


BSAP update




Vision and goals for the updated BSAP




Vision


 a healthy Baltic Sea environment with diverse biological components functioning in balance, resulting in a good ecological status and supporting a wide range of sustainable economic and social activities.


Goal

 Baltic Sea **ecosystem** is healthy and resilient

Goals

 Baltic Sea unaffected by **hazardous substances and litter**

 Environmentally sustainable **sea-based activities**

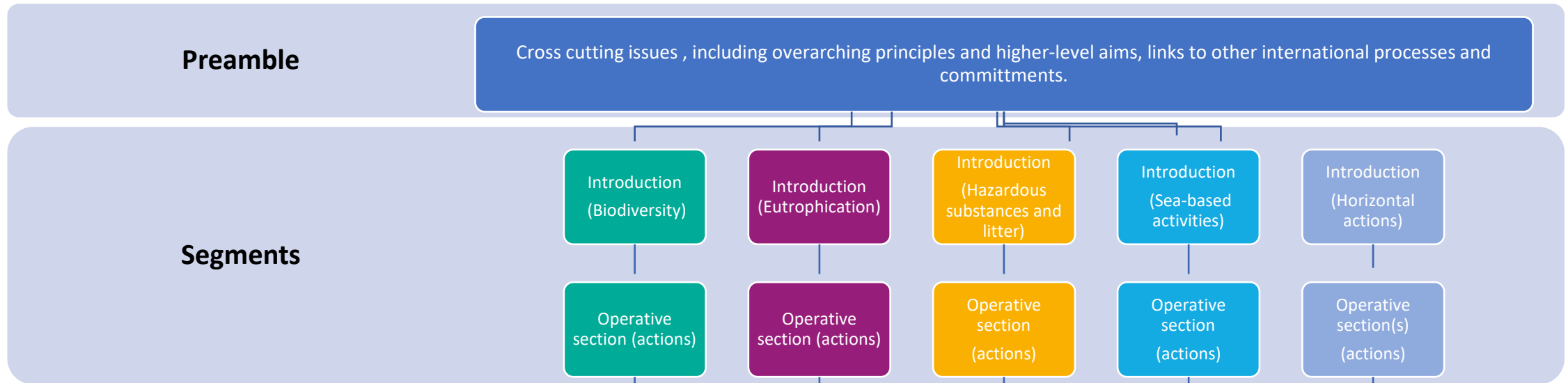
 Baltic Sea unaffected by **eutrophication**

Horizontal actions segment

Climate change; monitoring; maritime spatial planning; economic and social analysis; financing; hot spots; knowledge exchange and awareness raising



Structure of the updated BSAP



Associated actions documents: HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise, Updated HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter, Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy, The Regional MSP Roadmap 2021-2030, Revised Annex III part II of the Helsinki Convention

Supporting documents: Additional information on the actions Climate change fact sheet, HELCOM Science Agenda

Background documents: Implementation of the 2007-2021 BSAP, BSAP update process

Preliminary timeline and division of tasks for drafting of the updated BSAP in 2021

BSAP section	January	February	March	April	May	June	September	October
Preamble and introduction		DG BSAP 5-2021: Preamble and introduction to be further considered and developed	HELCOM 42-2021: Further guidance for drafting	DG BSAP 6-2021: Further drafting based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021	(DG BSAP: Final review)	HOD 60-2021: Approval preamble and introduction		Ministerial Meeting 2021: Adoption of the updated BSAP
Segment introductions	Segment Teams: Introductions to be further considered and developed	DG BSAP 5-2021: Introductions to be further considered, developed and reviewed	HELCOM 42-2021: Further guidance for drafting Segment Teams: Further drafting based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021	DG BSAP 6-2021: Further drafting based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021	(DG BSAP: Final review)	HOD 60-2021: Approval of segment introductions		Ministerial Meeting 2021: Adoption of the updated BSAP
Actions	Segment Teams: Actions to be further considered and developed based on the guidance from HOD 59-2020 and comments received in the review processes in 2020	DG BSAP 5-2021: Further developed actions will be presented for review	HELCOM 42-2021: Further developed actions will be presented for provisional agreement at HELCOM 42-2021 as they become available. Segment Teams: The actions will be drafted further based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2020 and target years will be considered.	DG BSAP 6-2021: The actions will be drafted further based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2020 Secretariat will make a proposal on cross-referencing between the actions in different segments	(Segment Teams: Further drafting) (DG BSAP: Final review)	HOD 60-2021: Approval of actions		Ministerial Meeting 2021: Adoption of the updated BSAP
Additional information on the actions (Supporting document)			HELCOM WGs will collect additional information on the actions.	HELCOM WGs will collect additional information on the actions.	HELCOM WGs will collect additional information on the actions.	HOD 60-2021: Review of the supporting document on additional information on the actions	Intersessional HOD: Approval of the supporting document on additional information on the actions, as well as other supporting and background documents for the MM 2021, as relevant	Ministerial Meeting 2021: Additional information on the actions included as a supporting document

