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## Background

HOD 58-2020 agreed in principle on the rephrased and concretized existing HELCOM actions to be transferred to the updated BSAP with the understanding that further drafting based on the written comments would take place. HOD 58-2020 noted that the rephrasing of some of the actions under the eutrophication segment was done as part of the update of the nutrient input reduction scheme. HOD 58-2020 also noted that the style of some of the actions under the eutrophication segment should be changed and tasked the drafting group to check the style but not change the content of the actions in question.

DG BSAP 1-2020 invited the Secretariat to make a proposal to change the style of the action “We furthermore agree to submit to HELCOM by [2023] a detailed account list of planned and implemented measures in different sectors and catchments alongside an estimation of their effectiveness in order to share practical information demonstrating how country-wise nutrient inputs ceilings can be achieved” and send it to the drafting group members for comments by 30 October 2020.

DG BSAP 1-2020 also discussed the existing actions to be rephrased as part of the nutrient input reduction scheme and pointed out that the actions related to the follow-up of the NICs and MAI, national implementation plan and measures should be included as actions in the operative section in the updated BSAP. The drafting group agreed to continue discussion on these actions in the next meeting of the group.

The attached document includes proposal by the Secretariat for rephrasing the actions.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to consider formulations for the actions from the HELCOM nutrient input reduction scheme proposed for inclusion to the operative section of the BSAP and agree on their submission to HOD 59-2020.

## Proposal for rephrasing existing actions

Theme: *Follow-up of the implementation of nutrient reduction requirements*

Existing action	Proposal for rephrasing derived from the update of the nutrient input reduction scheme (as agreed by HOD 58-2020).
<p>Initiate joint activities to address transboundary nutrient inputs from non-Contracting Parties according to the HELCOM nutrient reduction scheme</p> <p>Origin: MD 2013 Implementation: <b>National</b> Status: Partly accomplished (3/9 countries) HELCOM group: Pressure</p>	<p>As nutrient inputs from the catchments are of great importance, cooperation with river basin management authorities of non-HELCOM countries should be further strengthened through signing official agreements with relevant authorities, to address transboundary waterborne nutrient inputs from non-Contracting Parties in accordance with respective nutrient input ceilings of the BSAP.</p>
<p>Review of BSAP environmental targets - this process should also aim for further regional differentiation of the targets, in particular in the coastal zone, with the view to seek coherence between open sea and coastal waters targets</p> <p>Origin: BSAP Status: previously deemed too general for follow-up HELCOM group: Pressure</p>	<p>As the maximum allowable inputs and nutrient input ceilings are based on the best available scientific information, they are subject for reviewing as necessary using a harmonized approach when new scientific knowledge is available.</p>
<p>Periodical review and revision of maximum allowable inputs and nutrient reduction requirements using harmonised approach and updated information</p> <p>Origin: BSAP Status: previously deemed too general for follow-up HELCOM group: Pressure</p>	
<p>Progress towards reaching of country-wise allocated nutrient reduction targets (CARTs) to diminish nutrient inputs to the Baltic Sea to the maximum allowable level: <b>Phosphorus</b></p> <p>Origin BSAP Implementation: <b>National</b> Status: Not accomplished HELCOM group: Pressure</p>	<p>All necessary nutrient input reduction actions in the catchment area should be fully implemented latest [by 2027], as these actions have a delayed effect on the input reduction at sea.</p>
<p>Progress towards reaching of country-wise allocated nutrient reduction targets (CARTs) to diminish nutrient inputs to the Baltic Sea to the maximum allowable level: <b>Nitrogen</b></p> <p>Origin: BSAP Implementation; <b>National</b> Status: Partly accomplished (1/9 countries) HELCOM group: Pressure</p>	
<p>National programmes to achieve nutrient reductions</p> <p>Origin: BSAP Implementation: <b>National</b> Status: Partly accomplished (5/9 countries) HELCOM group: Pressure</p>	<p>A detailed account list of planned and implemented measures in different sectors and catchments alongside an estimation of their effectiveness should be submitted to HELCOM by [2023] in order to share practical information demonstrating how country-wise nutrient inputs ceilings can be achieved.</p>
<p>Evaluation of effectiveness of national programmes for reduction of nutrients and need for additional measures, in order to reach the country-wise reduction targets</p> <p>Origin: BSAP</p>	

Existing action	Proposal for rephrasing derived from the update of the nutrient input reduction scheme (as agreed by HOD 58-2020).
Implementation: <b>National</b> Status: Partly accomplished (4/9 countries) HELCOM group: Pressure	
Monitor and evaluate regularly the progress in implementing the measures (for nutrient reduction to reach CART)  Origin: MD 2013 Status: previously deemed too general for follow-up HELCOM group: Pressure	<p data-bbox="810 360 1431 663">Regular assessments of implementation of the Scheme should be performed - annually for MAI and every 2 years for input ceilings to follow up implementation of regional and national targets for inputs of nutrients based on the most recent monitoring data of riverine nutrient loads, the data on air deposition of nutrients, transboundary loads and national data on inputs from direct point sources including sea-based aquaculture.</p> <p data-bbox="810 696 1431 920">National monitoring networks should be maintained in up-to-date state and striving for harmonized methods to estimate nutrient inputs from unmonitored areas and to provide timely sufficient and consistent data on nutrient loads to the Baltic Sea (HELCOM Recommendations 37-38/1 and 37-38/2) in order to ensure reliability of the follow-up system.</p>