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INTRODUCTION

0.1 The 17th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation was held in Helsinki, Finland, on 14-15 June 2005. The List of Participants is contained in **Annex 1** to this document.

0.2 The Meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Arturas Daubaras.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

Documents: 1/1, 1/2

1.1 LD 1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda as contained in **Annex 2** to this document.

Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from the HELCOM Groups

Documents: 2/1, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/INF

2.1 LD 2 The Meeting took note of the outcome of the Fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE 5/2005) in general (document 2/1).

2.2 LD 3 The Meeting agreed that the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Chairman of HELCOM RESPONSE, will contact EMSA in order to identify possible cooperation in collecting information on the oil transported and used as fuel in the Baltic as well as on the effectiveness of the dispersants on these types of oil in the Baltic conditions.

2.3 LD 4 The Meeting took note of the status of the elaboration of the draft HELCOM Recommendation "Strengthening of sub-regional cooperation in response field" and decided to discuss it at HOD 18/2005 with a view of having Denmark to lift her study reservation and to endorse the draft Recommendation to be forwarded to HELCOM 27/2006 for adoption.

2.4 LD 5 The Meeting took note that the next HELCOM RESPONSE meeting will be held on 30 November - 2 December 2005 in Helsinki, Finland, if no invitation from the Contracting Parties will be received.

2.5 LD 6 The Meeting considered the project proposal "Risk assessment of ballast water mediated introductions" (document 2/2) and decided to establish the project as amended (**Annex 3** to this document).

2.6 LD 7 The Meeting invited the Contracting Parties to inform the Secretariat by the end of July 2005 of their possibilities to financially contribute to the project.

2.7 LD 8 The Meeting took note of the outcome of the Tenth Meeting of the HELCOM Land-based Pollution Group (HELCOM LAND 10/2005) in general (document 2/3).

2.8 LD 9 The Meeting approved the deletion of two Lithuanian Hot Spots: No. 58 "Alytus WWTP" and No. 59 "Vilnius WWTP".

2.9 LD 10 The Meeting awaited the position by Russia as regards the deletion of Hot Spot No. 57 "Marijampole WWTP". Russia was requested to clarify her position by 31 August 2005 (silent approval) and in case of approval by Russia, the Meeting agreed then to delete Hot Spot 57.

2.10 LD 11 The Meeting approved sending an input from HELCOM to the EC into the development of a strategy on sustainable use of pesticides in Europe (Annex 2 to document 2/3) as contained in **Annex 4** to this document.

2.11 LD 12 The Meeting tasked the HELCOM Secretariat to send a letter to the Working Group on Strategies and Review under the UNECE Convention stating the interest

of HELCOM to give input on the Baltic specific aspects to the review process of relevant protocols.

2.12 LD 13 The Meeting endorsed the proposal to task EMEP to compute two different scenarios for airborne nitrogen deposition to the Baltic Sea as contained in **Annex 5** to this document and requested the Secretariat to contact EMEP.

2.13 LD 14 The Meeting endorsed the steps identified by HELCOM LAND for how to collect information for the HELCOM thematic assessment on eutrophication as presented in **Annex 6** to this document.

2.14 LD 15 The Meeting endorsed the proposed intersessional activities on hazardous substances as contained in **Annex 6** to this document.

2.15 LD 16 The Meeting endorsed the arrangement of a “wrap up” international seminar by the Baltic Environment Forum (BEF) on the HELCOM data collection project in September/October 2005 and the main issues identified by HELCOM LAND to be considered at this seminar as contained in **Annex 6** to this document.

2.16 LD 17 The Meeting encouraged participation of experts from all Contracting Parties and especially the EC in the seminar on hazardous substances.

2.17 LD 18 The Meeting endorsed the preparation of a thematic assessment for HELCOM 28/2007 on hazardous substances (including evaluation of measures taken, pollution loads from different sectors, impacts on the Baltic Sea and proposals for additional measures) and the proposed procedure how to do it.

2.18 LD 19 The Meeting approved the revised Working Programme for the Land-based Pollution Group as contained in **Annex 7** to this document.

2.19 LD 20 The Meeting invited Contracting Parties to investigate their possibilities to host the next HELCOM LAND meeting on 16-18 May 2006 and inform the Secretariat by the end of September 2005. In case no Contracting Party is in the position to host the LAND meeting, it will be held in Helsinki at the premises of the Secretariat.

2.20 LD 21 The Meeting discussed documents 2/4 and 2/5/INF and was not able to adopt the “Guidance on the practical application of HELCOM requirements on conducting Environmental Impact Assessment” as one Contracting Party (Russia) could not agree on it. The Meeting stressed the strong need to finalise the Guidance document and agreed to have a revised draft to be submitted for HELCOM HOD 18/2005 for adoption.

2.21 LD 22 The Meeting decided that the document “Guidance on the practical application of HELCOM requirements on conducting Environmental Impact Assessment” will be intersessionally discussed at the subregional seminar within the framework of the Espoo Convention on 20-21 October 2005 in Stockholm and asked Russia to submit comments and proposals to the Guidance document for the Stockholm meeting. The Meeting asked Sweden as a host country to ensure the inclusion of this topic to the agenda.

2.22 LD 23 The Meeting appreciated the offer of Germany, Finland and Sweden and possibly others to provide Russia with expert assistance in jointly amending the “Guidance on the practical application of HELCOM requirements on conducting Environmental Impact Assessment” and requested Russia to inform respective countries on her national contact.

2.23 The Meeting took note of the presentation by Mr. Benny Pettersson, Chairman of HELCOM AIS EWG, of the HELCOM AIS-based ship monitoring system and noted with appreciation that the established system is fully and timely implementing the HELCOM Copenhagen Declaration making the Baltic Sea the first region in the world capable of real-time monitoring of ships traffic and elaboration of reliable statistics for further use for maritime and response purposes.

6.2 LD 33 The Meeting agreed on the process and tentative timeline of the development of the Baltic Sea Action Plan as laid out in Annex 3 of document 6/1.

6.3 LD 34 The Meeting requested the Executive Secretary to report back to HOD 18 on a more detailed plan.

6.4 LD 35 The Meeting emphasised the importance of the involvement of stakeholders into the development of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and agreed that the list of HELCOM International Observers will make up a starting point for the identification of stakeholders and that, in the course of the process, further relevant stakeholders can be taken onboard.

