

# HELCOM / OSPAR Underwater Noise

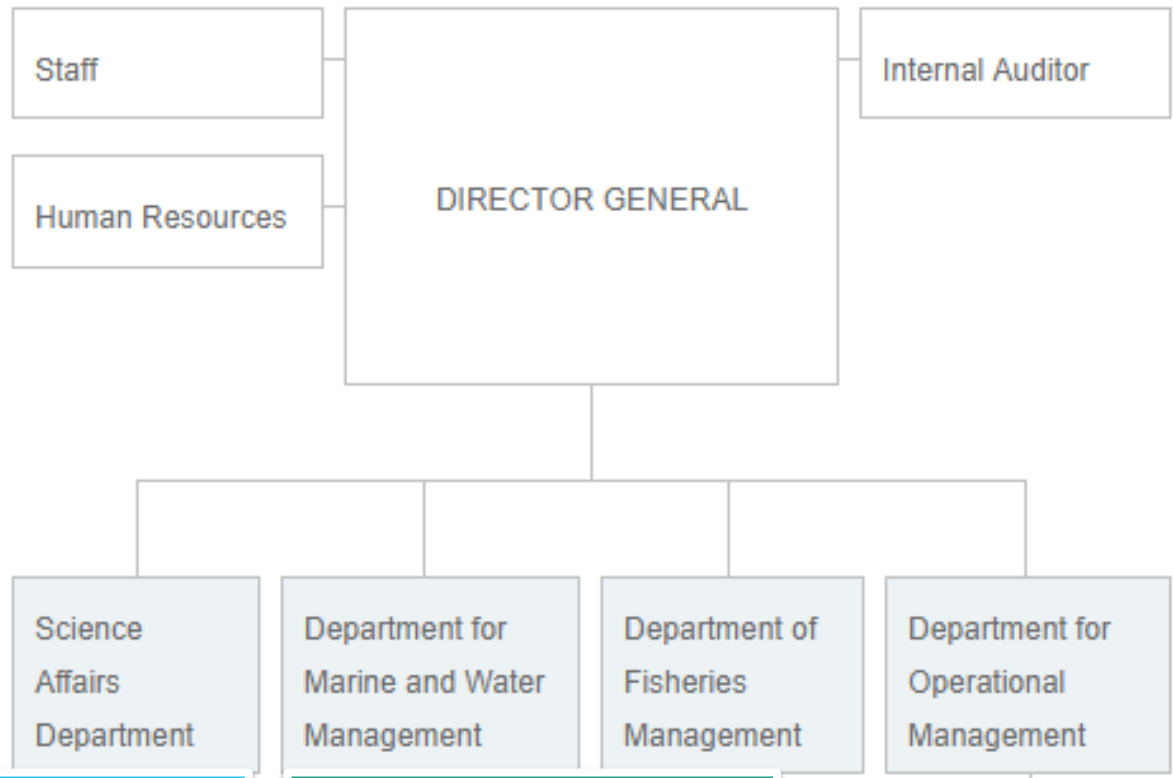
Joint expert group meeting

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**for** Marine and  
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# Welcome to SwAM: About us

- Agency under Energy & Environment Department
- Aim: Flourishing seas, lakes & streams, for the benefit of all
- How: Manage use, and prevent over-use of marine and freshwater environments



Monitoring;  
Indicator Assessments  
National data reporting  
Creating the knowledge base

HELCOM, OSPAR coordination  
MSFD & WFD implementation;  
Marine spatial planning  
MPAs & biodiversity  
Planning & financing mitigation  
Permitting & approvals

# HELCOM and OSPAR: a Swedish perspective



- Marine litter RAP
- Underwater noise WG
- Seabirds
- Common Databases
- WG Ballast & NIS
- Dredging & dumping guidance
- **SDG...**



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*Protecting and conserving the  
North-East Atlantic and its resources*

# Important issues for Sweden

- RSC are the Regional Coordination Platforms for MSFD Implementation
- Collaborative approach reduces costs & improves quality
  - e.g. R&D, monitoring, data management,
  - Impulsive noise: rapid progress OSPAR; ambient noise focus in HELCOM
- Shared HELCOM OSPAR approach carries more weight at EU level
  - 15 EU MS working together
- Common management approaches improve clarity for stakeholders
- Kattegat covered by both conventions!
  - Hönö measurement station contributes to both conventions...
  - SE needs common approaches!

## Broad aims for today's workshop

- Develop a shared understanding of the revised Commission Decision
- Identify and agree next steps in indicator development
- Discuss progressing from research to routine monitoring
- Help us achieve the target of more blue whales in the Kattegat\*
- Eat up all the cake & fruit before you leave\*

