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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
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HELCOM GEAR Contacts and Observers  
HELCOM State and Conservation Contacts and Observers  
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups  
Nominated experts for CG FOODWEB  
Contacts and Observers of the Expert Group on Marine Mammals  
Contacts of Baltic expert of the HELCOM-OSPAR-ICES Joint Working Group on Seabirds  
Contacts of PEG and ZEN  
Contacts and Observers of FISH PRO III  
Participants of State and Conservation 12-2020 session on Food webs  
Contacts of HELCOM BLUES Project (Activity 5 and Tasks 2.3, 2.5)  
Contacts of NEA PANACEA Project (sister project of HELCOM BLUES)

RE. INVITATION TO THE THIRD MEETING OF THE HELCOM CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON FOOD WEBS (CG FOODWEB 3-2021)

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the [Outcome](#) of the Second Meeting of the HELCOM Correspondence Group on Food webs (CG FOODWEB 2-2021, para 5.13), I have the pleasure to invite you to the Third Meeting of this Correspondence Group (CG FOODWEB 3-2021). As for the two first meetings, it will be a joint event with CG FOODWEB nominated experts and the HELCOM BLUES Project (Activity 2). Based on consultations with relevant contacts, the event will be held **online** on **30 August 2021** from **10.00 to 13.30 (EEST)**.

Based on the specific topics identified by CG FOODWEB 2-2021 (cf. [Outcome](#), para 5.14), this Third Meeting will be focused on:

1. The review of the existing HELCOM indicators and their components from a Food web perspective;
2. The update on progress for test cases of Food web models;
3. The development of the report to be submitted to STATE&CONSERVATION 15-2021.

CG FOODWEB aims to fill gaps in knowledge identified for the Third HELCOM Holistic Assessment of the Baltic Sea Environment (HOLAS III), and improve the future assessment and understanding of Food webs in the Baltic Sea also from a long term perspective (beyond HOLAS III).

A more detailed agenda and any other documents for this Meeting will be made available via the HELCOM Meeting Portal on the [Meeting Site](#) for CG FOODWEB 3-2021. Please note that you need to be a registered user to access the *restricted* meeting documents and to register. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#).

Information documents to be submitted to the Meeting should be sent in electronic form via e-mail to the Secretariat ([florent.nicolas@helcom.fi](mailto:florent.nicolas@helcom.fi)) by **23 August 2021**. The Secretariat has prepared a document template which is available on the [Meeting Site](#) (section "Related information") and would like to encourage the participants to use the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat.

Participants of the Meeting are requested to **register** by **26 August 2021** to attend the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#). The event will be held via Zoom, the Meeting link and instructions will be sent to the **registered participants only**.

In case of any questions, please contact the HELCOM Secretariat ([florent.nicolas@helcom.fi](mailto:florent.nicolas@helcom.fi)).

Yours sincerely,

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