Proposed BSAP actions

- Existing BSAP actions and commitments that have not yet been accomplished
- New proposed actions
- Maritime related actions cover a number of topics:
 - Maritime safety (AIS, e-navigation, re-surveys etc)
 - Non-indigenous species (biofouling, ballast water)
 - Pollution from ships (discharges, PRF etc.)
 - Sustainable pleasure boating

[Actions considered for the updated BSAP \(Link to Excel file\)](#)



Proposed BSAP actions

(negotiations still ongoing)

- SN03/SN04: Carry out a study and impact assessment [by 2023], assessing the **possible ways for cargo ships to deliver sewage to port reception facilities (PRF)** or take treatment measures, using onboard treatment plants, before discharging it into the sea. Based on the results, take relevant action in making a decision [by 2025] on whether to widen the scope of the Baltic Sea Special Area regulations under MARPOL Annex IV to cover also sewage discharges from cargo ships
- SN05/SN06: Carry out study and impact assessment [by 2023], assessing the volume and potential harmful effects of grey water and the possibilities for ships to deliver it to port reception facilities or take treatment measures using onboard treatment plants, before discharging it into the sea. Based on the results, take relevant action in making a decision [by 2025] on whether and how to manage grey water discharges from ships.
- SN11/SN12: Carry out a study and impact assessment [by 2024] to estimate and evaluate the volumes and impact of discharges of residues of noxious liquid substances contained in cargo tank washing waters under MARPOL Annex II into the Baltic Sea. Based on the results, take relevant action [by 2026] on whether and how to further limit discharges of residues of noxious liquid substances contained in cargo tank washing waters under MARPOL Annex II into the Baltic Sea.
- SN13: Study the adequacy and use of port reception facilities (PRF) for MARPOL Annex V cargo residues [by 2023] and, based on this information, ensure adequate PRFs in Baltic Sea ports for cargo residues classified as non-HME substances under MARPOL Annex V and further ensure incentives for ships to use them [by 2026].



Proposed BSAP actions (...continued)

(negotiations still ongoing)

- SN10: Ensure the no-special-fee system for marine litter applies to all passively fished waste [by 2024] Ship financing, innovation funding, enabling onshore power
- SN14/SN15: Develop and adopt [by 2023] a HELCOM Recommendation to encourage voluntary agreements on delivering all food waste from ships to port reception facilities. Develop a Roadmap to minimize the discharges of food waste into the Baltic Sea
- SE14: Enforce the requirements of the Baltic Sea Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV and continuously ensure the availability of adequate port reception facilities in passenger ports in the Baltic Sea Area taking into account the “Technical Guidance for the handling of wastewater in Ports of the Baltic Sea Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV”
- SE12: Develop and facilitate implementation of feasible and effective economic incentives to reduce pollution from ships, taking into account HELCOM Recommendation 28E/13 as amended 19 June 2019
- SN07: Develop a Roadmap [by 2025] to reduce the input of pollutants from Exhaust Gas Cleaning System discharge waters, as a minimum in line with existing legislation, taking into consideration the precautionary principle and the outcome of IMO work.

