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Background

HOD 55-2018 took note of the information that STATE & CONSERVATION 4-2016 agreed that [HELCOM Recommendation 29/2](#), which includes Guidelines on sampling and reporting of marine litter found on beaches, will be superseded by [Recommendation 36/1](#) on the HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter, once the HELCOM monitoring guidelines for marine litter on beaches have been developed and included in the HELCOM Monitoring Manual. The meeting agreed that HELCOM Recommendation 29/2 will be discussed in PRESSURE 10-2019 with the aim of superseding Recommendation 29/2 by Recommendation 36/1. Further, the meeting in principle agreed that, following the discussion in the Pressure Group, HELCOM Recommendation 29/2 on marine litter within the Baltic Sea Region could be considered superseded by Recommendation 36/1, which is to be proposed for a decision by HELCOM 41-2020 ([Outcome of HOD 55-2018](#), para. 4.41-4.43).

PRESSURE 10-2019 considered and agreed that HELCOM Recommendation 29/2 can be superseded by HELCOM Recommendation 36/1 ([document 3-1](#)) and suggested HELCOM 41-2020 to decide to supersede HELCOM Recommendation 29/2. The meeting further took note of the clarification that the beach litter monitoring guidelines have been adopted and thus the Recommendation 29/2 can be superseded ([Outcome of PRESSURE 10-2019](#), para. 3.1-3.2).

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to supersede HELCOM Recommendation 29/2, which includes Guidelines on sampling and reporting of marine litter found on beaches, by Recommendation 36/1 on the HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter.