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*The updated core indicator report 'Abundance of coastal fish key functional groups' has been submitted for consideration to the Sixth Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (State&Conservation 6-2017), Uppsala, Sweden, 15-19 May 2017 (document 4J-6 submitted by Lead Country Sweden).*

## Background

The core indicator 'Abundance of coastal fish key functional groups' was agreed by HOD 48-2015 (outcome para 3.63), and the first version of the indicator report was published online in October 2015.

The core indicator report has been updated to be based on data from the assessment period 2011-2015. The data used for updating the report has been agreed by Contracting Parties through the data and indicator evaluations approval process carried out through State and Conservation contacts in February-March 2017. The updated indicator report will be published at the HELCOM web-site concomitant with the first version of the 'State of the Baltic Sea' report.

Changes to the indicator report compared to the version agreed on by HOD 48-2015 are visible as track changes. The links to MSFD descriptors and criteria have been updated to reflect the latest version of the European Commission Decision on GES criteria and Annex III Table 2a.

Changes have been made to:

- the main message and results sections including maps, tables and figures
- a more thorough Confidence assessment in accordance to the HOLAS II approach
- minor updating of the assessment protocol
- minor updating of the sections on Role in the system and human pressures

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note that the dataset and indicator evaluation have been agreed through the national approval process.