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10th meeting of HELCOM expert network on hazardous substances EN-HZ 10-2019

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The Meeting will be held at the **ICES Headquarters (Copenhagen, Denmark), 4-5 April 2019**. The meeting will start at 10.00 on 4 April and conclude by 16.00 on 5 April.

The meeting will discuss various topics, as summarised in the provisional agenda below, though planning the group's work plan and showcasing the automated indicator evaluation system will be two major topics.

The Meeting will be opened by EN-HZ Co-Chairs Ms. Sara Danielsson and Ms. Elisabeth Nyberg, Sweden.

Meeting documents will be made available in the [Document Library](#) of the EN-HZ 10-2019 [Meeting Site](#). **Please complete the participation survey by 22 March, 2019**. Please note that access to the meeting documents is restricted to only meeting participants until the end of the meeting. Instructions for use of the HELCOM Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#).

Documents for this meeting will be made available as soon as possible via the meeting site, and emails will be sent out to inform of new documents.

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Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda - DEC

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda of the Meeting as contained in document 1-1.

Agenda Item 2: Election of new Chair(s) DEC

The Meeting is invited to take note that the current co-Chairs are stepping down. The Meeting is invited to nominate a new Chair(s) and vote on the appointment of the new Chair(s).

Agenda Item 3: Information from other HELCOM processes and meetings - INF

The Meeting is invited to take note of information from other HELCOM processes that may have relevance for the group, for example: future work on HELCOM indicators, the HELCOM ACTION project, the HELCOM SOM Platform, and the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP UP) process.

Agenda item 4: Update on automated indicator evaluation system from ICES. CMNT

ICES will provide an update on the developments related to the automated indicator evaluation system, and showcase the tool.

Agenda item 5: Development of workplan to accompany the ToRs of the group. DEC

Development of a detailed work plan for the group. The workplan, in the form of an updated version of the ToRs is to be reported to State and Conservation 10-2019.

Agenda item 6: Indicator assessment. CMNT/DEC

Discussion related to 1) appropriate update frequency, 2) incorporation of data related to source/origin and pathways, and 3) future work on indicators (e.g. new approaches and new substances).

Agenda item 7: HELCOM Hazardous substances Guidelines. CMNT/DEC

Further planning and work on guidelines the group is responsible for is needed. The plan and any updated guidelines should ideally be reported to State and Conservation 10-2019.

Agenda item 8: Sediment normalisation with Li or Al. CMNT/DEC

Discussion related to best approach and the consequences for data in the HELCOM region.

Agenda item 9: Use of sediment cores for assessment. CMNT/DEC

Discussion related to available sediment core data in the HELCOM region and potential for application to assess status.

Agenda item 10: Inclusion of Zebra mussels in future assessments. CMNT/DEC

Discussion related to best approach and the consequences for data in the HELCOM region. **See document 10-1.**

Agenda item 11: Assessment of Cu in the HELCOM region. CMNT/DEC

Discussion related to best data availability and national approaches for the assessment of Cu in the HELCOM region.

Agenda item 12: Discussion surrounding existing threshold value study reservations. CMNT/DEC

Discussion about how best to overcome/resolve existing study reservations.

Agenda item 13: Correction factors for biota threshold values. CMNT/DEC

Discussion related to best practices to assess contaminants in different tissue types and trophic levels. Approaches to use correction factors and thereby improve data usage and application.

Agenda item 14: Any other business. CMNT

Any other topics or aspects the meeting feels are important to bring up, discuss or document. The following topics have already been identified:

- 1) Invited guest (Swedish Geological Survey) to present results and discussion from the Swedish monitoring of offshore sediments.
- 2) Discussion and knowledge exchange on issues related to future research needs, such as: research focusing on sub-lethal problems in the Baltic Sea that may have multiple causes – i.e. in part be due to exposure to hazardous substances but also potentially due to changes in the ecosystem composition (including examples from ongoing research).
- 3) Discussion and knowledge exchange on transport of hazardous substances and procedures used clean transport equipment (e.g. tanks). Discussion will include: how this is approached, if these processes are potential sources of hazardous substances, and how this issue addressed across the region.
- 4) **Request on information of emerging contaminants by MCWG (ICES – Marine chemistry working group). See document 14.4 and 14.4 Att.1.**

Agenda Item 15: Outcome of the Meeting. DEC

A draft Outcome will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration and approval by the participants of the Meeting.