

# S&C input to EG MAMA ToRs

- STATE & CONSERVATION 11-2019 considered the draft Terms of Reference of the EG MAMA and invited the EG to:
  1. to discuss how a Precautionary Approach Level for the individual seal populations (Management Units) or something similar can be modelled or otherwise determined (e.g. by expert assessment). If a separate project is required for this purpose, a project description should be drawn up;
  2. discuss how knowledge about the partially unknown occurrence and birthplaces of grey seals can be improved
  3. re-examine if seal populations are adequately protected by HELCOM and Natura 2000 MPAs
  4. present figures on seal abundances in tabular form, to be included in the HELCOM biodiversity database, and population trend curves for all management units to be presented on the HELCOM website,
  5. look into the possibility to define the share of the population in national waters,
  6. come up with a proposal to further the knowledge on parasites in grey seals, the interaction with fish (including cod) and the possible effects on fisheries,
  7. collect and collate more precise information on illegal killing and bycatch of marine mammals.

