

International Wadden Sea School



Discovering the trilateral Wadden Sea bit by bit with the great IWSS Puzzle

International Wadden Sea School: Successful Trilateral Education in 2007

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The educational project of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation "International Wadden Sea School" (IWSS) looks back on a successful 4th season of trilateral Wadden awareness-raising.

Throughout the Wadden Sea, about 10.000 pupils took part in educational activities of the IWSS-partners with a special focus on international aspects and cross-border nature protection. More than half of the participants enjoyed the Wadden Sea on international class trips to a neighbouring country.

The great increase of visitors reached with trilateral Wadden education is a visible success of the adapted educational concept: In addition to the facilitation of international class trips the IWSS puts a stronger focus on the integration of trilateral aspects in the regular information and education activities of Wadden Sea visitor centres. So-called "Trilateral Core Activities", newly developed games on common themes like animal names or beached seals, and materials such as a big floor-puzzle of the trilateral Wadden Sea provide valuable additions to the network-partners' educational offers. These help spread the knowledge of and the understanding for the dimension and protection need of the international Wadden Sea.

With the increasing 'internationalisation' of Wadden Sea information, more and more locals and visitors get in touch with the idea of an "unlimited Wadden Sea", which is an important precondition for the long-term protection of the Wadden Sea as a whole.

Besides the successful implementation of the

advanced educational approach, also the marketing of IWSS-offers was considerably improved in 2007. A new folder is available in Dutch, German and Danish and the website www.iwss.org has been completely revised towards a four-lingual service- and information platform for environmental education in the international Wadden Sea. The site not only offers comprehensive information about the IWSS project and the partner centres' educational activities, but also provides a broad service-section for class-trips to national and international Wadden Sea destinations.

On their annual meeting, held on the island of Rømø at the beginning of December, the international network-partners confirmed the new line of IWSS activities and showed once more their commitment to trilateral Wadden Sea education.

For 2008, further trilateral resources and joint educational projects like a Wadden Sea wide beach explorer programme are planned – for a common future of the Wadden Sea.

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