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Background

At GEAR 21-2019 the proposals from HELCOM Working Groups on revised and new HELCOM objectives were discussed. The group felt that there is still a need to adjust the objectives in order to harmonize them across segments. Since this process may lead to changes to the existing proposals the GEAR Group proposed to invite Chairs of Working Groups to participate in the discussion. GEAR-21-2019 thus agreed to convene an online meeting on **20 November 2019** to continue the harmonization and tentative adjustment of HELCOM objectives (**13.00 CET-16.00 CET**), inviting also the Chairs of HELCOM Working Groups. The current proposals (please see [document 4-3 Rev. 1](#) to GEAR 21-2019) together with proposals from GEAR will be submitted to HOD 57-2019 by the document deadline clarifying that a revised document will be submitted based on the outcome of the online meeting ([Outcome of GEAR 21-2019](#), para. 4.9).

The **Working Groups** have initiated a review of the existing HELCOM ecological and management objectives and the development of new objectives for marine litter, underwater noise, and loss and disturbance to the seabed in their autumn meetings in 2019. The proposed set of objectives and the provisional BSAP-structure agreed by HOD sets the framework within which the BSAP-UP should be further developed; through the development and implementation of HELCOM actions and agreements, the goals and objectives of the BSAP are to be met. According to the Strategic Plan for the BSAP update **HOD** are to be asked in December 2019 to endorse the set of new objectives. Considering the still ongoing adjustment of the proposed objectives, HOD will more likely be requested to agree on the proposed objectives as a provisional framework for further work while allowing for some flexibility if and as justified adjustments to the structure or formulation of individual objectives may become necessary as the BSAP-UP develops.

GEAR 21-2019 review of objectives

GEAR 21-2019 was tasked to consider the proposals on ecological and management objectives by HELCOM Working Groups and propose adjustments as seen relevant to harmonize terminology of objectives across segments, so that they can be forwarded to HOD for in principle endorsement. The review by GEAR should ensure that objectives were formulated following the guidance given to this effect as recalled in **Annex 1**.

At GEAR 21-2019 the following comments were received:

- Eutrophication; no proposed revisions to the ecological objectives but the proposals to change the wording 'minimize' to 'minimized' in the management objective and use this approach consistently across segments.
- Hazardous substances and litter;
 - o the objective 'Healthy sea life and food webs' was viewed as overlapping with the objective under the Biodiversity segment reading 'Functional healthy and resilient food webs'. It was noted

that to add the word food web was proposed by STATE & CONSERVATION 10-2019 to cover potential effects of bio-accumulation of hazardous substances in the environment

- it was noted that an ecological objective on the amount of litter was missing, however that this aspect is reflected in the management objectives on litter.
 - alternative phrasing to the management objectives 'Prevent input of litter' was discussed e.g. 'Input of litter is prevented' or 'Prevent the input of litter'.
- Sea-based activity segment:
- consider adding an overarching ecological objective with the tentative wording: 'No or limited disturbance on marine communities and ecosystem services',
 - consider adding an overarching management objective reading 'Sustainable shipping and offshore activities' or 'Ensure sustainable use of the marine environment',
 - clarify how the cross-referencing to ecological objectives on eutrophication and hazardous substances and litter will take place,
 - consider slimming down the number of objectives related to maritime activities, including to consider if some of the existing objectives are expressed as actions rather than objectives,
 - consider exchange the word 'stocks' with population or to rephrase the objective so that it reads: 'Noise levels do not adversely affect stocks [population] of noise sensitive species and do not injure or significantly disturb sea life'.
- Biodiversity.
- consider including more precise objectives i.e. on % coverage of MPAs,
 - for consistency; cross check the use of the words viable/viability across segments.

Intersessional work since GEAR 21-2019

Following GEAR 21-2019, the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of GEAR has reviewed the set of objectives proposed by Working Groups to GEAR in document [GEAR 21-2019 4-3 Rev.1](#) with a view to proposing options for addressing comments received at GEAR. In this context, a broader review of the structure, phraseology and completeness of the segment objectives was undertaken in order to identify any additional consistency or coherence issues. The detailed results and proposals are presented in Section 2 below. Options were selected to interfere as little as possible with the proposals of Working Groups. The proposed options acknowledge that linguistic difference may exist in order to strike a balance between continuity of existing objectives and inclusion of new objectives.

