

# HELCOM framework for oiled wildlife response

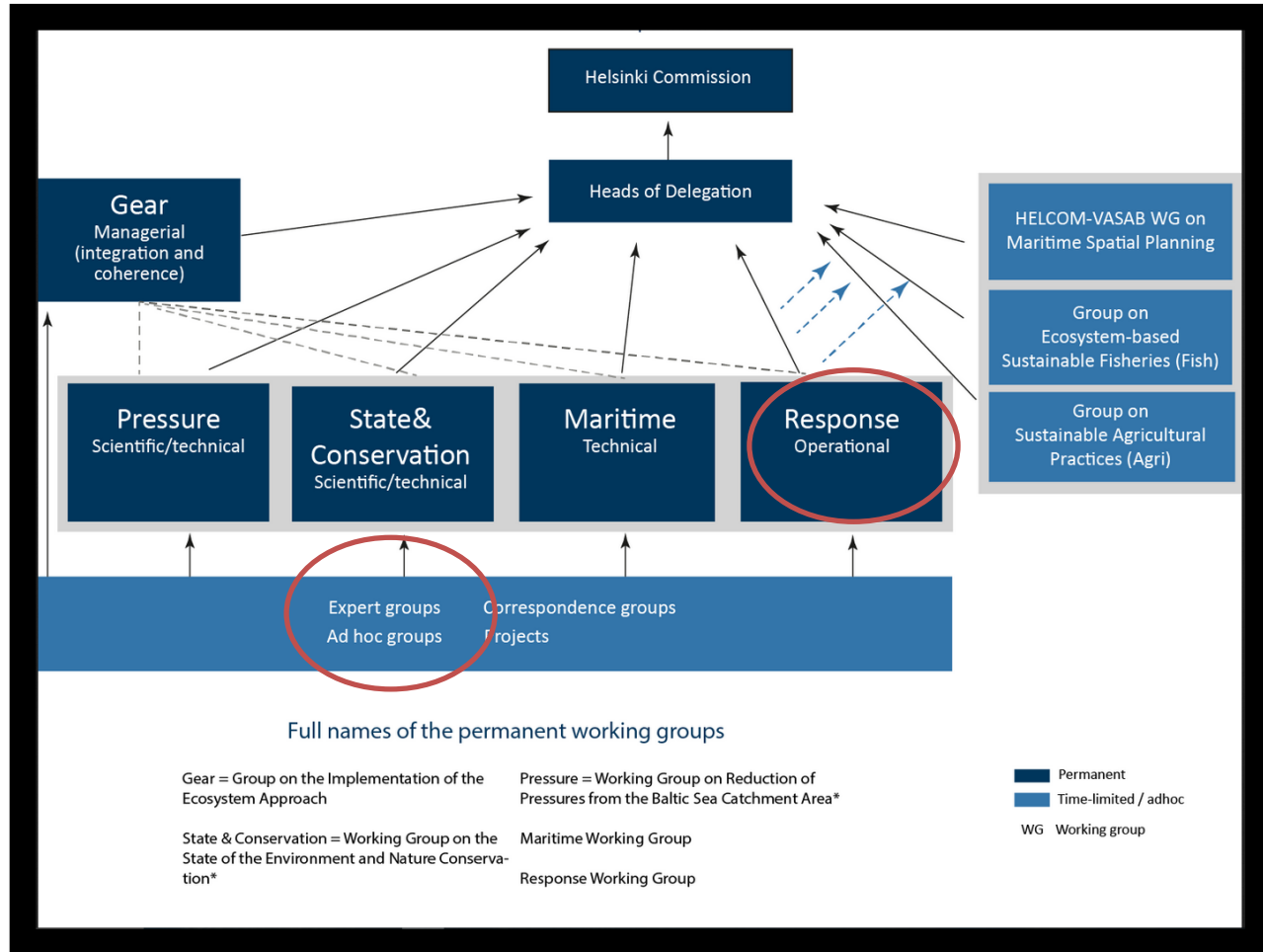


# HELCOM



- Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (Helsinki Convention) first signed in 1974
- New Convention in 1992

# HELCOM groups



# HELCOM and oiled wildlife response

- Oiled wildlife response first mentioned in HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan of 2007
- HELCOM Recommendation 31E/6 on integrated wildlife response planning, adopted in 2010
- Commitments of HELCOM Ministerial Meeting 2013
- HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR) set up in 2014 (mandate until end of 2018)

# Commitments of HELCOM MM 2013

- WE AGREE to develop and adopt national wildlife response plans by 2016;
- AGREE to strengthen the work on OWR under HELCOM RESPONSE through a targeted expert working group and by enhancing co-operation with NGOs and the private sector, *inter alia* in order to accommodate the involvement of volunteers

# Status report in 2016

- The level of preparedness varies widely throughout the HELCOM region
- The approach for oiled wildlife response is different between countries (rehabilitation/euthanasia)
- Lack of dedicated capacity and funding seem to be the main obstacles



Report on the status of  
**National wildlife response  
plans in the Baltic Sea**

