MEETING DOCUMENT

**Expert Group Climate Change Adaptation (EG-C 23)**

27 February 2025

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**Agenda Item: 8 Trilateral Governmental Conference 2026**

**Subject: Concept for a “Salt Marsh Brochure” as possible contributions of the EG-C to the Trilateral Governmental Conference 2026**

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In EG-C 22 the group agreed to discuss possible contributions of the group to the Trilateral Governmental Conference, which is planned for May 2026 in Esbjerg, Denmark. As basis for discussion, Jacobus Hofstede and Jannes Fröhlich provide a short overview /a message (e.g. a brochure) on salt marsh management to deliver. “

**Proposal:** EG-C is invited to enrich and discuss the document and propose next steps

# Concept for a salt marsh brochure (“flyer”)

First draft, 12.02.2025

**Aims of the brochure**

* Input to the Trilateral Governmental Conference 2026 by EG-C
* Summary of the current discussion on salt marsh conservation and management

**Target group**

* trilateral policy makers
* broader audience: persons with responsibilities for / connections to salt marshes in and outside the Wadden Sea

**Knowledge base / factual basis**

* QSR salt marshes
* EG-C report Altenburg… on saltmarsh-management 2024
* Presentations / results of the Groningen Workshop 2024
* Dijkema, etc.: salt marsh distribution growth /accumulation

**Possible topics / structure for a flyer or brochure**

* Significance of salt marshes (nature, coastal risk management (CRM), CO2 capture…but focus on nature values, CRM and climate adaptation)
* Extension, typology and development of salt marshes (QSR and other technical reports)
* Challenge SLR
* How are salt marshes (not) managed in the states of the tril. Wadden Sea?
* Status of nature values / qualities
* Status of coastal risk management
* Ecological and coastal risk management options
* Combining goals through nature-based solutions
* Recommendations (?)

**Next steps**

* Oral report in EC-C 23 (on the basis of this meeting document and attachments)
  + [Salt marshes | Wadden Sea Quality Status Report](https://qsr.waddensea-worldheritage.org/reports/salt-marshes-2024)
  + Understanding the tidal inlet systems of the Wadden Sea (flyer, see Annex 1) as an example and
  + Protecting and Monitoring Habitats in the Wadden Sea (flyer, see Annex 2)
  + EG-C report Altenburg… on saltmarsh-management 2024 ([EG-C 21/4.1)](https://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/system/files/EG-C-21-4-1%20MANABAS-salt-marsh%20study.pdf)
  + Presentations / results of the Groningen Workshop 2024 “[How much salt marsh management do we want and need in a changing climate](https://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/workshop-how-much-salt-marsh-management-do-we-want-and-need-changing-climate)?
* Discussion with / input from the group
  + Concept
  + Coordination with EG-Salt marshes and dunes and others
  + Financing of layout and printing

Possible first draft (text blocks) for the EC-C 24?

**Annex 1: Leaflet Understanding the tidal inlet systems of the Wadden Sea (2018, by EG-C)**

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**Annex 2: Protecting and Monitoring Habitats in the Wadden Sea**

Leaflet The trilateral ‘Expert Group Salt Marshes and Dunes’ monitors the vegetation, habitats and area of both salt marshes and dunes. This leaflet presents their work. <https://www.waddensea-worldheritage.org/protecting-and-monitoring-habitats-wadden-sea>

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