

Drafting the updated BSAP




- HOD 58-2020 agreed on the year 2030 as the target year for **implementing** the BSAP. With regard to the target year for achieving good environmental status for the Baltic Sea, the Meeting further agreed to include in the updated BSAP a reference to the 2007 BSAP and the HELCOM assessments.
- *Ad hoc* Drafting Group for the Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (DG BSAP), was established to support the Heads of Delegations in the drafting of the updated BSAP




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**

Objectives for the eutrophication segment

Ecological objectives

- Concentrations of nutrients close to natural levels
- Clear waters
- Natural level of algal blooms
- Natural distribution and occurrence of plants and animals
- Natural oxygen levels

Management objectives

- Minimize input of nutrients from human activities



Objectives for the hz and litter segment

Ecological objectives

- **Hazardous substances:**
- Concentrations of hazardous substances close to natural levels
- All seafood safe to eat
- Healthy marine life
- Minimal risk to humans and the environment from radioactivity
- **Litter:**
- No harm to marine life from litter

Management objectives

- **Hazardous substances:**
- Minimize input and impact of hazardous substances from human activities
- **Litter:**
- Prevent generation of waste and its input to the sea, including microplastics
- Significantly reduce amounts of litter on shorelines and in the sea



Objectives for the sea-based activities segment

Ecological objectives

- No or minimal disturbance to biodiversity and ecosystem
- Activities affecting seabed habitats do not threaten the viability of species' populations and communities
- No harm to marine life from manmade noise

Management objectives

- Minimize loss and disturbance to seabed habitats
- Minimize noise to levels that do not adversely affect marine life
- No introductions of non-indigenous species
- Minimize the contribution to eutrophication and hazardous substances and litter
- Enforce international regulations – no illegal discharges
- Safe maritime traffic without accidental pollution
- Effective emergency and response capabilities
- Minimize harmful air emissions
- Zero discharges from offshore platforms
- Ensure sustainable use of the marine resources

Objectives for the biodiversity segment

Ecological objectives

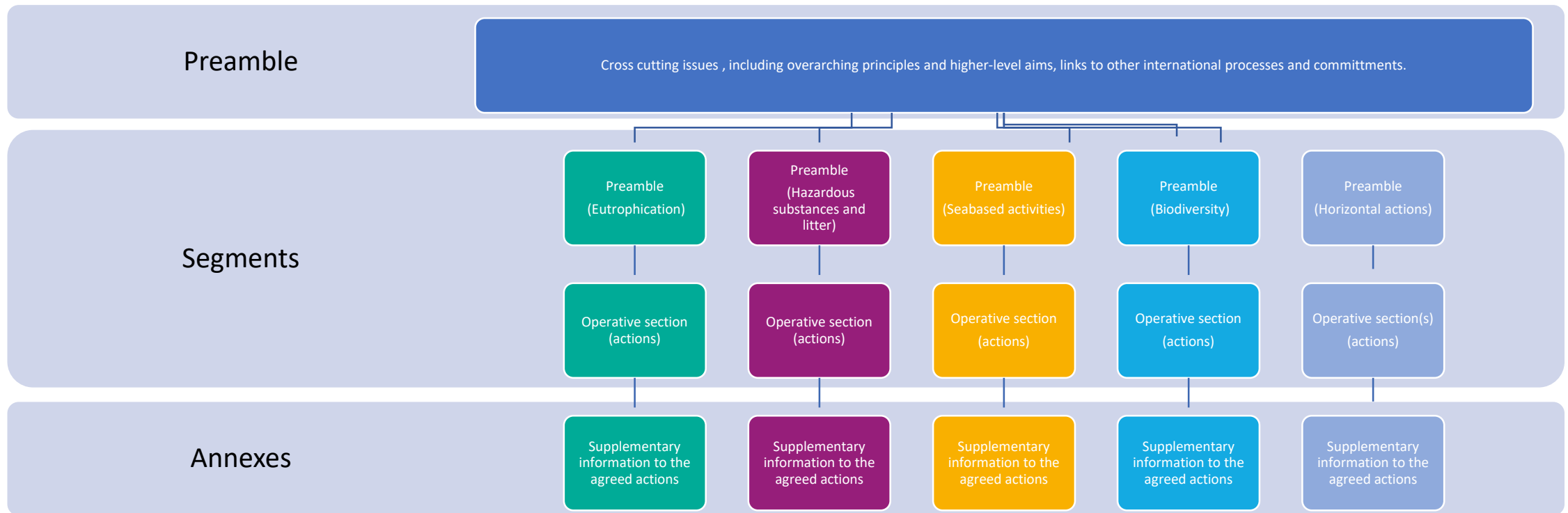
- Viable populations of all native species.
- Natural distribution, occurrence and quality of habitats and associated communities.
- Functional, healthy and resilient food webs.

Management objectives

- Effectively managed and ecologically coherent network of marine protected areas.
- Minimize disturbance of species, their habitats and migration routes from human activities.
- Human induced mortality, including: hunting, fishing, and incidental bycatch, does not threaten the viability of marine life.
- Effective and coordinated conservation plans and measures for threatened species, habitats, biotopes, and biotope complexes.
- Reduce or prevent human pressures that lead to imbalance in the foodweb.



Structure of updated BSAP



Associated documents

Associated action documents in this context include documents which are to be adopted alongside the updated BSAP, which contain agreement on actions and/or measures e.g. HELCOM Recommendations, roadmaps, topic specific action plans, strategies etc.

- HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Underwater Noise
- Updated HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter
- The Regional MSP Roadmap 2021-2027
- Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy



These documents complement the BSAP offering the possibility to:

- allow for a higher level of specificity in outlining the planned work, setting targets and timelines etc. for a given topic;
- provide a more dynamic format for implementation, as they can be amended and updated as deemed necessary throughout the BSAP period;
- allow for continuity of work as some types of supporting documents e.g. HELCOM Recommendations, are not timebound.

However, the updated BSAP should include strategic decisions and central points from the associated action documents and underlined that the follow-up of these documents should also be established when said document is adopted.



Preliminary timeline and division of tasks for drafting

BSAP Section	2020							2021		
	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January-May	June	October
BSAP Preamble	BSAP Drafting Group, assisted by Secretariat					GEAR 23-2020	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval	Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Segment preamble	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/GEAR 23-2020, [BSAP Drafting Group lead country]	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval	Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section: current state	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/BSAP Drafting Group lead country	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval	Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section: desired state	Secretariat				WG meetings	Secretariat/BSAP Drafting Group lead country	HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval	Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Operative section actions	HOD 58-2020	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat					HOD 59-2020, comments	BSAP Drafting Group and Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval	Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption
Annex Segment supplementary information	HOD 58-2020	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat					HOD 59-2020, comments	Working Groups, assisted by Secretariat	HOD 60-2021, approval	Ministerial Meeting 2021, adoption