6.5 LD 36 The Meeting further agreed that there is a need to involve also national stakeholders in the Contracting States.

6.6 LD 37 The Meeting emphasised the role of HELCOM as a front-runner in applying the ecosystem approach to protect the marine environment of the entire Baltic Sea eco-region and found that it would be useful to share this experience with other countries.

6.7 LD 38 The Meeting noted the European Commission's planned timetable to publish its proposal for a European Marine Strategy by the end of July and stressed the importance for HELCOM to consider the consequences to the HELCOM work. Furthermore, the Meeting stressed the importance of providing information on the achievements of HELCOM to wider European forum (e.g. EC Environment Ministers and non-EC Ministers). Noting the related discussions within OSPAR, the Meeting requested the Secretariat to make up a first draft proposal to be given as an input on the practical experience of HELCOM to the EC Council of Ministers (Environment) and to the Environment Committee of the European Parliament. The draft proposal of the short and focused document is to be agreed upon via e-mail and if need be to be discussed by the Heads of Delegation at HOD 18/2005.

6.8 LD 39 The Meeting took note of the proposal to publish a popular brochure "The Baltic Sea Action Plan – working together to improve the marine environment" as a part of HELCOM's public awareness activities, and in order to promote wide stakeholder participation in the process of drawing up and adopting the plan, endorsed the publication of the brochure (document 6/2) in early autumn 2005.

6.9 LD 40 The Meeting took note of the position statement "Translating global commitments into real action - our demands for an EU Marine Framework Directive" by several environmental NGOs (document 6/3/INF).

Agenda Item 7 HELCOM Institutional and Organizational Matters

Documents: 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/3/Rev.1

7.1 LD 41 The Meeting considered the draft budget frame for the five-year period from 2007/08 through to 2011/12 (document 7/3) bearing in mind HELCOM's future tasks, structural issues and personnel needs. Finland noted that their Headquarters' contribution should also be stagnated at the same level as for the 2006/07 budget estimate. Poland and Latvia informed that they have a study reservation on the revised draft. With tacit approval by Poland and Latvia by 20 July 2005 the Meeting decided to endorse the thus amended five-year budget frame as contained in document 7/3/Rev.1 and in **Annex 8** to this document.

7.2 Germany pointed out to the Meeting that the Commission should, when deciding on the budget, however, strive at the equal-share principle as stipulated in Article 22, Paragraph 3 of the Convention.

7.3 LD 42 The Meeting discussed the work and structure of HELCOM, related to the five-year budget frame including the use of excess funds in the Working Capital Fund (WCF) (document 7/2) and agreed that the existing permanent Working Group structure should be kept.

7.4 LD 43 The Meeting discussed and endorsed the two groups of activities to be supported by use of excess funds in the Working Capital Fund:

9.4 LD 51 The Meeting agreed on a need for a joint input from HELCOM to the Second Intergovernmental Review of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (document 9/6). The Meeting requested the Secretariat to develop a proposal for a joint input utilising the thematic assessment reports on eutrophication, biodiversity and nature conservation.

9.5 LD 52 The Meeting took note of the meetings and exercises within HELCOM in 2005/2006 as contained in **Annex 10** to this document as well as of the ongoing HELCOM projects as contained in **Annex 11** to this document.

9.6 LD 53 The Meeting acknowledged the success of the Sixth Baltic Sea Day held in St. Petersburg on 22-23 March 2005 and the important contribution of this event to work going on in many of the HELCOM subsidiary bodies and projects (document 9/3).

9.7 LD 54 The Meeting was further of the opinion that on a biannual basis with financial support from the HELCOM budget, the Baltic Sea Day should be arranged at international level, with participation by the Contracting Parties. Russia was requested to submit a proposal for the international Baltic Sea Day 2007 to the next HOD meeting.

9.8 LD 55 The Meeting took note of the outcome of the 13th Ministerial session of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) (document 9/7/INF).

9.9 Noting that Ms. Eeva-Liisa Poutanen will no longer be representing Finland within HELCOM, the Meeting expressed its sincere thanks for her valuable contribution to the work of HELCOM and wished her all the best for her future.

Agenda Item 10

Outcome of the Meeting

Documents: 10/1

10.1 LD 56 The Meeting adopted the List of Decisions as contained in document 10/1.

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Annex 2

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Annex 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION**1. Title of Project**

Risk assessment of ballast water mediated introductions

2. Project Manager**3. Proposing Party**

Contracting Party	_____
Commission	_____
Subsidiary body	_____
Heads of Delegation	_____
Executive Secretary	<u> X </u>

4. The body supervising the project

HELCOM MARITIME (in cooperation with HELCOM MONAS, HELCOM HABITAT)

5. Target and activities**Main goals**

- to quantify the risks of introduction of alien species to the Baltic region through ship's ballast water and sediments;
- to propose measures for reducing these risks;
- to identify actions to facilitate the implementation of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments.

Scope

1. Analysis of **present and future shipping patterns** in the Baltic Sea. This study will provide information necessary for quantifying and understanding the possible risks of introduction of alien species in ballast water to and within the Baltic Sea. The analysis will be based on available shipping statistics and, if available, information about ports of call previous to entry into the Baltic Sea where ballast water uptake may have occurred, the destination ports of vessels leaving the Baltic Sea (to determine the possible contribution of Baltic species to other areas), the type of vessel and estimates of amounts of ballast water transported.
The overall analysis of shipping patterns based on shipping statistics will be used for selection of representative ports/areas to be used for further study, which results will be then extrapolated to cover the whole Baltic Sea (as far as scientifically reasonable).
2. Identification of **potential source regions** that pose a high risk of donating invasive alien species to the Baltic Sea, through analysis of environmental similarity for the Baltic Sea region/ports. This analysis will be used to determine the likelihood that a species that is introduced from the donor or source region will be able to survive and reproduce in the new environment. The environmental similarity analysis will be carried out applying the matching climate & salinity approach and comparison of

