



Monitoring and Assessment in the Wadden Sea - Foundations and Perspectives-

The 11th International Wadden Sea Scientific Symposium,
Esbjerg, Denmark, 4 – 8 April 2005

The focus of the conference will be "monitoring". Under this heading, the existing TMAP, methodologies (both monitoring and assessment methods), experiences from the existing monitoring programs and the results of new monitoring methods (e.g. use of remote sensing, use of models in assessment, inclusion of process oriented parameters, adaptation of monitoring strategies and supporting research) will be subject to scientific assessment. More policy related aspects (such as setting targets for monitoring programs, how to organize monitoring, data flow and reporting) will also be addressed.

By focusing on the "monitoring" theme, the 2005 Symposium will provide substantial input into the decision-making associated with the future development of the TMAP by the Trilateral Governmental Conference in November 2005. This will shape the future role of the TMAP in the three countries (organizational, data management) and its relationships to the EU-Directives (Habitat Directive, EU-bird Directive and the Water Framework Directive).

The following topics will be addressed:

- The QSR Update 2004 – lessons learned and gaps in knowledge,
- Role of concomitant research in monitoring,
- Experiences from running monitoring programs,
- New monitoring techniques,
- Application of models for monitoring and assessment,
- Monitoring Strategies, new requirements for TMAP from the Habitat- and Water Framework Directives.

The Symposium will be organized by the Danish National Environmental and Research Institute (NERI). A second announcement with registration form and call for papers and will be sent out in autumn 2004.

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