The documentation for the GEAR online meeting is compiled in this document as follows

Documentation for discussion at online meeting

- **Section 1:** Common understanding on the phraseology of HELCOM objectives. Addresses general issues (Table 1) discussed by GEAR 21-2019 as a starting point for the further discussion
- **Section 2:** Suggested options for consolidating structure and phrasing of objectives. This is a detailed account of the discussion items per segment (Tables 2a-2d) and provides an updated overview table (Table 3) with all segments and objectives as suggested in section 2.

Background documentation for reference in online meeting

- **Annex 1:** Guidance for formulating objectives
- **Annex 2:** reproduces the overview of segments/objectives as proposed by HELCOM Working Groups by end of the meeting cycle in autumn 2019 (from GEAR 21-2019 4-3 Rev.1, page 7).

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- use the present document as the basis for discussion.
- recall and apply the guidance for drafting objectives at Annex 1
- seek a common understanding on the phraseology for HELCOM objectives as discussed in Section 1 below
- discuss options for solutions proposed in Section 2 below for resolving comments received at GEAR 21-2019 on HELCOM objectives with a view to
 - agreeing on any editorially revised formulations
 - and/or recommending to HOD any identified adjustment needs that should be addressed by Working Groups in the further BSAP-UP process (e.g. missing objectives).

Key issues for the online GEAR meeting are:

- the structure and formulation of objectives of the segment on sea-based activities
- the phraseology of management objectives and adjusted formulations for hazardous substances and biodiversity
- any remaining detailed comments.

Consolidating proposed ecological and management objectives for the BSAP update

1. Common understanding on the phraseology for HELCOM objectives

Based on the Guidance in Annex 1, the following common understanding is sought:

- the objectives do not stand alone. Ecological and management objectives will always be presented together and in conjunction with the segment goal so that they are always seen in context. Specifications of the objectives in line with the segment goal is therefore not necessarily needed.
- the BSAP segments will cover the segment goal, the ecological objectives (the desired state) specifying the goal, management objectives (sustainable level of human activities) to achieve the desired state, and the actions for reaching the ecological and management objectives. Some of the proposed objectives currently include
 - a reformulation of the desired state as objective for management. This appears redundant and confusing the BSAP-structure and should be avoided.
 - actions on ways of reaching the ‘how’ to achieve the objectives. The actions should be described separately and the phrasing of objectives slimmed down accordingly.
- the ecological and management objectives are also external communication tools (see Annex 1) and should be formulated as higher-level aims (as opposed to technically and detailed descriptions); short and snappy; and in a simple and aspirational way.
- there is a need to strike a balance between the continuity of the existing BSAP objectives, consistency and coherence of objectives across segments, and a balanced presentation of objectives.

The following table includes proposals to address general issues discussed by GEAR 21-2019:

Table 1. Follow-up of discussions by GEAR

Proposal by GEAR 21-2019	For consideration at GEAR 21a-2019
Change the form of the objectives i.e. to change ‘minimize’ to ‘minimized’	<p>Proposal: keep the active form</p> <p>After having reviewed e.g. form of SDG objectives and the current development of OSPAR objectives it is proposed to keep the active form. Examples are given below (NB here shortened, the objectives are longer):</p> <p><u>OSPAR strategic objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ minimise the introduction of non-indigenous species ○ prevent inputs and significantly reduce marine litter <p><u>UN SDGs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification ○ sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems
Consider including more precise objectives i.e. on % coverage of MPAs,	<p>Proposal: maintain objectives without precision</p> <p>The guidance for development of HELCOM objectives is to have relatively few objectives that describe the main aims of HELCOM work. More precise agreements/targets can be formulated as actions to achieve the objectives.</p>
The possibility to have an ecological objective on the amount of litter is was raised	<p>Proposal: not have an ecological objective on amount of litter. The amount of litter is indirectly covered by the ecological objective ‘No harm to sea life from marine litter’, and amount of litter is explicitly covered as a management objective.</p>
Alternative phrasing to the management objectives ‘Prevent input of litter’ was	This comment does not need further consideration if the objectives should maintain active form.