- bioregions using the GloBallast Database (covering some 350 harbours, their salinity conditions etc) as well as other relevant information.
3. Identification of shipping traffic which pose **high risk** for the introduction of invasive alien species to the Baltic Sea. Identification and feasibility analysis of the specific measures which could be applied for the management of ballast water of each group/type of high risk vessels.
This analysis will be carried out by taking the most important risk factors into consideration (area of origin in relation to the conditions of the receiving port, duration of the voyage, results obtained under Tasks 1 & 2 above).
 4. Identification of further measures for reducing or ameliorating the risks identified in risk assessments:
 - Ships coming from outside Europe;
 - European coastal traffic (BW exchange in the North Sea (not in accordance with IMO criteria, in coordination with the North Sea States) should be evaluated as an option);
 - Traffic within the Baltic Sea.
 5. Identification of the **areas/ports of special interest** (if any) where separate risk assessments should be made.
 6. Elaboration of the proposals for the methodologies for risk assessments to be used to for the Baltic Sea region. This evaluation should be based on the outcome of Task 1-3 and 5.
 7. Assessment of the needs and proposals for monitoring of invasive species and port baselines surveys in the Baltic taking into account current monitoring programs within HELCOM and the EU and development of relevant Guidelines at the IMO.
 8. Development of proposals for a common structured procedure for species specific assessment to be used in developing a "black list" of harmful or potentially harmful alien species that are especially undesirable to be introduced to the Baltic Sea. Based on the results of Tasks 1 and 2 and studies of the literature, identify species, which if introduced with shipping from potential source regions, risk causing harm to biological diversity, human health and socio-economic values.

Experience of other national and international risk assessments e.g. IMO GloBallast, DNV (the Scoping Study for a ballast water management, accomplished on behalf of North Sea states), BITIS etc. as well as IMO Ballast Water Management Convention and relevant guidelines should be taken into account when carrying out the project.

6. Consistency with HELCOM priorities X yes no

The project is in accordance with **overall HELCOM priority** in maritime field: "Based on statistics on ships movements in the Baltic as well as risk assessments to ensure that the increasing maritime traffic and offshore activities are carried out in a safe and environmentally sound" and **specific task** to "Identify ways to regionally implement the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, set for adoption in 2004".

7. Expected results

The project will allow to asses the risks of introduction of alien species to the Baltic region through ship's ballast water and sediments and identify the ways to reduce these risks and facilitate the implementation of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments.

8. Timetable (including number of Project Team meetings)

Intermediate report to HELCOM HABITAT and HELCOM MARITIME by 16th September 2005.

Intermediate report to HELCOM MONAS by 14 November 2005.

Final report to HELCOM Commission Meeting by 1 February 2006.

9. Budget (taking into account financial year from 1 July to 30 June)

The total working time for the study is seven (7) months.

Project Manager three (3) months (à 5.500) € 16.500

Project Assistant four (4) months (à 2.500) € 10.000

Total costs € **26.500.**

The project will be financed from HELCOM Working Capital Fund (unless any Contracting Party is willing to contribute).

10. Additional requests (manpower, equipment, facilities, etc.)

10.1 From the Contracting Parties – none

10.2 From the Secretariat – none

11. Procedure of nomination of the Project team members

not applicable

12. Signature of the Project Manager (Mr. Erkki Leppäkoski)**13. Opinion of the Chairmen of the relevant body**

supports

14. Opinion of the Executive Secretary

supports

15. Decision of the Heads of Delegation

(17th Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation, 14-15 June 2005, Helsinki, Finland, Minutes of the Meeting, Paragraph 2.5, LD 6)

 X to establish not to establish

Annex 4**HELCOM input to the development of the EU strategy on sustainable use of pesticides****Background**

The European Commission is currently finalising a proposal for a Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides by arranging a consultation procedure to elicit opinions from stakeholders on the particular measures being considered for inclusion in the final Strategy.

The consultation builds on the results of previous stakeholder consultations following the publication of the Commission's Communication "Towards a thematic strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides". The information will feed into the strategy which is scheduled for adoption in September 2005.

HELCOM LAND 10/2005 endorsed the draft outline on answers to the EC questionnaire with the intention to submit this to the EC as input from HELCOM to the stakeholder consultation procedure for issues relevant for the Baltic Sea.

The input from HELCOM is mainly based on findings in HELCOM reports such as the "Assessment of the Status of Implementation of Environmental regulations of Agriculture in the Baltic and partly the North Sea areas - Report to the Nordic Council of Ministers 2003" prepared by the Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences and "The pesticides selected for immediate priority action" prepared by the HELCOM hazardous substances project.

1. National Action Plans

HELCOM finds it important that the National Action Plans for the Baltic Sea countries would take into account Baltic Sea specific issues. Hence a reference in possible guidance/requirements to be developed for NAPs on the proper consideration of marine convention aspects should be included

2. Training and awareness raising

Training and awareness raising is an important aspect of environmental protection with regard to the use of pesticides. Training should as minimum include integrated pest and crop management, storing and handling procedures, application techniques as well as alternatives to chemical plant protection. An efficient option to guarantee participation is the linking to agri-environmental schemes, as has been done in some Member States.

HELCOM finds it important to support training and education of and by advisory services in the abovementioned fields as a minimum

3. Compulsory control and standardisation of application equipment (sprayers); and**4. Specific measures on aerial spraying**

HELCOM requires that application technology and practice should be designed to prevent unintentional application or run-off of pesticides to bodies of water and that application of pesticide by aircraft should be strictly controlled in national legislation. Most Baltic Sea countries have rules for inspection of sprayers. However, in some countries only spot checks of a small number of sprayers are made each year. Other countries have different systems eg. checking all sprayers every second or third year or at other time intervals. A great number of faults are found with the sprayers during inspections. In some countries inspected and approved sprayers are provided with a sticker. In some countries there is no compulsory testing of sprayers or the practical testing is not working properly. There is an EC standard concerning sprayers. These requirements should be better enforced.

HELCOM finds it important that national regulations contain provisions on testing, spraying and training of application of pesticides. There is a need to intensify inspection of sprayers and control of spraying logs

5. Areas of strongly reduced or zero PPP use

Protection zones have generally been defined in Baltic Sea countries, but the definition of the protection zones and the width of the protection zones vary from country to country. Monitoring of pesticides in waterways also varies from country to country and should be improved in some countries. The practical use of pesticides is usually laid down in "Good Agricultural Practice" (GAP) and in operators' handbooks.

