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Background

This document contains Danish amendment proposals for the draft HELCOM Recommendation on “Conservation of Baltic Sea species categorized as threatened according to the HELCOM Red List” contained in document 2-10.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the amendment proposals by Denmark and decide as appropriate.

Danish amendment proposals for document 2-10 “Draft HELCOM Recommendation on Conservation of Baltic Sea species categorized as threatened according to the HELCOM Red List”

With regard to the Draft Recommendation contained in doc 2-10 submitted by Germany and Secretariat for consideration and adoption at the forthcoming HELCOM-36 meeting, Denmark is not in a position to approve the draft recommendation. We acknowledge the great efforts and dedication that has been put into developing the draft, but unfortunately we were not ready in the beginning of February to submit our comments to the drafting group. However at least we hope our position can be circulated as a meeting document for consideration by HELCOM-36 delegates.

We are certainly willing to consider the proposal as we do agree with the intentions it convey. However, it will be necessary to consider the following concrete proposals for amendments:

- On page 1 the 8th preamble “harmonize” should be substituted with “co-ordinate”, because the regional cooperation in HELCOM and under most of the EU-directives e.g. the MSFD we co-ordinate our policies and measures.
- On page 3 first line in “Recommends” paragraph please delete “all necessary” in order to bring the text in line with the Copenhagen Ministerial Declaration.
- On page 3 items 1 to 9 should be included in the recommendation as an Annex “Guidelines for achieving favourable conservation status by 2020
- On page 4 section beginning with “Agrees ..” should be taken out as this is more like a workplan that a working group develops in order to know what to do.
- On page 5 Annex 1 should be deleted from the recommendation. This is information normally appearing in a thematic report.
- On page 6 the glossary should be deleted as well. Most of the terms does not appear in the recommendation any way.