



HELCOM BalticBOOST Workshop on the development of joint principles to define environmental targets for pressures affecting the seabed habitats

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Background

As planned in the BalticBOOST application, ICES was requested to arrange an independent review of the outputs of WP 3.2, with the aim to assess the quality of the work and to provide guidance for the further development of the outputs beyond the project.

ICES Technical Service arranged an external review as a response to a request from HELCOM, where 3 independent experts reviewed the fisheries impact tool developed under WP 3.2. This tool has been used extensively to produce the fishing pressure maps utilized in the BalticBOOST Theme 3 test cases and to assess the impact of fisheries on seafloor habitats. The outcomes of the review are summarized in document 1-8, Request from HELCOM for ICES to review the BalticBOOST WP3.2 tool to assess the impact of fisheries on seafloor habitats, which is provided as an attachment.

The meeting is invited to take note of the information provided.