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Background

This document contains information on how the Climate Change Fact Sheet is planned to be used in HELCOM to support the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan and the next Holistic Assessment of the State of the Baltic Sea, taking place in 2022-2023.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

How to use the Climate Change Fact Sheet to support HELCOM work

The EN CLIME Climate Change Fact Sheet will be used to support HELCOM work, for example the Baltic Sea Action Plan as well as the next Holistic Assessment of State of the Baltic Sea (HOLAS III).

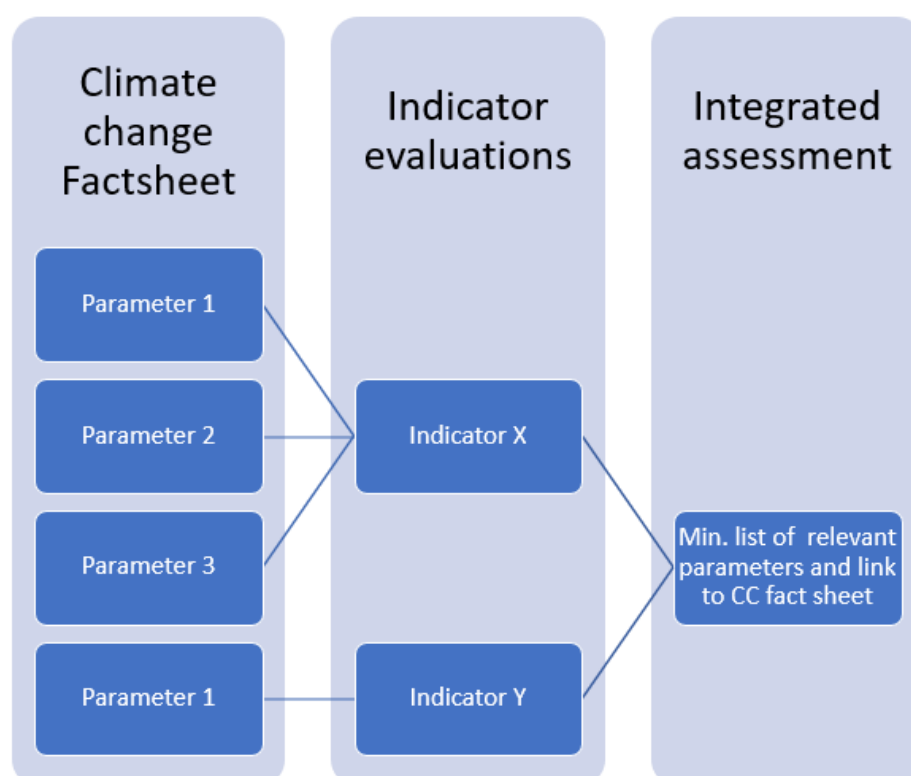
HOLAS III

The CCFS parameter key messages will be used for [HELCOM indicator](#) evaluations which in turn will be utilized in the integrated assessments that are an integral part of the holistic assessment of the Baltic Sea.

A list of relevant parameters from the CCFS will be defined for all HELCOM indicator reports and the following aspects will be considered in relation to all indicator topics:

- How may the indicator topic already have been affected by climate change and how may it be affected in the future?
- Are there consequences that need to be considered (e.g., need to review threshold values or methodology)?

It will also be explored whether some of the parameters could be used as driver parameters and climate change will be included as a separate section in the integrated assessment reports.



Use of the Climate Change Fact Sheet in HOLAS III

Updated Baltic Sea Action Plan

The parameters of the Climate Change Fact Sheet have already been used to include climate change information under different segments (biodiversity, eutrophication, hazardous substances and litter, and sea-based activities) of the draft updated Baltic Sea Action Plan.