation. Further information at: <http://www.iwss.org>

### World Heritage Summer School on Sylt

This year's summer school at the Wadden Sea Station in List/Sylt of the Alfred-Wegener-Foundation of Polar and Marine Research is dedicated to the theme "The Wadden Sea as World Heritage Site - Ecology and Sustainable Use" (14 - 23 September).

The 10-day practical courses have been carried out since 2003 and offer young scientists from various disciplines the possibility to learn more about the ecological functions of the Wadden Sea and its protection and management. 15 participants from Germany, France, The Netherlands and Croatia joined the course this year which deals in particular with impacts of climate change, coastal morphology and sediment dynamics, threats to ecological functions (ocean acidification, species invasion, changing trophic interactions), and sustainable use of goods and services (fishery, aquaculture, energy, tourism).

"The World Heritage status of the Wadden Sea is also for scientists of high relevance" says Ragnhild Asmus of the AWI Wadden Sea Station, who organizes the summer school. "It underlines the unique value of the ecosystem Wadden Sea but also the need for scientific research to understand and protect it". At the end of the course, the participants will be asked to formulate their visions for the future of the Wadden Sea.

### Job opportunity: Communication Officer for the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation

The Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation has decided to strengthen its information & communication activities. This also regards the recent inscription of the Wadden Sea on the World Heritage List and the establishment of the Danish Wadden Sea National Park. The Common Wadden Sea Secretariat will therefore employ, at the earliest possible date, a Communication Officer on a project basis. Deadline for applications is 30 September 2010.

Download the job advertisement at:

<http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/news/Job%20Advertisement%20Communication%20Officer.pdf>

## 4. Publications

### Wild Wonders of Europe



Peter Cairns, Florian Möllers, Staffan Widstrand and Briget Wijnberg. 32 x 25 x 2.4 cm, 288 pages, 250 photos (mainly fully paged), hardback, German Edition: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC Germany; Mai 2010; 39,95,- Euro. ISBN 978-3-86690-174-2

English Edition: Harry N. Abrams, London.; May 2010; UK £ 29,99. ISBN: 978-0810996144 Dutch Edition: G+J Publishing CV & Carrera Publishers, 2010 ; 39,95 EURO. ISBN 978-90-488-0510-5

The result of one of the largest photography projects ever undertaken, "Wild Wonders of Europe" presents an astonishing view of the continent's flora and fauna. Organized by Staffan Widstrand, Bridget Wijnberg, Florian Möllers, and Peter Cairns, each award-winning nature journalists in their own right, this remarkable book reveals the wildlife and landscapes of all 48 European countries. From dramatic tableaux of spectacular valleys, waterfalls, and forests, to intimate and rarely seen creatures, a team of 69 photographers captures the full range of animal and plant life throughout the continent - and the Wadden Sea is amongst it.

With a focus on conservation and reintroducing vulnerable species to their natural habitats, the accompanying texts express hope for the future of European biodiversity. Part of the exhibition of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010, the release of this book will coincide with travelling celebrations, both outdoors and indoors, all over Europe. The photographs are breathtaking and the text is informative. It is hard to believe that all the images are taken in Europe. The book with its magnificent pictures is inspiring and shows the beauty of Europe's nature: "Unseen, unexpected and unforgettable" as the cover of the book is underlined. That is true!

Martin Stock

### Wadden Sea World Heritage



Weltnaturerbe Wattenmeer - Eine Luftbildreise. Gerhard Launer & Holger Schulz 30 x 24,6 cm, 96 pages, 96 photos (mainly fully paged), hardcover, Ellert & Richter Verlag, Hamburg, 2010;

19,95,- Euro. ISBN 978-3-8319-0413-6



Weltnaturerbe Wattenmeer - Die Nordsee von oben. Peter Hamel & Christine Köhler, 30 x 25 cm, 72 pages, 35 fully-paged photos, hardcover, Verlag für Lichtbilder, Hamburg, 2010; 29,50,- Euro. ISBN-13: 978-3981357417

One year following the designation of the Wadden Sea as a World Heritage Site, two new illustrated books about the outstanding beauty of the Wadden Sea from a bird's eye view are published.

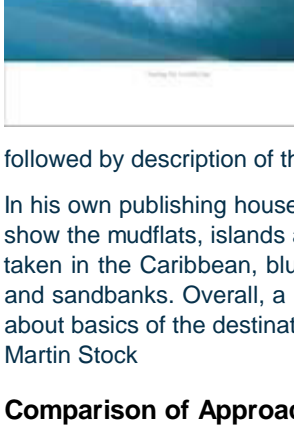
Gerhard Launer, a well-known German aerial photographer, has taken classical images from every German Wadden Sea island or Hallig and shows the mudflats in marvellous views and colours. Additional pictures from lighthouses, harbours and specific locations complete the view on this World Heritage Site. Holger Schulz, biologist and journalist has written the text. He introduces the reader to the history, the beauty and the characteristics of landscape and life,

followed by description of the tidal landscape in Lower Saxony, Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein.

In his own publishing house, Peter Hamel has released an impressive book about the Wadden Sea. His images show the mudflats, islands and sandbanks in impressive views and exceptional colours. Some pictures look like taken in the Caribbean, bluish and water-colour like, others show the structural beauty of gullies, sand ripples and sandbanks. Overall, a book with images like abstract paintings. A short introductory text informs the reader about basics of the destination.

Martin Stock

### Comparison of Approaches to Management of Large Marine Areas



Five years ago, Conservation International (CI) - with support from numerous partners- started work in three main Seascape. CI recently commissioned this independent analysis to help us understand the strengths and weaknesses of various approaches to managing large-scale marine areas. This intriguing report identifies ways organizations can work together and learn from each others' experiences by providing interesting regional case studies for support.

The report can be downloaded at:  
[http://www.conservation.org/publications/Pages/Comparison\\_of\\_Approaches\\_to\\_Management\\_of\\_Large\\_Marine\\_Areas.aspx](http://www.conservation.org/publications/Pages/Comparison_of_Approaches_to_Management_of_Large_Marine_Areas.aspx)

## 5. Trilateral Meetings

7 October 2010

Wadden Sea Board (WSB-2)

Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, Wilhelmshaven

09 - 10 November 2010

Joint Monitoring Groups Breeding / Migratory Birds (JMBB/JMMB 10/2)

Hamburg, Germany

A complete overview is at:

<http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/trilat/meetings/meetings.html>

Meetings of the Wadden Sea Forum (WSF) are at:

<http://www.waddensea-forum.org/calendar.html>

## 6. Symposia & Workshops

### Upcoming events

8-10s December 2010, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands Scientific symposium on the Wadden Sea Region: towards a trilateral research agenda.

In cooperation with CWSS, AWI, GKSS and GEUS, the Wadden Academy will organise a scientific symposium on the Wadden Sea Region to explore of possibilities to set up trilateral research programmes which follow an integrated system approach.

More Info at: [http://www.waddenacademie.knaw.nl/News\\_item.19+M5e04e5fb354.0.html](http://www.waddenacademie.knaw.nl/News_item.19+M5e04e5fb354.0.html)

A complete list of upcoming events is at: <http://www.waddensea-secretariat.org/news/events/otherconf.html>

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