Proposal by GEAR 21-2019	For consideration at GEAR 21a-2019
discussed e.g. 'Input of litter is prevented' or 'Prevent the input of litter'.	However , in table 2 a number of suggestions are made to revise the management objectives on litter
<p>For sea-based segment: Consider adding an overarching ecological objective with the tentative wording: 'No or limited disturbance on marine communities and ecosystem services', Consider adding an overarching management objective reading 'Sustainable shipping and offshore activities' or 'Ensure sustainable use of the marine environment',</p>	Proposal: to revise the existing proposals on objectives for the sea-based segment ; see table 2, rather than adding overarching objectives which is not used for other segments.

2. Suggested options for consolidating structure and phrasing of objectives

In the following table 2, options are proposed for addressing comments at GEAR and any additional inconsistencies identified by the Secretariat in the way that objectives are formulated / presented. This is done per segment and in the sequence of the segments to be discussed at the online meeting:

- Sea-based activities segment (Table 2a)
- Hazardous substances segment (Table 2b)
- Biodiversity segment (Table 2c)
- Overview of all segments / objectives as proposed in this section (Table 3)

Starting point for the discussion are the objectives developed by Working Groups and reported to GEAR 21-2019 in document 4-3 Rev.1 (see Annex 2 for overview information). The second column suggests an option for rephrasing, the third column provides an explanation for the suggested option.

EO=Ecological objectives, MO=Management objective

Table 2a Sea-based activities segment

Proposal by WG	Suggested revision	Remarks
Structure of segment and balance of objectives	<i>Remove the reference to specific topics in the presentation of objectives (see Table 3)</i>	GEAR commented that the objectives were in imbalance and that an overarching objective could be considered. It is proposed 1) to keep a flat structure of the objectives 2) to keep continuity and precision of the existing BSAP-objectives for the topics worked on by MARITIME and RESPONSE, acknowledging that they are slightly differently (more specifically) phrased than the new MO. 3) to remove the objective headlines as the structure is mixing impacts (loss/disturbance, noise, pollution) from all activities and specific “maritime activities” 4) to extend the phrasings relating to pollution (eutrophication, hazardous substances, litter) and NIS aspects to all sea-based activities
ADDITIONAL ECOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES	Sea-based activities meet the objectives for eutrophication and hazardous substances and litter	With such additional ecological objective for the sea-based segment, the link to the goals for eutrophication and hazardous substances and litter would be clarified.
Reduce, prevent and mitigate pressures and impacts from activities that are causing loss and disturbance to seabed habitats (MO)	Minimize loss and disturbance to seabed habitats from sea-based activities [<i>by pressure reduction, prevention, and mitigation measures</i>]	Mainly a linguistic revision to harmonize phrasing with that of other objectives; but furthermore proposed to consider the specification of type of measures [<i>indicated in brackets</i>]. should rather be proposed as actions than be part of the management objective. This would also contribute to simplify/shorten the objective.
Ensure noise levels support good conservation status, do not adversely affect stocks of noise sensitive species and do not injure or significantly disturb sea life (MO)	Ensure noise levels that support meeting the ecological objectives for manmade noise OR Minimise the levels of manmade noise introduced to the sea	GEAR 21-2019 proposed to revise the proposal by Pressure 11-2019 so that it reads: ‘Noise levels do not adversely affect stocks [population] of noise sensitive species and do not injure or significantly disturb sea life’. The proposed objectives by Pressure as well as GEAR include a specification of the ecological objectives (desired state) already defined under EO. For a consistent phrasing of MO it is proposed to focus on the introduction of manmade sound to the environment. The linking by Pressure of noise reduction to an ecological objective may be due to the uncertainty on whether noise reductions are

