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Climate Change

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Background

The following table contains the latest approved draft actions under the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan related to climate change:

Code	New code	Action
HAE01	HT1	Using the HELCOM/Baltic Earth Joint Expert Network on Climate Change as a platform and through committed implementation of the HELCOM Science Agenda, improve the access of policy-makers to scientific information on the impacts of climate change together with multiple other pressures on the Baltic Sea marine environment through periodic updates of the HELCOM Climate Change Fact Sheet, and incorporate the possible effect of climate change into the holistic assessment of status as well as effectiveness of measures by 2030 at latest.
HAE02	HT2	Identify the needs and possibilities to further adapt HELCOM's policies and recommendations to account for effects and impacts on the environment under the changing climate and to develop and carry out a climate change policy review process as part of the work of HELCOM, starting e.g. with indicators and open recommendations.
HAN09	HT3	HELCOM and its parties will continue to strive to develop the work at the HELCOM Secretariat and the organisation of HELCOM meetings so as to further minimize emissions of greenhouse gases.
HAN10	HT4	Promote research that increases understanding of the role of the Baltic Sea land-sea system in the carbon cycle and identifies how mitigation by natural blue carbon processes can be maximised and implement suitable measures. Increased understanding should be utilised to enable consideration of additional management measures.
HAN11	HT5	Develop a strategic approach to ocean acidification for the Baltic Sea with first steps addressing the knowledge gaps by 2025.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the draft actions.