



ECOSUPPORT MANAGEMENT GROUP PHONE MEETING

June 18st 2009, 14:00 until 16:45

Present: Markus Meier, Brian MacKenzie, Bo Gustafsson, Eduardo Zorita, Ulrike Löptien, Anders Höglund, Robinson Hordoir

Rapporteur: Ulrike Löptien

1. Report from BONUS-meeting

- discussion of the new science plan (until 2016): interdisciplinary, Baltic Sea region only; call for new proposals maybe at the end of 2010
- suggestion to form a BONUS-panel (general information to stakeholders to replace individual scientists or projects)
- collaboration with ICES, perhaps data base together with ICES
- Anders Omstedt suggested that each WP-coordinator should formulate three 'burning questions' - everybody agreed that it should not be too specialized and Markus is grateful for suggestions
- some money for travelling is available via BONUS for cluster meetings to be formed within the BONUS program
- projects should interlink and communicate
- 3 cluster related meetings have been suggested:
 - 17 August, BSSC, Tallinn, Estonia
 - 5-9 October, HELCOM/MONAS meeting, Germany:
Scenarios, processes and models
 - 15-17 November, Södertörns College, Sweden:
Governance and uncertainties
- other meetings:
 - 9-10 September Copenhagen (inter alia organized by Baltic NEST-institute; deadline for pre-registration passed)
 - 19-21 January: BONUS annual meeting in the Mediterranean or Black Sea area
 - February 2010: Baltic Sea summit

2. Status-reports

WP1 Report:

- status report will be sent again
- some wind-related problems with the reconstruction of the forcing (daily time scales)+ good progress otherwise
- simulations for the observational period are completed and the data have been distributed
- some partners have problems with large NetCDF-output; Markus agreed that SMHI could extract the time series for the partners that are not interested in specialized data and not the whole data set (e.g. ASCII-time series)
- **the available data sets should be listed on the homepage** (e.g. forcing, reconstructions etc. - short list: format, contact person...)
- one scenario simulation is started but not finished yet (A1B-scenario); run will not be perfect
- time plan ok

WP2 Report:

- atmospheric forcing (1961-2007) was distributed
- nutrient loads will be ready before end of June
- BNI is working on a revised BSAP to take changing runoff into account
- IOW prefer to use it's own nutrient loads
- ongoing work concerning data validation and initial conditions (non-critical delay)
- concerning the validation a workshop might be nice concerning the input for the food-web modelling (planned for 14 October before the ECOSUPPORT GA)
- requested zooplankton data might be available from BNI (Thorsten Blenckner)
- no consensus about the criteria for the quality of the models yet (depends on interest), this question will be discussed in Tallinn and Norrköping

WP3 Report:

- a list was distributed about the variables needed as an input to run the food-web and biological models (**this list will be made available on the homepage**)
- everybody agreed that there will probably be no big technical problems to provide the data (except some minor points)
- the major problem is to account for model weaknesses
- **a discussion (approx. 0.5 to 1 day) about this issue will take place in Norrköping, October – in advance to the General Assembly – the meeting will be chaired by Brian**

- for the food-web approach something similar to a multi-model ensemble in climate research is considered (Brian will invite other groups to the Norrköping-meeting)
- report from the ICES-HELCOM Working Group on Integrated Ecosystem Assessment of the Baltic Sea is available

WP4 Report:

- since Urmas could not make it to the meeting Markus gives a short overview of his report
- preliminary tests with GETM and ERGOM in the Gulf of Finland have been conducted
- getting forcing data for the regionalized models will be an issue in upcoming meetings in Tallinn and Norrköping (=> shorter time slices)
- not all partners informed about the current status of their work
- a detailed work plan is requested for the Tallinn meeting

3. Bonus Consortium Agreement

- The German partners do not want to sign unless a new paragraph is added and some appendices have been clarified (ongoing discussion)
- all other partners did or will probably sign
- if possible the last page should remain the same and thus a new collection of all signatures should be avoided, all partner institutes will be informed when new information is available

4. Next general assembly in Norrköping in October

- ECOSUPPORT-presentations are needed even though external proposals should be considered first (titles of ECOSUPPORT presentations should be sent until the end of the month)
- WP-leaders should provide suggestions for the agenda (as soon as possible)
- Draft agenda about the food-web meeting will be sent around by Brian

5. Minor points

- Brian will send the cod reproductive volume data to SMHI
- **Markus will perform the initialisation for the electronic submission system of BONUS**
- Email- addresses of ECOSUPPORT-related people should be provided (e.g. new GKSS colleague)

6. Next management meeting

- Will be included in the **ECOSUPPORT General Assembly 2009** in Norrköping (Eduardo will not be able to come but is willing to attend via telephone)