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Background

In connection to the discussion of institutionalizing the LC/LP reporting, PRESSURE 11 ([outcome](#), agenda item 5) discussed the proposal by the EU to include additional parameters to the HELCOM reporting relevant for the EU MSFD data requirements. The EU supplied a proposal on the additional parameters to the Secretariat and this document presents the proposal. The proposal was briefly discussed at the ad hoc EN DREDS Meeting in November.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to consider the proposal.

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If PRESSURE and EN DREDS are willing to work towards making these data usable for MSFD reporting, in particular for MSFD Descriptor 6 assessments (i.e. as one of the data sources for activities/pressures on the seabed to be included in cumulative assessments of pressures/impacts on seabed habitats), it would require collection of some additional parameters from CPs in your annual data call. An initial indication of the parameters needed is as follows:

- Spatial extent of the deposition area
- Nature of the deposited material (sediment type)
- Nature of the deposition site (i.e. seabed sediment type)

ICES and TG Seabed are currently defining data needs per activity and pressure and so should be able soon to provide more details on the data that could be requested from the countries – some may already be in the current data calls or already be held by the countries, so it would need an initial discussion (in EN DREDS) on the practicalities of collecting any additional parameter data. We have a draft report from ICES on data needs and will have formal advice in December.

We would also like to know if the current data are already used in any way for the BSPI/BSII or 'Cumulative impacts on benthic habitats' indicator as sometimes they use point location data and add a buffer when there is no spatial extent data.