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Background

This document provides excerpts from the Outcome of GEAR 20-2019. The complete [Outcome of GEAR 20-2019](#) is also available for additional context if needed. Included excerpts concern

The aim is to provide background information for the presentations and discussions in the meeting.

Action requested

The meeting is invited to

- take note of the information as background for the discussion in the meeting

Excerpts from the Outcome of GEAR 20-2019

4.3 The Meeting noted that the proposed timeline outlines a HOLAS III process in which development work takes place prior to the start of the assessment process, which strives to have assessment results and supporting material in place for approval to make them available for national reporting purposes and which includes only one iteration of assessment. The Meeting noted that as a result of the proposed timeline the year 2016, which was already included in HOLAS II, would be included also in HOLAS III to ensure that the assessment covers a six year period. The Meeting agreed to come back to this question and endorsing the timetable in GEAR 21-2019.

4.4 The Meeting discussed components of HOLAS III, including aspects possibly missing, needing further development or benefitting from a different approach based on the work done under HOLAS II and start considering what might be needed for HOLAS III in terms of e.g. MSFD requirements.

4.5 The Meeting agreed to further elaborate the initial proposal of the components of HOLAS III as included in **Annex 3** to this Outcome, and invited countries to provide comments and suggestions to these components to the Secretariat (Jannica.Haldin@helcom.fi) by **12 August 2019**. The Secretariat will collate and, if possible, cluster the received information and link it to the relevant work strand in the preliminary timeline, with the aim of submitting a further developed proposed plan to STATE&CONSERVATION 11-2019 and GEAR 21-2019 meetings, respectively. The Meeting invited the Secretariat and the relevant Expert Groups to prepare more specific information on identified gaps and development needs for the various work strands not covered by the indicator work, as identified in the HOLAS II process or in subsequent work. The Meeting further agreed to continue the discussion on the topic in GEAR 21-2019.

4.16 The Meeting considered and agreed on the request for HELCOM to co-host a joint workshop on marine ecosystem accounting to be held on 10 October 2019 in Helsinki, Finland (**document 4-3**).

4.17 The Meeting considered the updated Terms of Reference for the HELCOM expert network on Economic and Social Analyses (**document 4-2**).

4.18 The Meeting agreed on the ToRs as included in **document 4-2 Rev. 1**.

4.19 The Meeting acknowledged that once the plan for HOLAS III becomes more established there might be a need to further revise the ToRs of the network to outline the work to be carried out for the third holistic assessment of the state of the Baltic Sea. The Meeting agreed to come back to this issue once the plan for HOLAS III has been established.

5.33 The Meeting further agreed to invite ESA to consider in their upcoming meeting to be held on **3 June 2019**, the revision and update of the ESA roadmap into a more structured and detailed document, dividing what approach HELCOM takes for the assessment of measures and state of the environment, and what could be/will be done for the valuation etc. The review and update of the roadmap could function as an intermediate step before proposing concrete wording for the BSAP update.