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Background

This document includes guiding questions proposed by host country Denmark, both for overall intro/scope and for group work discussions in the three dedicated groups -foreseen to convene during the FISHDATA WS.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note and use the information.

Proposed guidance questions for discussions in the working groups

Overall issues to be considered by the workshop:

- Administrative issue: What should HELCOM do with the document?
- Are we identifying data gaps (nice to have or need to have)?
- Are we asking Member States to supply data and set up new monitoring schemes? What are the costs?
- Is HELCOM going to develop databases and the administrative set-up to accommodate this? Who are the scientists to work on this regionally collected data?
[Refer to document 5-3 Inventory HELCOM data needs p.p. 2 (*Aims of the document*)].

Subgroup 1: Incidental by-catches

- Based on ICES, EU Commission (eg. habitat and bird directive), HELCOM documents identify data collected and any other relevant data sources.
- Based on available data propose relevant species to be used as indicators [Refer to document 5-3 Inventory HELCOM data needs p.p. 12-13 for list of proposed species].
- Based on ICES, EU Commission and HELCOM documents identify appropriate indicators on incidental by-catches in the Baltic Sea taking into account available data and identify any data need to support these indicators.
- Identify appropriate population boundaries and/or management areas taken interaction with fisheries into account.
- Consider that have some bird species appearing as by-catch species but we have no knowledge of the population size and hence no knowledge of impact of the by-catch.

Subgroup 2: Cumulative impacts of fisheries on benthic habitats

- Based on ICES, EU Commission and HELCOM documents identify data collected [Refer to document 5-3 Inventory HELCOM data needs p.p. 14-16].
- Based on ICES, EU Commission and HELCOM documents identify appropriate indicators on fisheries impact on benthic biotopes in the Baltic Sea taking into account available data and any data need to support these indicators.
- Identify present fishery activity recordings (VMS, AIS) and if more detailed information is needed, how this information can be recorded.

Subgroup 3: Data Collection Framework

- Based on data collected in accordance with the DCF identify any additional data that can support monitoring of indicators on incidental by-catches and on fisheries impact on benthic biotopes in the Baltic Sea.
- Draft a road map and recommend necessary steps to fill identified data gaps.
- Consider and estimate any financial consequences for fill identified data gaps and identify possible funding possibilities