In agricultural areas there are often a great number of small wells and borings, which are the source of water for households or watering of domestic animals. These water supplies are often placed on or near the farm itself, where handling of pesticides in connection with filling and cleaning of sprayers also takes place. It is often difficult to avoid contamination of the soil with pesticides either from concentrated waste from containers, emptying of sprayers for small remainder of spraying liquid or washing of pesticides deposited on sprayers and tractors. Even relative small deposits can be the cause of pollution of big water quantities.

HELCOM finds it important to apply restrictions and ensure a high level of environmental protection for vulnerable areas, in order to ensure the protection of the Baltic Sea

6. Collection of PPP packaging and unused (obsolete) products

The proper handling of obsolete pesticides has been identified as an important task in the Baltic Sea region mainly as result of the Soviet times. Although many of the HELCOM priority hazardous pesticides are not used anymore, old stocks are still remaining in the countries. In 1996 the number of identified unsafe pesticide storage sites was about 1500 in the three Baltic States (about 900 in Lithuania, 422 in Latvia and 200 in Estonia). Since 1996 in all three countries programs have been carried out to identify these pesticides, repack them and store them under safe conditions, but work remains there to be done.

According to figures reported to FAO in May 2004, the stockpiles of toxic waste were 29 100 tonnes in Poland (of which about half are obsolete pesticides), 2665 tonnes in Lithuania (of which 1565 were POPs pesticides) and 341 tonnes in Latvia. Other reports contain substantially different figures in the abovementioned Contracting Parties, showing also the difficulties to collect data on the amounts of obsolete pesticides.

HELCOM finds it important that obsolete pesticides are properly addressed within the EU strategy on pesticides

7. Monitoring and reporting

A general monitoring of pesticide use depends on fixed criteria and indicators for the registration. Specific goal figures for use of pesticides, in particular crops, are important guidelines for the growers' possibilities for evaluation of their pesticide use in comparison to the superior goal. Monitoring of special areas makes it possible to follow leaching of pesticides to drains or ground water. This provides valuable supplementary information to the information provided by the chemical companies in connection with application for registration and it can rapidly and precisely contribute to identification of problems in connection with a pesticide under varying field and growing conditions. International co-operation concerning such investigations can be recommended.

HELCOM finds it important to further develop and use environmental monitoring indicators

8. Compliance controls

According to HELCOM studies, a comprehensive set of requirements to reduce pollution from agriculture exists and has also widely been incorporated into national legislation in the Baltic Sea countries. It is, however, difficult to assess the implementation of regulations at farm level.

HELCOM finds it important to support compliance with legislation regarding the use of pesticides

9. Comparative assessment and substitution principle

HELCOM finds it important to integrate the principle of comparative assessment in the process of evaluation of active substances and authorisation of products at Member State level. This should be put into practice by comparing the risk levels of different active substances used for the same purpose at several levels:

-at inclusion into annex 1 of the Directive of active ingredients at Community level

-at the stage of authorising preparations containing these active ingredients at national/zonal level - in view of choosing the actual 'best solution' to protect plant at user level.

10. Integrated Pest Management

Usually legislation in Baltic Sea countries encourages the development of "Integrated Pest Management" (IPM) or use of alternative methods for plant protection and use of biological products, but in some countries no specific goals have been defined. Often some elements are laid down in GAP. In some countries the advisory service does not have capacity to provide information for farmers about alternative methods.

HELCOM finds it important to support research and development of Integrated Crop Management Technologies

Annex 5**ASSESSMENT OF NITROGEN DEPOSITION TO THE BALTIC SEA FOR 2010 BASED ON AGREED EMISSION CEILINGS UNDER THE EU NEC DIRECTIVE AND THE GOTHENBURG PROTOCOL****Decisions at HELCOM 26/2005 in March**

HELCOM 26/2005 considered airborne nitrogen pollution (document HELCOM 26/2005, 3/5) and:

- decided to include nitrogen air depositions to the ongoing HELCOM Project "Assessment of implication of different policy scenarios on nutrient inputs", currently only covering waterborne nitrogen inputs to the Baltic and their effect in the Baltic Sea;
- agreed that EMEP should be tasked to assess the changes in the size of the air nitrogen deposition with the fulfilment of the targets for nitrogen in the Gothenburg protocol to the UN/ECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and the EU NEC Directive and/or the foreseen achieved levels for 2010;
- the results hereof should be used as input to the updating of the programmes under the EU NEC Directive in the Member States in 2006 and proposals for the possible modification to the EU NEC Directive in 2008 (as well as in the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol).

Task for EMEP

In order to fulfil the request by HELCOM 26/2005, EMEP is tasked to develop 2 different scenarios as outlined below.

Scenario 1

- Based on the decision at HELCOM 26 EMEP is requested to assess the changes in the size of the air nitrogen deposition on the Baltic Sea. So called CLE (Current Legislation Plan) emissions will be used in the computations for 2010. The CLE means emissions as specified in the Gothenburg Protocol for the countries included in the Protocol and emissions according to EU NEC Directive for the other countries.
- Meteorological data for four different years (1996, 1997, 1999 and 2000) will be used in the computations of nitrogen deposition to the Baltic Sea in 2010 as well as in source receptor computations for this year. In this way, uncertainty related to inter-annual meteorological changes will be taken into account.
- All emission sources contributing to nitrogen deposition to the Baltic Sea in 2010 will be taken into account in the calculations of source-receptor matrices for the Baltic Sea, including targets for all relevant European countries for the deposition to the Baltic Sea and latest estimates for ship emissions in the Baltic and North Sea.
- All computations will be performed for the six sub-basins and catchments of the Baltic Sea area.
- Timetable: The work should be carried out by middle of August.

Scenario 2

- The second scenario is a CLE (Current Legislation Plan) scenario as described for scenario 1, **except** that the emissions will be 10 % below the targets specified in the Gothenburg Protocol for the countries included in the Protocol and emissions according to EU NEC Directive for the other countries. This will give information on the effect of the deposition on the Baltic Sea in case the targets are made more strict under the review process of the Gothenburg Protocol and the EU NEC Directive.