Proposal by WG	Suggested revision	Remarks
		required. If such a linkage should be maintained, it is proposed to simply refer to a level of pressure that is compatible with the ecological objectives.
No introductions of non-indigenous species from ships (MO)	No introductions of non-indigenous species	This proposal was already made by Pressure 11-2019. The proposal is supported for the same reasons as given above i.e. to refer to sea-based activities in general (e.g. introductions from aquaculture).
Minimize the contribution to eutrophication and operational pollution from ships (MO)	Minimize the contribution to eutrophication and hazardous substances and litter from sea-based activities	With this revision the objectives will refer to all sea-based activities (e.g. eutrophication and/ hazardous substances and litter can also come from sea-based aquaculture, dredging, operation of offshore installations etc)
Minimum harmful air emissions from ships (MO)	Minimize harmful air emissions from ships	Linguistic
Minimum threats from offshore installations (MO)	<i>Proposed to be deleted</i>	Maritime 19-2019 discussed the management objective on threats from offshore installations and noted that it relates e.g. to that installations such as underwater cables, pipelines and offshore wind farms put increasing pressure on the Baltic Sea ecosystem. The Meeting further noted the relevance of maritime spatial planning in this respect and also that objectives related to loss and disturbance of the seabed may reflect this particular angle of offshore installations. This view is supported; this objective can be considered as covered by other objectives.

Table 2b Hazardous substances and litter

Proposal by WG	Suggested revision	Remarks
Healthy sea life and food webs (EO)	Healthy sea life	GEAR 21-2019 was of the view that this objective overlaps with the biodiversity objective on 'Functional healthy and resilient food webs'. It was noted that to the word food web was proposed to be added by STATE & CONSERVATION 10-2019 to cover potential effects of bio-accumulation of hazardous substances in the environment. Bioaccumulations can however be considered as covered by "Healthy sea life".
Minimize input and impact of hazardous substances from human activities by elimination, substitution, and source management (MO)	Minimize input and impact of hazardous substances from human activities [by elimination, substitution, and source management]	Consider to delete the specification of measures [<i>indicated in brackets</i>] and rather formulate such measures as actions to reach the objective.
Note: two objectives addressed jointly - Products are designed, produced, used and reused, recycled and disposed by applying principles of circular economy to prevent marine litter (MO) - Prevent input of litter (MO)	<i>Consider to combine the objectives into one of the alternatives:</i> 1) Products are designed, produced, used and reused, recycled and disposed to prevent production of waste and the input to the sea OR	1) Circular economy is proposed to be formulated as an action to reach the objectives. 2) Alternative 2 is a further simplification that combines the aspects of production and input of litter in one and the same objective. Consider a phraseology of objectives consistent with that of other objectives by separating out actions 1) [<i>Products are designed, produced, used and reused, recycled and disposed by applying principles of circular economy to</i>] prevent generation of waste and littering 2) Prevent input of litter to the sea

Proposal by WG	Suggested revision	Remarks
	2) Prevent production of waste and its entry to the environment	
Amounts of litter are significantly reduced on shorelines and in the sea (MO)	Significantly reduce amounts of litter on shorelines and in the sea	Linguistic adjustment to harmonize phrasing of objectives

Table 2c Biodiversity

Proposal by WG	Suggested revision	Remarks
Functional, healthy and resilient food webs (EO)	<i>Consider formulation.</i>	No concrete suggestion on revision but the objective is considered as overlapping with the proposed new goal for biodiversity which reads 'Baltic Sea ecosystems are healthy and resilient'. It is furthermore complex and could be modified to improvement the communication of the objective. The meeting may wish to discuss whether this objective should be recommended to HOD to be revised by State and Conservation in the further BSAP-UP work.
Minimized disturbance of species, their habitats and migration routes by human activities (MO)	Minimize disturbance of species, their habitats and migration routes from human activities	Minor linguistic revision
An effectively managed and ecologically coherent network of marine protected areas (MO)	Effectively managed and ecologically coherent network of marine protected areas	Minor linguistic revision
Human induced mortality, including: hunting, fishing, and incidental bycatch, does not threaten the viability of Baltic sea life (MO)	Human induced mortality [<i>including: hunting, fishing, and incidental bycatch,</i>] does not threaten the viability of Baltic sea life	Proposal to delete the specification of activities [<i>in brackets</i>]. It is recognized that State and Conservation was of the view that specification of activities should be included. However, a deletion will simplify the objective and actions associated to the objective could address these specific activities. It could also be considered to move this objective to the segment on sea-based activities.
ADDITIONAL MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE	<i>Consider to develop an objective related to restoration of habitats/reintroduction of species</i>	The meeting may wish to discuss whether the development of such objectives by State and Conservation should be recommended to HOD in the further BSAP-update work. This would be in line with activities considered by HOD 56-2019 (document 2-4) and is also in line with the work plan of the State and Conservation Working Group.

