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Background

The request that HELCOM Secretariat would set a system of consolidated reporting to London Convention and London Protocol (LC/LP), was originally initiated by [PRESSURE 6-2018](#). The first trial consolidated report, with 2017 data, was agreed by [EN DREDS 5-2018](#) and [PRESSURE 10-2019](#). The report was sent to the Secretariat of the London Convention and HELCOM received feedback on the trial report. Submission of the latest amended version of the report, taking into account feedback from LC/LP, was approved by [HOD 56-2019](#). The document can be found in the attachment ([3-1-Att.1 HELCOM Consolidated report to LC-LP](#) and [3-1-Att.2 Definitions used in the HELCOM reporting on handling of dredged material at sea](#)).

This document presents the reporting format, including feedback from LC/LP about the trial report. The aim is to agree on remaining open or unclear details of the reporting which are described in the attached feedback.

The consolidated reporting of 2017 data was of trial character. Organization of regular reporting requires institutionalization of the reporting procedure. The procedure has to be reflected in relevant HELCOM documents, including the fact that contracting parties to the Helsinki Convention which are also signees to the LC/LP do not need to report data directly to the LC/LP Secretariat. Thus, this might need an update of the [HELCOM Recommendation 36/2](#) and Guidelines for Management of Dredged Material at Sea in terms of description of the procedure for consolidated reporting.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to consider the results of the trial reporting including feedback from LC/LP Secretariat and discuss opportunities to compile information on number of issued permits and monitoring activities for the consolidated reporting.

The Meeting will be also invited to discuss institutionalization of the reporting procedure and propose possible updates of the relevant HELCOM documents.

Consolidated report to LC/LP

Format for reporting to London Convention

The format of reporting was agreed by EN DREDS 5-2018 and endorsed by PRESSURE 9-2018. It consists of two excel sheets. The first is a summary of depositing activities for given year per country. The second sheet includes more detailed information of individual depositing activities. Beneficial use of dredged material is included in the report, but the amounts are not considered on the summary page. All information is originating from Contracting Parties' reporting to HELCOM under the Recommendation 36/2.

In addition to the excel sheets the report included a word file with definitions used in the HELCOM reporting on handling of dredged material at sea.

The procedure and timeframe for data verification was agreed by EN DREDS 5-2018 and includes the following steps:

- The data on handling of dredged material at sea are to be reported by **1 October** of the year following the year of reported activities. An overview of the reported data will be presented to PRESSURE group for taking further actions to finalize reporting if required.
- The reported data will be processed by the Secretariat and compiled into the unified geo-database by **1 December** of the same year including all needed clarifications with national data reporters.
- The compiled national datasets will be available for national data reporters after **1 December** in Shapefile format. National experts will be invited to verify and approve the datasets in two months' time by **1 February** of the following year.
- After expert's approval HELCOM Secretariat will compile the consolidated report from the verified data by **1 March** and submit it LC/LP after approval by relevant HELCOM working group.

Feedback from LC/LP Secretariat from trial reporting

The Office for London Convention/Protocol warmly welcomed the idea of consolidated reporting in the Baltic Sea region and stated that this information would be highly useful to them. The Office would therefore like to continue with the consolidated reporting after this trial and continue the cooperation with HELCOM and EN DREDS, potentially on other issues as well in the future.

The Office for LC/LP informed that LC/LP has a global remit and under the LP all disposal is prohibited, with the exception of eight wastes listed on the “reverse list” under annex 1, which can be considered for dumping, but only after a stringent assessment and licensing process. And further as the consolidated report from HELCOM only includes depositing of dredged material (1 out of 8 of waste categories mentioned in the “reverse list”), the reporting is relatively straight forward.

The Office for LC/LP stated that the reporting format is very much in line with their reporting requirements. However, some points were raised and based on these suggestions, the format were amended regarding following details:

- On the summary page (1st sheet) the total amount of deposited material is now divided between capital and maintenance dredging
- A map of the location of deposit sites is added to the first page of the report.

Following points remained open as HELCOM reporting requirements differ slightly from LC/LP requirements:

- LC/LP reporting is structured more based on the number of permits than number of activities. Reporting on the number of permits is optional in HELCOM requirements, and the reporting is based more on the number of activities. However, some Contracting Parties report the number of permits, but the national practices are different in different countries, and are thus not completely comparable in the region.
- LC/LP reporting contains a number of obligations with regard to monitoring. Monitoring is optional in HELCOM reporting.