Products and deliverables expected from EMEP

Products	Comments
1. Scenario 1: Update and compilation of nitrogen dioxide and ammonia emissions in 2010 for all EMEP sources following Gothenburg Protocol, EU NEC Directive and ENTEC projections for shipping emissions	Tables in word Maps in png format
2. Scenario 2: As scenario 1, but 10 % lower emissions	Tables in word Maps in png format
3. For both scenarios: Calculation of atmospheric transport and deposition (wet, dry, oxidized, reduced and total) of nitrogen for evaluation of nitrogen load to six sub-basins and catchments of the Baltic Sea in 2010. Calculations will be performed for four different years to take into account inter-annual meteorological variation	Tables in word Maps in png format Graphs
4. For both scenarios: Computations of source allocation budgets for nitrogen deposition in 2010 to six sub-basins and catchments of the Baltic Sea on the country basis. Calculations will be performed for four different years to take into account inter-annual meteorological variation	Tables in word Graphs
5. Summary report of results. Transfer of electronic data with results to HELCOM	Word File + ascii files
6. The results will be used as input to: - the HELCOM Project "Assessment of implication of different policy scenarios on nutrient inputs" - the updating of the programmes under the EU NEC Directive in the Member States in 2006 and proposals for the possible modification to the EU NEC Directive in 2008 as well as in the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol	

Annex 6**INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF HELCOM LAND****Nutrients**

1. The following procedure to prepare the HELCOM thematic assessment on eutrophication, with a special focus on agriculture was agreed upon:
 - in general the Danish report on implementation of agricultural measures in the Contracting Parties from 2003 covers information needed for this chapter;
 - regarding the information on law enforcement of requirements and available pollution loads from big animal farms, the Secretariat will together with Finland prepare a short questionnaire, coordinated with MARE issues for the scenario project, which will be sent to the Contracting Parties by 17 June 2005;
 - the intention is to collect a limited amount of available information on emissions and discharges utilizing existing reports for the purpose of the thematic report (by end of September);
 - for the chapter on identification of the need for additional measures in the different parts of the catchment area, the outcome of step 1 in the scenario project will be used (selection of possible future measures based on the document adopted at the Bremen Ministerial meeting).

Hazardous substances

2. The following intersessional activities regarding hazardous substances were agreed upon:
 - the development of a HELCOM Recommendation on Environmental Friendly Practice for the reduction and prevention of emissions of dioxins from small scale combustion with a view to have the Recommendation adopted at HELCOM 27/2006. The Contracting Parties are requested to inform on their position to the Secretariat by the end of October 2005. The Secretariat will then prepare proposal for draft recommendation based on possible comments with a view to have it approved at HELCOM HOD 18/2005 to be held in December 2005;
 - for waste incineration Sweden will start extracting information from the corresponding draft EU BREF on waste incineration to be included into the Annex of HELCOM "umbrella" Recommendation on effective use of BAT as soon as the BREF is available. The intention is to have this information incorporated to the HELCOM Recommendation by the beginning of year 2006. For the next LAND meeting (HELCOM LAND 11/2006), Russia will elaborate a similar extraction for the sector of surface treatment of metals and Lithuania (to be confirmed by 31 August 2005) for the sector of food industry;
 - Russia to inform by the end of September if they would be ready to adopt an updated HELCOM Recommendation 16/8 on waste incineration to cover all incineration plants and including requirements also on waste water discharges corresponding the EU limit values. In case of a positive answer Sweden is requested to update the HELCOM Recommendation with a view to have it adopted at HELCOM 27/2006;
 - for mercury it was furthermore noted that major sources of mercury are being addressed at EU level and HELCOM. However, the Meeting also noted that EU BREFs are being developed for combustion plants and requested Poland to scrutinize the outcome with a view to consider this issue during the next HELCOM LAND meeting;
 - for mercury emissions from crematoria Denmark will come up with an evaluation of possible measures in HELCOM in this sector, based on coming OSPAR reports, to the next HELCOM LAND meeting;

- for dioxins the Meeting agreed to initiate an intersessional activity by arranging an eMeeting on the HELCOM webpage based on the coming report from Finland on measures for dioxins. Based on the outcome of the eMeeting, Finland will come up with proposals to reduce dioxins to be presented at the next meeting of HELCOM LAND.
3. The following main issues to be considered at the international seminar on the HELCOM data collection project was identified:
- how to in concrete terms collect data from HELCOM to the ongoing work under the Water Framework Directive to review the EU priority list of hazardous substances on Baltic Sea specific issues;
 - consider the need to collect data in the future on hazardous substances required in HELCOM Recommendations addressing hazardous substances in addition to the data reported under various EU Directives and other international fora and as input to the proposed thematic HELCOM assessment on hazardous substances for HELCOM 28/2007. The reporting requirements should be finalised by HELCOM LAND by the beginning of November 2005;
 - the Meeting requested the project to prepare a first draft on the issues to be considered which should be submitted for comments in due time prior to the proposed seminar in September/October 2005;
 - the Meeting stressed the importance of the participation of experts from the Contracting Parties as well as a representative from the European Commission to the seminar. The Meeting emphasized that this seminar is to wrap up the results of the HELCOM data collection project.
4. In preparation of a thematic assessment on hazardous substances to be adopted by HELCOM 28/2007 containing information in line with the structure for the eutrophication report the following procedure will be followed:
- the Contracting Parties are requested to submit implementation reports of those Recommendations where additional specific HELCOM reporting was found still necessary as an input for the thematic report by the end of March 2006 to respective lead countries/Secretariat in order to have the compiled reports ready for consideration at HELCOM LAND 11/2006;
 - in order to be able to assess the details for reporting, the Secretariat will provide a draft outline of the contents of the thematic assessment before the international seminar in September/October 2005.

