



How is it to live here? Liveability in the trilateral

Wadden area - research results from the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany

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The WaLTER project (Wadden Sea Long-Term Ecosystem Research) has the aim to prepare a structured monitoring plan for the Wadden area and provides available monitoring data on a data portal (<http://www.walterwaddenmonitor.org/>). This involves both ecological and physical and socio-economic data. In this brief report we elaborate on the monitoring data of “Demographics and Liveability” and show some first results of a pilot study with Partoer, and some first results from research conducted by bachelor students of the University of Groningen. The monitoring of demographic data in the Netherlands, and also in the Wadden Sea area and in Friesland, is in good order by the Municipal Administration and the national statistics office. For example, monitoring of average house prices, and socio-economic composition of neighborhoods are in detail available. Hence, important key indicators for the liveability of the Wadden area are existing and accessible.

However, WaLTER notices a gap in some areas. For example, the liveability monitoring shows too few ‘real-time’ policy, and the data is to less actual/contemporary. Although population statistics show for example, when families left and where they went, but politically it is more important to keep a finger on the pulse before such a decision has been made. What are the problems experienced: it is the quality of the school? Travel time to work? First answers to these questions will be given in this report.