



16 September 2020

To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
Observers of HELCOM  
Contacts of HELCOM Fish  
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Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

Re: [Invitation to the Twelfth Meeting of HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries \(FISH 12-2020\), 11-12 November, online](#)

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the decision of FISH 11-2019 (Outcome paragraph 10.2), I have the pleasure to invite you to the Twelfth Meeting of HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 12-2020) to be organized on **11-12 November 2020**. In light of the COVID-19s situation, the Meeting will be held as an online meeting.

The Meeting will start **at 9:00 CET/10:00 EET on Wednesday, 11 November** and is expected to terminate by **16:00 CET/17:00 EET on Thursday, 12 November 2020**.

Please find attached the Provisional Agenda (document 1-1) for the Meeting. Additional documents for the Meeting will be made available in due course on the FISH 12-2020 Meeting Site on the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#).

The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and Observers to observe the deadlines for submission of documents to a HELCOM meeting. The **basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision by the Meeting** should be submitted in electronic form to Professional Secretary, Mr. Markus Helavuori ([markus.helavuori@helcom.fi](mailto:markus.helavuori@helcom.fi)) **by 20 October 2020**. Bulky documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested from the meeting. Documents containing **comments to the basic documents as well as information documents** should be provided to the Secretariat by 4 November 2020. The Secretariat has prepared [a document template](#) and recommends using the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat.

The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) on the HELCOM Meeting Portal by **4 November 2020 at the latest**. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents and to register to the meeting. [Instructions](#) for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website. An invitation to participate online through Zoom will be sent to registered participants.

Yours truly,

Rüdiger Stempel  
Executive Secretary