

Preface

Dear Reader

The third Wadden Sea Newsletter of this year focuses on the outcome of the Trilateral Governmental Wadden Sea Conference in Esbjerg in Denmark on October 31, 2001. Besides an overview of the most important results of the conference, this Newsletter also entails reflections on the conference, as well as on the Wadden Sea cooperation itself, by different non-governmental organizations. A controversial topic of the conference was the PSSA discussion – therefore, we decided to publish the main conclusions of the feasibility study on a PSSA Wadden Sea, presented by the Marine Research Center of the Southampton Institute (UK) to the Trilateral Cooperation in July 2001.

Other articles address ongoing or just finished trilateral projects or activities of which the LANCEWAD project is the most wide-ranging one. For the first time, a comprehensive and consis-

tent inventory of the landscape and cultural heritage of the Wadden Sea region has been compiled by developing a unique common GIS database. The final project report with over 330 pages plus a number of various GIS maps is an impressive proof of the success of this project which is also one of its kind on the European scale.

In the list of publications, you find three trilateral reports (contaminants in bird eggs, coastal protection and sea level rise, Wadden Sea specific eutrophication criteria) which have been prepared for the Esbjerg Conference. As the LANCEWAD project report, they are available as hard copy at the Secretariat or can be downloaded from the Secretariat's homepage.

Last but not least, this issue entails a calendar of events and the Annual Report of the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat for the year 2000.

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