Table 3. Overview of the options suggested in Tables 2a-2c for adjustment to structure and phrasing of objectives

Objectives marked in yellow are not revised but proposed to be discussed by the meeting, see Table 2. Text in [square brackets] is proposed to be considered for removal to action level (kept here as memorandum items)

Goals	Baltic Sea unaffected by eutrophication	Baltic Sea undisturbed by hazardous substances and litter	Environmentally sustainable ¹ sea-based activities	Baltic Sea ecosystems are healthy and resilient ²
Ecological objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concentrations of nutrients close to natural levels - Clear waters - Natural level of algal blooms - Natural distribution and occurrence of plants and animals - Natural oxygen levels 	<p>Hazardous substances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concentrations of hazardous substances close to natural levels - All seafood safe to eat - Healthy sea life - Minimal risk to humans and the environment from radioactivity <p>Litter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No harm to sea life from marine litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities affecting seabed habitats do not threaten the viability of species' populations and communities - No harm to sea life from manmade noise - Sea-based activities meet the objectives for eutrophication and hazardous substances and litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viable populations of all native species - Natural distribution, occurrence and quality of habitats and associated communities - Functional, healthy and resilient food webs
Management/conservation objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimize input of nutrients from human activities 	<p>Hazardous substances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimize input and impact of hazardous substances from human activities [by elimination, substitution, and source management] <p>Litter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [Products are designed, produced, used and reused, recycled and disposed to] prevent production of waste and its input to the sea <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevent the generation of waste and littering - Prevent inputs of litter to the sea <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significantly reduce amounts of litter on shorelines and in the sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimize loss and disturbance to seabed habitats from sea-based activities [by pressure reduction, prevention, and mitigation measures] - Ensure noise levels that meet the ecological objective for noise - No introductions of non-indigenous species - Minimize the contribution to eutrophication and hazardous substances and litter from sea-based activities - Enforce international regulations – no illegal discharges - Safe maritime traffic without accidental pollution - Effective emergency and response capabilities - Minimum harmful air emissions from ships - Zero discharges from offshore platforms - Maritime Spatial Planning applying an ecosystem-based approach throughout the Baltic Sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effectively manage an ecologically coherent network of marine protected areas - Minimize disturbance of species, their habitats and migration routes from human activities - Human induced mortality, [including: hunting, fishing, and incidental bycatch,] does not threaten the viability of Baltic sea life - Effective and coordinated conservation plans and measures for threatened species, habitats, biotopes, and biotope complexes - Reduce or prevent human pressures that lead to imbalance in the foodweb

¹ proposed revision by Maritime 10-2019 (the original segment uses the term 'friendly' instead of 'sustainable')

² new proposal by State and Conservation 11-2019 (the original segment reads "Favourable status of Baltic biodiversity")

Annex 1: Recollection of the guidance given for the review and revision of HELCOM objectives

Extract from guidance presented to Working Groups in autumn 2019 meetings (e.g. S&C 11-2019 8J-7). For full guidance and evolution of drafting objectives see [GEAR 21-2019 4-3 Rev.1](#).

