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Expert Network on Hazardous Substances

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Background

The draft agendas (EN-HZ and Biological effects, shown separately) and a provisional timetable are provided in the document below. The meeting will start 10.00 EEST (09.00 CET) and end at the latest by 17.00 EEST each day.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda.

EN-HZ 15-2021 draft agenda

The draft agendas for the EN-HZ meeting and the Biological Effects (BE) section are provided below. A provisional timetable is also included at the end of the document.

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda.

Agenda item 2: Chairs/co-Chairs.

Any nominations (short-, or long-term).

Agenda item 3: Information from other processes (Secretariat).

Take note – discuss as needed.

- a. Information of relevance (e.g. from State and Conservation, GEAR or PRESSURE).
- b. Indicator leads information event.
- c. HOLAS III approval steps (e.g. State and Conservation – 7 September deadline).
- d. Note - all ACTION reports available.

Agenda item 4: Threshold values (Document to support discussion by Denmark).

Discuss issues with threshold values and existing study reservations to find solution for HOLAS III (and longer-term perspective if possible). Note that a decision/direction on this issue is required by 7 September 2021 at the latest.

Agenda item 5: Copper (Sweden and Denmark to introduce)

Progress and steps towards indicator development, in particular for HOLAS III. Note that a decision/direction on this issue is required by 7 September 2021 at the latest.

Agenda item 6: CORG supporting parameter (Secretariat to introduce).

Conclude on the inclusion or exclusion of this parameter for HOLAS III. Note that the test cases (data sheets) relevant for this are provided in the site for the previous meeting. Note that a decision/direction on this issue is required by 7 September 2021 at the latest.

Agenda item 7: Inclusion of zebra mussels (Secretariat to introduce).

Conclude on the inclusion of this species for HOLAS III. Note that the test cases (data sheets) relevant for this are provided in the site for the previous meeting. Note that a decision/direction on this issue is required by 7 September 2021 at the latest.

Agenda item 8: Extraction table (Secretariat, ICES, Baltic Data Flows project to introduce)

Review the extraction table in light of the above and confirm it is correct in advance of any HOLAS III preparations. Note that a decision/direction on this issue is required by 7 September 2021 at the latest.

Agenda item 9: CHASE progress (Secretariat, Baltic Data Flows project to introduce).

Review information presented to State and Conservation and conclude any issues to be addressed before work in the Baltic Data Flows project is fully initiated. Also discuss CHASE output at Scale 3 and Scale 4. Note that a decision/direction on this issue is required by 7 September 2021 at the latest.

Agenda item 10: Sediment cores (Subgroup to introduce)

Update on progress towards the development of a Monitoring and Assessment Guideline and preparation for a proposal to be made to State and Conservation regarding inclusion of supporting contextual information in the HOLAS III thematic assessment. Note that a decision/direction on this issue is required by 7 September 2021 at the latest.

Agenda item 11: COMBINE data check (Document from ICES and Baltic Data Flows project, plus introduce)

Review and comment the outline handbook produced for how to use the HZ tools under ICES DOME and how to review data in the database (i.e. to ensure it has the strongest chance to enter the final assessment). Establish either national contacts in the group or a 'data subgroup' that can carry out the data review in COMBINE.

Agenda item 12: Monitoring and Assessment Guidelines (Document from Baltic Data Flows project)

Discuss the need for minor changes to the guidelines to match the indicator requirements (and extraction table). Establish a way to updated these.

Agenda item 13: Other information and projects of relevance (short presentations, if time available)

- a. Baltic Data Flows project.
- b. Screening project.
- c. Antimicrobial Resistance project .
- d. MIME tool and links with OSPAR and AMAP.
- e. HAZ BREF.
- f. BaltHEALTH.

Biological Effects section draft agenda.

Agenda item 1: Adoption of the agenda.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda.

Agenda item 2: Someone to lead the process.

Any nominations/volunteers to lead/Chair the subgroup/subsection on BE?

Agenda item 3: Information from other processes (Secretariat).

Take note – discuss as needed.

- a. Information of relevance (e.g. from State and Conservation, GEAR or PRESSURE).
 - i. Response related to proposed Joint CG with OSPAR
 - ii. Response related to plans towards HOLAS III
- b. Indicator leads information event.
- c. HOLAS III approval steps (e.g. State and Conservation – 7 September deadline).

Agenda item 4: Update on data call for biological effects data for HOLAS III (Secretariat).

Information will be provided on what data for HOLAS III purposes has been requested from Contracting Parties.

Agenda item 5: Potential links with EG MAMA health experts (Secretariat).

Discussion on inclusion of relevant mammal health data, type of available data, and how to utilise it.

Agenda item 6: Progress of sub-group towards proof of concept test cases (Sub-group on Biological Effects).

The sub-group on biological effects will be invited to introduce the progress made and possible options for test cases.

Agenda item 7: Further needs of sub-group to develop the work further (Sub-group on Biological Effects).

The sub-group on biological effects will be invited to request support or data from the meeting to further their work.

Agenda item 8: Plan towards State and Conservation 15-2021 (7 September deadline).

Planning towards State and Conservation 15-2021 (i.e. relevant approval step for HOLAS III purposes). Note that a decision/direction on this issue is required by 7 September 2021 at the latest.

Provisional timetable

EN-HZ 15 sections are coloured green and Biological effects sections are coloured peach.

Time (EEST)	Day 1 – 15 June	Day 2 – 16 June
10.00-11.30	HZ Agenda item 1 - Agenda HZ Agenda item 2 - Chairs HZ Agenda item 3 - Information HZ Agenda item 4 – Threshold values	HZ Agenda item 11 – COMBINE HZ Agenda item 12 – Guidelines
11.30-11.45	BREAK	
11.45-13.00	HZ Agenda item 4 – continued, if needed HZ Agenda item 5 – Copper	HZ Agenda item 13 – Other information and projects
13.00-14.00	LUNCH	
14.00-15.30	HZ Agenda item 5 – continued, if needed HZ Agenda item 6 – CORG HZ Agenda item 7 – Zebra mussels	BE Agenda item 1 – Agenda BE Agenda item 2 – Lead for work BE Agenda item 3 – Information BE Agenda item 4 – Data call BE Agenda item 5 – Mammals links
15.30-15.45	BREAK	
15.45-17.00	HZ Agenda item 8 – Extraction table HZ Agenda item 9 – CHASE HZ Agenda item 10 – Sediment	BE Agenda item 6 – Progress BE Agenda item 7 – Needs BE Agenda item 8 - Plans