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Background

Attachment 1 to this revised document contains the proposals from EG MAMA to survey on HELCOM knowledge and research needs, as edited and agreed by EG MAMA 13-2019.

HELCOM 40-2019 agreed to develop a HELCOM science agenda, concomitantly with the update of the BSAP. The agenda is to outline existing and foreseen HELCOM regional science needs. It will serve the development of activities in HELCOM as well as to inform external funding mechanisms on the research needs of HELCOM. The development of the agenda will also be an opportunity to provide regional input to the [BANOS CSA process](#) and can also contribute to support processes under the [UNESCO Decade of Ocean Science](#). In order to account for the broad range of topics covered by HELCOM work, the dynamic nature of policy and management needs, emerging issues, and the scientific progress, the agenda is envisioned to be regularly updated.

A survey on knowledge and research needs was distributed to the HELCOM expert groups on 5 June 2019. The survey aims to capture shorter-term knowledge needs as well as longer-term research needs. The results will be summarized in a report that will provide an overview of results and that will form the starting point for the development of the HELCOM science agenda. Submissions by expert groups, networks etc should preferentially be consolidated by the group. If not possible due to lack of a suitable meeting, individual experts are encouraged to submit their proposals via their national contacts in the associated Working Group (Pressures, State&Consevation, Response, Maritime, Agri, HELCOM-VASAB-MSP, GEAR). The input will be discussed at the following meeting of the Working Group with the view of agreeing on a joint input to the survey. Any requests for clarification can be directed to ullali.zweifel@helcom.fi.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note of the proposals by EG MAMA to the Science Agenda.