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WSB 33 (27 August 2021) endorsed the [draft SIMP document version 0.6](#), as well as the proposed revised roadmap as the basis for the upcoming work with the site managers and further discussions in TG-WH. WSB 33 suggested to further elaborate on the EU Directives in the SIMP and advised to define activities as concrete as possible seeking ambition and articulating policy and site management.

TG-WH is working on the final draft SIMP for WSB 35 to be released for the Consultation Phase.

This document contains a progress report of the development of the single integrated management plan (SIMP).

Proposal: The WSB is invited to note the information.

Progress report of the single integrated management plan to WSB 34

1. EU Directives

At WSB 33, the Danish Delegation suggested to further elaborate on EU Directives in Section 3 of the SIMP.

Based on a first proposal by the Danish members, TG-WH is drafting a concise text on the implementation of the five most important EU Directives which the member states enforce through national legislation and implement accordingly: The Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC (WFD), the Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC (MSFD) and the Marine Spatial Planning Directive 2014/89/EU (MSPD).

Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.

2. Definition of concrete and ambitious activities

In order to continue the discussions to refine and agree on the activities for the SIMP key topics, the ad-hoc TG-WH meeting on 13 September agreed to use the ad-hoc SIMP drafting subgroups established in TG-M for the key topics shipping and ports, energy, and fisheries. The SIMP drafting subgroups were initially established to review and enrich the expert assessments of impacts of the key topics on the OUV. Tourism and coastal defence and protection ad-hoc SIMP drafting subgroups were formed with TG-WH members and colleagues proposed by those members.

The task of the subgroups is to review the proposed preliminary activities based upon the site managers suggestions, discuss in the subgroup how can these activities be implemented, identify precisely who would be addressed to implement the proposed activities, and what implementation steps are to be designed. Site managers involved in the previous workshops will contribute directly or indirectly by being part of the subgroups or by being consulted on specific activities. The input from the subgroups will be discussed in TG-WH 34 on 13-14 December as the basis of the final draft version of the SIMP to be submitted to WSB 35.

Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.

3. Definition of site managers

Site management in the three countries is represented in different types of organisations and therefore has different competences and responsibilities. In connection with the SIMP development process and the future implementation of its activities, TG-WH is drafting a concise text to specify the term "Site Manager" and the composition of site managers in the three countries.

Proposal: WSB is invited to note the information.