



## Outcome of the Fifth Meeting of the Biodiversity segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP BIO 5-2021)

### Introduction

0.1 The Fifth Meeting of the Biodiversity segment team for drafting the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP BIO 5-2021) was held online on 23 April 2021.

0.2 All the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention, except for European Union, Lithuania, Poland and Russia, attended the Meeting, as well as Observers from CCB. The List of Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.

0.3 The Meeting was moderated by Ms. Jannica Haldin, Professional Secretary. Ms. Jannica Haldin and Ms. Susanna Kaasinen, Associate Professional Secretary, from the HELCOM Secretariat acted as the secretaries of the Meeting.

### **Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda**

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda of the Meeting as contained in document 1-1.

### **Agenda Item 2 Actions in the updated BSAP**

2.1 The Meeting recalled that DG BSAP BIO 4-2021 considered and developed further the actions proposed for the Biodiversity segment, based on the guidance from HELCOM 42-2021 and comments received as well as agreed that the formulation of some of the actions is already satisfactory and that DG BSAP BIO 5-2021 will focus on the actions that need further work.

2.2 The Meeting took note of the draft actions to be considered for the Biodiversity segment of the updated BSAP (document 2-1-Att.1).

2.3 The Meeting took note that DG BSAP 6-2021 changed the wording for action BE37b and agreed on the formulation.

2.4 The Meeting recalled that indicator development is not to be included as a topic for the HELCOM Science Agenda, however if a specific knowledge gap preventing the development of an indicator can be identified then this can be included in the Science Agenda.

2.5 The Meeting considered the alternative formulation for actions BE02/ BE03/ BE04/ BN02/ BN01/ BN03 and BE06/BE07 provided by Russia through correspondence.

2.6 The Meeting considered and finalized the formulation and target years for the actions, as included in the separate Excel attachment to this Outcome.

2.7 The Meeting agreed on the division of actions under the proposed themes and topics as included in the Excel attachment to the Outcome.

2.8 The Meeting took note that there is an intersessional proposal for action SN39 under the Sea-based activities segment that is related to MPAs. The Meeting pointed out that in the current formulation, the content of the intersessional proposal is already covered by actions related to MPAs in the Biodiversity segment and invited the Secretariat to convey this view to DG BSAP SEA 4-2021.

**Agenda Item 3 Any other business**

3.1 The Meeting did not discuss any other business.

**Agenda Item 4 Outcome of the Meeting**

The draft outcome was prepared by the Secretariat and adopted via correspondence.

## Annex 1. List of participants

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