



## Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Continuation of the project on Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of an ecosystem-based management

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### Background

The thematic assessments on coastal fish have been produced since 2006, the [first assessment](#) (BSEP 103A) was published in 2006 and the [second assessment](#) (BSEP 131) in 2012. The third assessment has been prepared by FISH-PRO II, and following consideration by FISH 8-2018 (Outcome para. 2.6), support by STATE & CONSERVATION 8-2018 (Outcome para. 3J.58), and finally approval by HOD 54-2018 (Outcome para. 4.34), it was published and made available on HELCOM [website](#) late in 2018.

This document contains the published version of the Status of coastal fish communities in the Baltic Sea during 2011-2016 – the third thematic assessment (BSEP 161).

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the publication of the Status of coastal fish communities in the Baltic Sea during 2011-2016 – the third thematic assessment.