



Workshop “Visioning our Ocean of Tomorrow”

21-22 August 2014

Green Knowledge Centre, GRID-Arendal

Arendal, Norway

Theme: Sharing experience and transferring capacity along the East Atlantic Flyway - Linking people in Norway, the Wadden Sea and West Africa to improve marine and coastal ecosystem management, including sharing in the **production of State of Marine Environment Report for the planned Raet National Park** at the door steps of Arendal

The workshop will consist of two parts. The first part will use the expert elicitation method to assess the environmental status of the proposed Raet National Park. This part of the workshop will rely upon the knowledge of local experts who have experience in the proposed Raet National Park region. The workshop will also be of interest to visiting experts since it will provide a demonstration of the expert elicitation method that can be applied in any setting.

The second part of the workshop will consist of presentations and a boat trip to visit the planned Raet National Park and to visit Store Torungen Lighthouse. The presentations will focus on the East Atlantic Flyway.

Expert Elicitation method

The State of Marine Environment Expert Elicitation (SOME-EE) process uses consultation with national and local experts to gauge expert opinion about the condition of the marine and coastal ecosystems and dependent socio-economic sectors. There are commonly local datasets, and there are many local studies and short-term datasets about various aspects of marine ecosystems, but these have often a too coarse resolution and are not part of a systematic collection of data and knowledge routinely synthesised for reporting purposes. The SOME-EE process draws upon these disparate datasets and the knowledge-base dispersed across a range of sources and institutions to capture a representative sample of existing expert knowledge about the condition of the environment in a manner that can be used for reporting purposes.

The aim is to engage with a broad range of marine experts who have a background and experience in environmental issues and marine ecosystem assessment. The workshop will seek:

1. Understanding by the experts of an assessment process based on a Delphic approach of expert elicitation;
2. Assignment of scores to the components/parameters for the purpose of determining condition grades;
3. An assessment of risks based on known and impending threats to the components/parameters used here over short (5 year) and long (50 year) timescales.

Part 1 Raet National Park State of Marine Environment Workshop 21 August

09:00 -09:15	Status of Raet National Park	Thomas Kiland-Langeland, Aust Agder County Governor
09:15 – 10:00	Introduction to the Expert Elicitation method	Peter Harris, GRID-Arendal
10:00 – 12:30	Assessment Part 1: Quality of habitats for species; Grading and providing estimates of trends and certainty	Peter Harris / Wouter Rommens / Morten Sørensen / Tone Kroglund
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 16:30	Working groups Part 2: Species Populations and Groups Parts 3 and 4: Ecological Processes and Pests, Diseases and Algal Blooms Part 5: Physical and Chemical Processes	Peter Harris / Morten Sørensen / Even Moland Wouter Rommens / Elaine Baker / Einar Dahl
16:30 – 18:00	Part 6: Pressures and socioeconomic benefits	

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09:00 – 10:30	Part 7: Risk Analyses	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	

Part 2 GRID-Arendal 25 Anniversary Seminar

11:00 – 11:20	Welcome and Introduction	Mr. Øystein Djupedal Country Governor, Aust-Agder Dr. Peter Prokosch Managing Director, GRID-Arendal
11:20 – 11:40	State of Marine Environment Reporting in West Africa	Mr- Abou Bamba, Regional Coordinator, Abidjan Convention Secretariat
11:40 – 12:00	Experience in Cross-boundary Cooperation in the Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Site	Jens Enemark Director General, International Wadden Sea Secretariat
12:00 – 12:20	Linking Tourism & Conservation along the East Atlantic	Dr. Peter Prokosch Managing Director, GRID-Arendal
12:20 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 13:20	University of Agder and Marine Center plans on Sørlandet	Dag Olav Andersen, Head of Department, University of Agder
12:50 – 13:20	Can big plans and local aspirations work together?	Andrew St Joseph, Farmer and Coastal Conservation Expert Essex, UK
13:40 – 14:00	Presenting results from workshop on Raet National Park	Peter Harris
14:00 – 16:00	Boat trip Raet National Park and Store Torungen Light House Presentations about the National Park	
16:00 – 20:30	Social gathering on Store Torungen	

	<p>Tour on Store Torungen Light House</p> <p>Key Note speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The South Coast of Norway• Raet National Park <p>Fish Soup</p> <p>Entertainment with Cantabile Choir</p>	
20:30	Return to Arendal	