Annex 7

WORKING PROGRAMME FOR THE LAND-BASED POLLUTION GROUP (HELCOM LAND) 2005/2006

ACTION	INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/RESPONSIBILITY	RESULTS/TIMEFRAME
Eutrophication		
<p>1. Use tools to assess the implication of different policy scenarios of nutrient inputs and the resulting eutrophication status</p> <p>2. Indicate the most cost-effective measures to reduce eutrophication in the different sub areas of the Baltic Sea based on assessment of most important pollution sources</p>		
<p>1. Development of scenarios for especially the agricultural sector using PLC-4 data on discharges from agricultural sector and pollution from big animal farms to the surface waters as basis. Also scenarios for airborne nitrogen deposition will be developed by modelling emission targets of the Gothenburg protocol and the EU NEC Directive (LAND).</p> <p>2. Assess impact of the results from the input scenarios on the eutrophication status of the Baltic Sea by combining the results with ecological models showing the effects in the Baltic Sea ecosystem (MONAS).</p>	<p>LAND/MONAS Project in cooperation with MARE and EMEP</p> <p>Interaction with GEF BSRP</p>	<p>Assessment of impact of agricultural policies</p> <p>Evaluation of cost effective measures in different sectors in the different parts of the Baltic Sea required to achieve good ecological status throughout the Baltic Sea area</p> <p>Final project report to HELCOM 27/2006</p> <p>Input to the review of targets for nitrogen emission ceilings EU NEC Directive and Gothenburg Protocol</p>
<p>3. Facilitate the establishment and implementation of national programmes to reduce nutrient inputs to the Baltic Sea</p>		
<p>Assessment of progress of the Ministerial 50 % reduction target for 2005 and implementation of JCP</p>	<p>Input to the PLC-5 project, which will include chapter on achievement of 50 % reduction target, especially with regard to effectiveness of measures. LAND/ Secretariat/Contracting Parties</p>	<p>Final PLC-5 report in 2009</p>
<p>Establishment of nutrient reduction programmes</p>	<p>Utilize the results of GEF BSRP in the Contracting Parties to establish nutrient reduction programmes Contracting Parties/ Secretariat</p>	

4. Identify sources of airborne nitrogen pollution and propose solutions for reduction mainly by addressing decision-making in other fora		
Incorporated to the Scenario project (see point 1)	Incorporated to the Scenario project (see point 1)	Publication on airborne nitrogen 2005
Hazardous substances		
1. Identify and develop measures regarding hazardous substances not covered by other fora		
Input to the development of the European Marine Strategy	Participation in the EU working group on hazardous substances developing principles to select substances and adopting measures at relevant level. Secretariat/Contracting Parties Input on enhancement of cooperation between Marine Strategy and HELCOM to the third meeting of the Working Group on hazardous substances	2005
Propose actions concerning mercury and dioxins based on recent reports	Development of proposals for measures by Lead Countries for: Dioxin (Finland) Mercury (Poland) Waste incineration (Sweden) Cadmium (Denmark)	Proposals for further action 2005/2006
Input to the development of the EU Strategy on pesticides	Preparation of comment paper Secretariat/Contracting Parties	Communication of the document after HELCOM LAND 10/2005
Input to the ongoing selection and prioritization procedure under the WFD for revision of the list of priority substances	Compilation of additional available information on specific substances of possible concern from the whole Baltic Sea catchment area utilizing inter alia the experiences in the HELCOM data collection project	Communication of the information to the EC 2005/2006 as input to the WFD

2. Initiate relevant projects in Russia		
Development of data collection strategy focussing on Russia	Project conducted by BEF. 1 st small workshop during Baltic Sea Day 2005 2 nd final workshop in autumn 2005 Cooperation with MONAS regarding input to monitoring programmes	Improved data collection system in Russia and basis for strategy on data collection and linkage to monitoring programmes for the whole region Input to the EU WFD concerning review of priority substances Final Project report at HELCOM 27/2006
3. Assess the progress and facilitate the establishment of national programmes in implementation of the HELCOM objective with regard to hazardous substances		
Assessment of the implementation of Recommendation 19/5 (hazardous substances strategy) and other selected HELCOM Recommendations on hazardous substances	LAND/Secretariat/Contracting Parties	Preparation of report to HELCOM 28/2007 on progress on implementation as part of thematic assessment on hazardous substances
4. Investigate the need for additional measures for offshore activities		
Evaluate the results of reports from Contracting Parties with offshore activity	Development of report by lead country (to be identified) together with Secretariat	Evaluation of the need for further measures 2006
Eutrophication and Hazardous substances		
1. Address transboundary pollution originating from sources in, <i>inter alia</i>, Belarus and Ukraine in order to have a stronger engagement in transboundary River Basin Management		
Evaluation of solutions for measures to reduce transboundary pollution from Czech republic, Ukraine and Belarus based on information on pollution sources	Compiling available information on sources for transboundary pollution within especially the PLC-5 project (MONAS) Input to consultation sessions with the non-Contracting Parties involving IFIs Secretariat, Contracting Parties, Czech republic, Ukraine and Belarus	Publication on transboundary pollution in 2005 Assessment of the need for further measures 2005/2006 The information on pollution loads can also be used as input to the implementation of the EU WFD
2. Elaborate HELCOM measures for the effective use of BAT for industrial sectors		
Updating of the information of BAT in relevant sectors in the "umbrella recommendation" for industry	Sector and Lead country: Chemical (DE) Oil refineries (FI) Iron and steel (FI) Pulp and paper (SE) Metal surface (RU) Food (LIT) Fertilizer (DE) Textile (DE) Pesticide production(DE)	Updating of the annex to the recommendation as need arises (when EU BREF of the respective sector finalized)

3. Input to international conventions		
Input to international conventions such as the UN ECE CLRTAP and the Stockholm convention on common issues relevant for the Baltic Sea	<p>Identification of ways to improve cooperation with work going on in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working Group on abatement of ammonia emissions from agriculture 2. Expert Group on heavy metals 3. UNECE and Stockholm Convention on POPs <p>Preparation of input to these foras on identified specific issues of relevance to the Baltic Sea</p>	Communication on of HELCOM positions as input to the review of programmes under these conventions 2005/2006
4. Monitor the status of implementation of regulations for the protection of the Baltic Sea marine environment, identify gaps in implementation and possible needs for additional measures		
Contribution to thematic assessments - Eutrophication 2005/2006 - Hazardous substances 2005/2006/2007	<p>Thematic assessment on Eutrophication and Hazardous Substances, especially agriculture</p> <p>Implementation of requirements including evaluation of loads from big animal farms</p> <p>Thematic assessment on Hazardous Substances</p> <p>LAND/Secretariat/Contracting Parties</p>	<p>Report to HELCOM 27/2006 on eutrophication</p> <p>Report to HELCOM 28/2007 on hazardous substances</p>
Implementation of The Baltic Sea Joint Comprehensive Environmental Action Programme (JCP)		
Review the List of Hot Spots according to the latest development and pollution reduction priorities leading to deletion of existing Hot Spots	LAND/Contracting Parties/Secretariat/HODs	Continuous
Identification of priorities/thematic issues for future consultations with the IFIs and non-Contracting Parties	Contracting Parties/Secretariat/HODs	HELCOM LAND 10/2005 as input to HELCOM HOD 17/2005

