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Background

The Fifteenth Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 15-2020) will be held as an online meeting (Zoom) on 26 May 2020. The meeting will be opened at 10:00 (time zone EEST, UTC+3). and is expected to terminate no later than by 13:00 EEST. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hugo Nijkamp, Sea Alarm and Chair of EWG OWR.

Documents for the meeting will be made available on the EWG OWR 15-2020 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda.

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Agenda (document 1-1).

Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from other HELCOM activities

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Outcome of the 27th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Working Group (RESPONSE 27-2020) held in Vejle, Denmark, on 26-28 February 2020 (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to note that the Terms of Reference (ToR) 2019-2021 for EWG OWR were approved by RESPONSE 27-2020 and will be submitted for adoption to HOD 58-2020 in June 2020.

The Response Working Group is conducting a revision of all valid HELCOM Recommendations related to response to maritime pollution incidents. RESPONSE 26-2010 invited EWG OWR, in consultation with SHORE Network, to revise Recommendation 31E/6 on integrated wildlife response planning in the Baltic Sea area. The Meeting is invited to review the Recommendation (document to be submitted).

Agenda Item 3 Update on planning/preparedness in Contracting Parties

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform of national oiled wildlife response (OWR) preparedness activities.

Agenda Item 4 EWG OWR activities

The Meeting is invited to further discuss euthanasia based on the good practices described in documents: [Key principles for the care of oiled wildlife](#) and [Good Practice Guide for Oiled Wildlife Response Preparedness](#) and consider organizing a dedicated online workshop on the topic (c.f. paras 3.3-3.5 of the Outcome of EWG OWR 14-2019).

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss the information provided by the Contracting Parties on nationally and/or internationally available wildlife equipment stockpiles (document to be submitted). Contracting Parties which have not yet provided information are urged to do so as soon as possible, using the table provided by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss of the information provided by the Contracting Parties on the involvement of NGOs in national and international emergency cooperation. Contracting Parties which have not yet provided information are urged to do so as soon as possible, using the table provided by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to recall that EWG OWR 14-2019 agreed to report oiled wildlife response activities to the Response Working Group using the Self Assessment Tool (SAT 2.0) (c.f. para 3.12 of the Outcome of EWG OWR 14-2019). The Meeting is invited discuss the draft report with the aim to have the final report submitted to RESPONSE 28-2020 in November 2020. Contracting Parties which have not yet provided information are urged to do so as soon as possible, using the table provided by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to take note of and discuss the presentation on baseline data collection on seabird distributions in the Baltic Sea by Ms. Nele Markones (to be invited by the Chair; pending confirmation).

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss a presentation on the formalisation of the EUROWA Network (by Sea Alarm and WWF), and the meaning of that Network for the Response Working Group and EWG OWR.

The Meeting is invited to discuss any other activities of the EWG OWR.

Agenda Item 5 Training and information activities to support work of EWG OWR

The Meeting is invited to discuss the date, program and organizational issues of a one-day online seminar on early incident response. Germany and Sea Alarm are invited to provide detailed information on organizing the seminar.

Estonia might wish to inform about a planned seminar/workshop with authorities and NGOs, with key focus on integrated approach to oil spill response, as was proposed at EWG OWR 14-2019. The idea behind such event is to find out obstacles within overall oils pill response at various levels that prevent implementing an integrated approach, and to find out what can be done to remove these obstacles.

Agenda Item 6 Any other business

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to check and update, if needed, the list of nominated experts for EWG OWR (document to be submitted).

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other issues of relevance to this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 7 Next meeting

The Meeting is invited to decide on the date for and focus of the next meeting of the Group.

Agenda Item 8 Outcome of the Meeting

A draft Outcome of the meeting will be prepared at the end of the meeting and presented for consideration and adoption.