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**Task Group Management (TG-M 21-3)**

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**Agenda Item: 7. SIMP and QSR**

**Subject: QSR Thematic Report updates and process**

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**Submitted by: CWSS & chair TG-MA**

**Background**

Due to the activities on the revision and activation of TMAP during the German presidency (2018-2022), a full QSR cycle was not considered as feasible. As an alternative concept, the members of the coordinating Task Group Monitoring & Assessment (TG-MA), together with CWSS and the organizers of the International Wadden Sea Symposium (ISWSS), jointly developed the approach of mainly linking the selection of to-be-updated Thematic Reports to the headlines of the ISWSS. The symposium is considered as the ideal platform to discuss topic related findings or (if available) the reports. Further reports were commissioned considering the key topics of the Single Integrated Management Plan (SIMP), which is currently under development for the Wadden Sea World Heritage. The final reports are scheduled to be ready for online publication in the second half of 2021.

**QSR Thematic Reports**

**Table 1. QSR Thematic Reports selected for updating**

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|  | **QSR THEMATIC REPORT** | **Update selectionCriterium** | **Related trilateral group** | **lead author** |
| 1 | **Alien Species** | ISWSS | EG-Alien Species | Büttger, H.  |
| 2 | **Breeding Birds** | ISWSS | EG-Breeding Birds | Koffijberg, Kees |
| 3 | **Climate Change** | WG initiative | EG-Climate | Zijlstra, Robert; Philippart, Katja |
| 4 | **Energy** | SIMP | TG-Management | Christoph, Sina |
| 5 | **Fish** | ISWSS | WG-Swimway | Tulp, Ingrid |
| 6 | **Fisheries** | SIMP | TG-Management | Fock, Heino |
| 7 | **Flyway** | ISWSS | EG-Migratory Birds, WSFI Steering Group | van Roomen, M. |
| 8 | **Marine Mammals** | ISWSS | EG-Seals (Marine Mammals) | Unger, B. |
| 9 | **Migratory Birds** | ISWSS | EG-Migratory Birds | Kleefstra, F. |
| 10 | **Shipping and Harbours** | SIMP | TG-Management | Bahlke, C. |
| 11 | **Sublitoral Habitats** | ISWSS | TG-Monitoring and Assessment | Ricklefs, K. |
| 12 | **Tourism** | SIMP | NG-Tourism | Hartmann, S.;Arnegger, J. (both tbc) |
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|  | ***Salt Marshes and Dunes*** | *EG initiative* | *EG Salt Marshes and Dunes* | *implementation postponeddue to financial limitations* |
|  | ***Hazardous Substances*** | *Pending reportfrom 2017 QSR* | *TG-Monitoring and Assessment* | *Study on data statuscommissioned - report further delayed* |
|  | ***Coastal Protection***  | *SIMP* | *EG-Climate* | *Cancellation based on author assessment* |

The following **deadlines** apply for the production of the reports:

First concept and potential content ready to be discussed: March 2021

First draft of Thematic Reports: 01 June 2021

Final draft: 15 October 2021

ISWSS for discussion/presentation (if applicable): 30. Nov. - 03. Dec. 2021

An informal exchange between the authors and CWSS on recent developments, status of the draft and options for support is ongoing.

**Editorial Board and review process**

After final agreement on the TOR for the QSR Editorial Board and the nomination of members by TG-MA, the panel has been empowered to oversee and conduct the review process together with CWSS and in cooperation with TG-MA. Focus of this procedure is to safeguard the integrity and credibility of the scientific drafting and review process. It is foreseen that **TG-M** will be invited to propose potential reviewers for the Thematic Reports on management-related topics such as Energy, Fisheries and Shipping & Harbours to support the process.

**Table 2. Provisional list of members of the QSR Editorial Board 21-22** (single changes might apply on account of availability of members)

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| Name | **First name** | **Organization** |
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| **Bregnballe, T.** | Thomas | Aarhus University |
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| **Freund, H.** | Holger  | University of Oldenburg |
| **Gutow, L.** | Lars  | Alfred Wegener Institute, Bremerhaven |
| **Jensen, K.** | Kai  | Universität Hamburg |
| **Jepsen, N.** | Niels | DTU Aqua |
| **Teilmann, J.** | Jonas | University of Aarhus |
| **van Wezel, A.** | Annemarie | University of Amsterdam |
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| **Klöpper, S.** | Sascha  | Common Wadden Sea Secretariat |

**Proposal:** The group is invited to note the information.