Five-year budget frame
A. INCOME
for the period from 2007/08 through to 2011/12
(in EURO)

	<i>Five-year period 2007 through to 2012</i>						
	<i>06/07</i>	<i>07/08</i>	<i>08/09</i>	<i>09/10</i>	<i>10/11</i>	<i>11/12</i>	<i>12/13</i>
1. HQ Contribution by Finland	282 000,00	282 000,00	282 000,00	282 000,00	282 000,00	296 000,00	300 000,00
2. Contributions by CPs							
2.1 Denmark	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	215 300,00	228 250,00
2.2 Estonia	86 000,00	86 000,00	86 000,00	86 000,00	86 000,00	90 400,00	96 000,00
2.3 European Community	45 600,00	46 300,00	46 900,00	47 300,00	47 800,00	48 250,00	48 750,00
2.4 Finland	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	215 300,00	228 250,00
2.5 Germany	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	215 300,00	228 250,00
2.6 Latvia	86 000,00	86 000,00	86 000,00	86 000,00	86 000,00	90 400,00	96 000,00
2.7 Lithuania	79 000,00	79 000,00	79 000,00	79 000,00	79 000,00	82 900,00	88 000,00
2.8 Poland	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	215 300,00	228 250,00
2.9 Russia	159 000,00	159 000,00	159 000,00	159 000,00	159 000,00	167 400,00	177 500,00
2.10 Sweden	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	204 200,00	215 300,00	228 250,00
3. Interest and other income	6 000,00	6 000,00	6 000,00	5 000,00	4 000,00	3 250,00	2 500,00
4. Transfer from the Working Capital Fund	61 800,00	88 500,00	107 600,00	126 700,00	146 200,00	74 900,00	0,00
5. Special contributions							
TOTAL INCOME	1 826 400,00	1 853 800,00	1 873 500,00	1 892 000,00	1 911 000,00	1 930 000,00	1 950 000,00
<i>Increase percentage total bdgt</i>		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>Working Capital Fund status</i> 818000	756 200,00	667 700,00	560 100,00	433 400,00	287 200,00	212 300,00	
						11% of bdgt	
How to calculate national contribution shares:							
6. TOTAL INCOME	1 826 400,00	1 853 800,00	1 873 500,00	1 892 000,00	1 911 000,00	1 930 000,00	1 950 000,00
1. HQ contribution by Finland	-282 000,00	-282 000,00	-282 000,00	-282 000,00	-282 000,00	-297 000,00	-300 000,00
2.3 European Community	-45 600,00	-46 300,00	-46 900,00	-47 300,00	-47 800,00	-48 250,00	-48 750,00
3. Interest and other income	-6 000,00	-6 000,00	-6 000,00	-5 000,00	-4 000,00	-3 250,00	-2 500,00
4. Transfer from the Working Capital Fund	-61 800,00	-88 500,00	-107 600,00	-126 700,00	-146 200,00	-74 900,00	
5. Special contributions							
total to be divided between countries	1 431 000,00	1 431 000,00	1 431 000,00	1 431 000,00	1 431 000,00	1 506 600,00	1 598 750,00
Estonian/Latvian contribution %	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Lithuanian contribution %	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Russian contribution (1/9 =11.11%)	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%
DK/FIN/GER/PL/SE %	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%	14.3%

Annex 9

PROCEDURE TO RECRUIT P-STAFF MEMBERS TO THE HELCOM SECRETARIAT

1. Twelve months prior to the expiry of the term of office of a Professional Secretary the Executive Secretary together with the Chairman shall evaluate and assess the performance of the person in question. Based on their evaluations the Executive Secretary informs the Heads of Delegations of the results of their evaluation – either to prolong the contract of that person or to perform a new recruitment.
2. If approved by all Heads of Delegation the Executive Secretary will prolong the contract of the person in question for maximum three years and make the decision public.
3. If the above consensus cannot be obtained or the Executive Secretary recommends to perform an open and competitive recruitment she/he shall, after it has been approved by the Heads of Delegation, display the vacancy announcement on the HELCOM home page and, simultaneously, submit it to the Heads of Delegation for national distribution, inviting applications within a given time, not less than two months, to the Secretariat.
4. The Secretariat shall inform the Heads of Delegation about their national candidates applying for a P-staff post in the Secretariat.
5. The selection procedure shall be conducted by a Recruitment Panel (hereinafter referred to as the "Panel") consisting of the Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, and the Executive Secretary of the Helsinki Commission, *ex officio*, as well as three other Panel members to be nominated in their personal capacity by the Heads of Delegation. The Panel will elect an independent Chairman for the Panel amongst the three nominated Panel members.
6. The Executive Secretary shall distribute the applications to the members of the Panel for evaluation and selection.
7. The Panel may call for interview up to five candidates.
8. When evaluating the candidates the personal competence and qualifications of the candidates shall be the only criteria for selection. The Panel should apply the same procedure equally to each candidate.
9. The Panel shall make all efforts to arrive at decision unanimously. In the exceptional case where no unanimity can be reached, the simple majority decision, where also the Chairman has one vote, should, in the spirit of compromise, be recognized unanimously.
10. The Chairman of the Panel presents in writing the Panel's formal recommendation to the Executive Secretary of the person to be appointed.
11. The Executive Secretary forwards his/her decision together with the recommendation of the Panel and the CV of the chosen person to the Heads of Delegation for approval.