The guidance given to the Groups is based on the outcome of GEAR 19-2018, GEAR 20-2019, and further elaborations by the Chairs of Pressure, State and Conservation and the Secretariat (Pressure 10-2019, document DS2, State&Conservation 10-2019, document 8J-6). The guidance is the following:

General guidance

The objectives should be:

- linked to HELCOM assessments i.e. achievement should be possible to follow-up through HELCOM assessments,
- easy to communicate to the wider community,
- not too many. Recall that the BSAP structure is meant to reflect overall aim and objectives of HELCOM work to the wider community, but not to list every issue dealt with.
- with regard to the review of existing objectives the following should also be considered:
 - are objectives missing with respect to new developments in HELCOM since the current BSAP was adopted?
 - are the objectives up to date (e.g. are the terms used up to date)?
- the terminology of objectives between segments should be harmonized.

Ecological objectives

- should reflect the desired state of the environment and be of aspirational character,
- should be possible to follow-up by use of indicators and associated threshold values,
- with regard to new topics (marine litter, underwater noise, loss and disturbance to seabed) the ecological objectives should focus on the state elements of these topics or on their impacts on the environment e.g. on the concentration, amounts or extent of litter/noise/disturbance to seabeds, or properties of the ecosystem that should be maintained or not harmed.

Management objectives

- management objectives describe the desired effect of or aspirational targets of management measures, (see e.g. management objectives for existing segment on maritime activities)
- follow-up of management objectives should in principle be done using indicators and associated pressure targets or in the case of biodiversity by targets for conservation and protection.

Annex 2: Proposals of Working Groups as reported to GEAR 21-2019 in document 4-3 Rev.1

Goals	Baltic Sea unaffected by eutrophication	Baltic Sea undisturbed by hazardous substances and litter	Environmentally sustainable ³ sea-based activities	Baltic Sea ecosystems are healthy and resilient ⁴
Ecological objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concentrations of nutrients close to natural levels - Clear waters - Natural level of algal blooms - Natural distribution and occurrence of plants and animals - Natural oxygen levels 	<p>Hazardous substances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concentrations of hazardous substances close to natural levels - All seafood safe to eat - Healthy sea life and food webs - Minimal risk to humans and environment from radioactivity <p>Litter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No harm to sea life from marine litter 	<p>Loss and disturbance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities affecting seabed habitats do not threaten the viability of species and communities <p>Noise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No harm to sea life from manmade noise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viable populations of all native species - Natural distribution, occurrence and quality of habitats and associated communities - Functional, healthy and resilient food webs
Management/conservation objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimize input of nutrients from human activities 	<p>Hazardous substances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimize input and impact of hazardous substances from human activities by elimination, substitution, and source management <p>Litter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Products are designed, produced, used and reused, recycled and disposed by applying principles of circular economy to prevent marine litter - Amounts of litter are significantly reduced on shorelines and in the sea, - Prevent input of litter 	<p>Loss and disturbance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce, prevent and mitigate pressures and impacts from activities that are causing loss and disturbance to seabed habitats <p>Noise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure noise levels support good conservation status, do not adversely affect stocks of noise sensitive species and do not injure or significantly disturb sea life <p>MSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maritime Spatial Planning applying an ecosystem- based approach throughout the Baltic Sea <p>Maritime activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enforcement of international regulations – no illegal discharges - Safe maritime traffic without accidental pollution - Effective emergency and response capabilities - Minimize the contribution to eutrophication and operational pollution from ships - No introductions of non-indigenous species from ships- - Minimum harmful air emissions from ships - Zero discharges from offshore platforms - [Minimum threats from offshore installations]⁵ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An effectively managed and ecologically coherent network of marine protected areas - Minimized disturbance of species, their habitats and migration routes by human activities - Human induced mortality including hunting, fishing, and incidental bycatch does not threaten the viability of Baltic sea life - Effective and coordinated conservation plans and measures for threatened species, habitats, biotopes, and biotope complexes - Reduce or prevent human pressures that lead to imbalance in the foodweb⁶

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⁴ new proposal by State and Conservation 11-2019 (the original segment reads "Favourable status of Baltic biodiversity")

⁵ see reflection by Maritime 19-2019, section 2.3.3

⁶ proposed at STATE & CONSERVATION 11A-2019