

Demonstrator for a Transnational Wadden Sea Information Service

Workshop of the WADSIS Project within the framework of the EU DG13 INFO 2000 Programme

With the purpose of improving the accessibility of environmentally relevant information about the Wadden Sea, public and private organisations from The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark have, since the beginning of 2000, been cooperating in the EU supported WADSIS project.

The purpose was to initiate an operational and transnational infrastructure between public data source holders, in order to provide better overview and background information on professional GIS-datasets, maps, and data source holders in the countries around the Wadden Sea. Moreover, to interest and to make the general public (society) more aware of the Wadden Sea Environment, its nature and management framework, a popular scientific multi-media CD-ROM was developed.

The Wadsis project will be finished by the end of this year. The results of the project and the experiences gained in the cooperation of public and private organisations will be presented at a one-day workshop. During the discussions it will be assessed whether and how the concept can be applied to other European regions.

The workshop, which will be limited to 50 participants, will be held on Monday 12 November 2001, at ECOMARE, the Wadden and North Sea Centre, at the Dutch Wadden Sea Island Texel, Ryslaan 92, 1796 AZ De Koog, Texel.

Provisional Program

Sunday 11 November 2001

Registration and excursion within ECOMARE Centre and Isle of Texel

- 14.00 Registration and visit to exhibitions if Eco-Mare
- 16.00 Excursion on the island
- 18.00 Reception by the municipality of Texel
- 19.30 Social event and dinner

Monday 12 November 2001

- 08.30 Registration and Coffee
- 09.30 Welcome by EU-representative and WADSIS Coordinator
- 10.00 Overview WADSIS Project, including two-tier approach of public Web Service in combination with a privately marketed multi media CD-ROM
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.00 Results of the WADSIS Project, including demonstration of Web Service and multi media CD-ROM
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Discussion about application possibilities of the WADSIS two-tier approach for other environmental valuable and/or threatened regions within Europe, including presentations of examples for the
 - Gulf of Gdansk, Poland: Maciej Dembski, Maritime Institute Gdansk
 - Black Sea, Snesjana Moncheva, Project Coordinator of EU CESUM Project, Centre for Sustainable Development and Management of the Black Sea Region, Varna Bulgaria
- 15.00 Coffee/Tea
- 15.15 Discussions and Closure of the Workshop

Registration for the workshop can be done via the WADSIS website on www.waddenseamaps.net. On this website, also background information about The WADSIS project, participating organisations and a web service for geographical Wadden Sea meta-data can be found.