Annex 10

List of meetings in the framework of HELCOM in 2005/2006

Date and Place	Meeting
2005	
19-20 January 2005 Bonn, Germany	Fourth Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Transit Routeing (TRANSIT ROUTE EWG 4/2005)
25-27 January 2005 Klaipeda, Lithuania	Expert Workshop for revision of the Guidelines for HELCOM Recommendation 13/1 on disposal of dredged spoils
26-27 January 2005 Helsinki, Finland	Kick-off Meeting of the HELCOM EUTRO Project (HELCOM EUTRO 1/2005)
31 January – 3 February 2005 Helsinki, Finland	Second HELCOM/BSRP Coastal Fish Monitoring Workshop
1-2 February 2005 Karlskrona, Sweden	First Team Meeting of the HELCOM Project “Analysis of new opportunities for usage of dispersants in the Baltic Sea”
9 February 2005 Hamburg, Germany	Ninth Meeting of the Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS data (AIS EWG 9/2005)
14-18 February 2005 Stockholm, Sweden	Second MON-PRO Workshop on HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy
21-25 February 2005 Palanga, Lithuania	BSRP/HELCOM/COLAR Workshop on Ballast Water Introductions of Alien Species into the Baltic Sea
1 March 2005 Helsinki, Finland	HELCOM Conference on maritime safety and response issues
1-2 March 2005 Helsinki, Finland	26 th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 26/2005)
7-9 March 2005 Helsinki, Finland	First PLC-5 Project Workshop
9-11 March 2005 Warnemünde, Germany	First HELCOM/BSRP Zooplankton Monitoring Expert Workshop
30 March – 1 April 2005 Sopot, Poland	ICES/BSRP/HELCOM/UNEP Regional Sea Workshop on Baltic Sea Ecosystem Health Indicators
31 March 2005 Tallinn, Estonia	Meeting of the Informal Working Group on Aerial Surveillance (IWGAS)
26-27 April 2005 Riga, Latvia	Workshop “Analysis of new opportunities for usage of dispersants in the Baltic Sea”
27-29 April 2005 Riga, Latvia	Fifth Meeting of the Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE 5/2005)
27-28 April 2005 Malmö, Sweden	Fifth Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Transit Routeing (TRANSIT ROUTE EWG 5/2005)
May 2005 Visby, Sweden	CEPCO North 2005
10 May 2005 Helsinki, Finland	Third Meeting of the Baltic Sea Steering Group (BSSG 3/2005)
[17-18 May 2005 Riga, Latvia]	HELCOM EUTRO Workshop to evaluate national reports (HELCOM EUTRO 2/2005)
17-20 May 2005 Kaliningrad, Russia	BSRP Meeting on Common Agricultural Policies
19 May 2005 Haugesund, Norway	Tenth Meeting of the Expert Working Group for Mutual Exchange and Deliveries of AIS data (AIS EWG 10/2005)
31 May – 2 June 2005 Bonn, Germany	Tenth Meeting of the Land-based Pollution Group (HELCOM LAND 10/2005)
7-9 June 2005 Kasnäs, Finland	Tenth Meeting of the Project Group for Monitoring of Radioactive Substances in the Baltic Sea (HELCOM MORS-PRO 10/2005)
14-15 June 2005 Helsinki, Finland	17 th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HELCOM HOD 17/2005)

Date and Place	Meeting
30 June-1 July 2005 Riga, Latvia	HELCOM EUTRO Project Workshop (HELCOM EUTRO 2/2005)
9-11 August 2005 Rostock Germany	HELCOM Youth Forum 2005
31 August – 1 September 2005 Karlskrona, Sweden	BALEX DELTA 2005 Exercise
September 2005 Ronneby/Malmö, Sweden	CEPCO South 2005
6–8 September 2005 Stockholm, Sweden	HELCOM/ICES/EC Expert Workshop on seals in the Baltic Sea
[13–15 September 2005 Tallinn, Estonia]	Final MON-PRO Project Group Meeting
[20-22 September 2005 Stockholm, Sweden]	HELCOM EUTRO Project Workshop (HELCOM EUTRO 3/2005)
October 2005 Kaliningrad, Russia	BSRP Components 1 & 2 meeting
5 October 2005 Helsinki, Finland	Sixth Meeting of the Expert Working Group on Transit Routeing (TRANSIT ROUTE EWG 6/2005)
10-14 October 2005 Sweden	Seventh Meeting of the Nature Conservation and Biodiversity Group (HELCOM HABITAT 7/2005)
11-13 October 2005 []	Fourth Meeting of the Maritime Group (HELCOM MARITIME 4/2005)
[26-28 October 2005] Istanbul, Turkey	[Second Joint EC-JRC/BSC/HELCOM Workshop on Eutrophication]
[21-25] November 2005 Latvia	Eighth Meeting of the Monitoring and Assessment Group (HELCOM MONAS 8/2005)
30 November-2 December 2005 [Helsinki, Finland]	Sixth Meeting of the Response Group (HELCOM RESPONSE 6/2005)
12-13 December 2005 [Helsinki, Finland]	18 th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HELCOM HOD 18/2005)
2006	
February 2006 Helsinki, Finland	Third HELCOM/BSRP Coastal Fish Monitoring Workshop
7 March 2006 Helsinki, Finland	HELCOM Conference
8-9 March 2006 Helsinki, Finland	27 th Meeting of the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM 27/2006)
16-18 May 2006 [Helsinki, Finland]	11th Meeting of the Land-based Pollution Group (HELCOM LAND 11/2006)

<i>BUDGET REFERENCE</i>	<i>PROJECT TITLE</i>	<i>APPROVAL/ ENDORSEMENT</i>	<i>RESPONSIBLE (person/body)</i>	<i>STARTING DATE</i>	<i>FINALIZATION DATE</i>	<i>TOTAL COSTS (€)</i>
11.25	Usage of AIS information in the Seatrack Web oil drift forecasting system for identification of the ships illegally discharging oil into the sea (STW/AIS)	HOD 16/2004, LD 5	Cecilia Ambjörn, SMHI, SE	2005	2005	32,000.- HELCOM and Sweden
	Development of ecological quality objectives (EcoQOs) within HELCOM for the Baltic Sea in the process of regional implementation of ecosystem approach and European Marine Strategy (HELCOM-EcoQO)	HOD 12/2003, LD 19	Secretariat	2003	2005	EU, DE and HELCOM
	Assessment of Implication of Different Policy Scenarios on Nutrient Inputs	HOD 16/2004, LD 28	Secretariat	[2004]2005	2005 (report to HELCOM 27/2006)	----
	Implementation of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Work Programme on Marine Protected Areas (HELCOM-BSPA)	HOD 15/2004, LD 24	Secretariat	2004	2006	EU, WWF
	The Baltic Sea Joint Comprehensive Environmental Action Programme (JCP)	1990/1992	Secretariat; HELCOM	1992	2012	----
	Zooplankton expert network (correspondence group)	HELCOM MONAS 4, LD 28	Lutz Postel, DE	2003	2005	----
	Baltic Sea Regional Project (BSRP)	Grant Agreement signed 17 March 2003, effective three months later	HELCOM, ICES, SLU, WWF	2003	2006	WB