

BSAP update

HELCOM 42-2021



BSAP section	2020		2021					
	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	October
Preamble and introduction			DG BSAP 5-2021: Preamble and introduction to be further considered and developed	HELCOM 42-2021: Further guidance for drafting	DG BSAP 6-2021: Further drafting based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021	(DG BSAP: Final review)	HOD 60-2021 Approval preamble and introduction	Ministerial Meeting 2021, Adoption of the updated BSAP
Segment introductions	HOD 59-2020 tasked the Secretariat to implement editorial changes and harmonize content across segments, based on the guidance from HOD 59-2020	Segment Teams: Introductions to be further considered and developed	DG BSAP 5-2021: Introductions to be further considered, developed and reviewed	HELCOM 42-2021: Further guidance for drafting Segment Teams: Further drafting based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021	DG BSAP 6-2021: Further drafting based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2021	(DG BSAP: Final review)	HOD 60-2021 Approval of segment introductions	Ministerial Meeting 2021, Adoption of the updated BSAP
Actions	HOD 59-2020 tasked the Secretariat, to the extent possible, to redraft proposed actions based on the comments received from Contracting Parties and through the review process in 2020	Segment Teams: Actions to be further considered and developed based on the guidance from HOD 59-2020 and comments received in the review processes in 2020	DG BSAP 5-2021: Further developed actions will be presented for review	HELCOM 42-2021: Further developed actions will be presented for provisional agreement at HELCOM 42-2021 as they become available. Segment Teams: The actions will be drafted further based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2020 and target years will be considered.	DG BSAP 6-2021: The actions will be drafted further based on guidance by HELCOM 42-2020 Secretariat will make a proposal on cross-referencing between the actions in different segments	(Segment Teams: Further drafting) (DG BSAP: Final review)	HOD 60-2021 Approval of actions	Ministerial Meeting 2021, Adoption of the updated BSAP
Additional information on the actions (annexes)				HELCOM WGs will collect additional information on the actions.	HELCOM WGs will collect additional information on the actions.	HELCOM WGs will collect additional information on the actions.	HOD 60-2021 Approval	Ministerial Meeting 2021, Adoption of the updated BSAP

Overarching preamble and introduction

- The changes to the overarching preamble which are under discussion, including the new paragraphs on climate change modified by Sweden based on comments by DG BSAP 5-2021, are presented in square brackets and highlighted in yellow.
- Comments to the preamble by Finland are included in document 4-5.
- In addition to the proposed changes to the overarching preamble in this document, [document 4-2](#) contains proposals for including the adoption of associated action documents and supporting documents into the overarching preamble.

With regards to the overarching preamble and the introduction the Meeting is invited to:

- provide guidance to DG BSAP for further drafting



Segment introductions:

Biodiversity, eutrophication, hz and litter, sea-based activities

- Germany and Russia proposed adjustments to the objectives for the Sea-based activities segment in DG BSAP 5:
 - Ecological objective:
 - No [or minimal] harm to marine life from manmade noise
 - Management objectives:
 - Minimize noise to [acceptable] levels that do not adversely [seriously] affect marine life
 - Minimize the contribution to eutrophication and [the input of] hazardous substances and litter

With regards to the introductions to the segments the Meeting is invited to:

- decide whether to change the objectives under the sea-based segment according to the proposals
- provide guidance to the Segment Teams for further drafting;



Segment introductions:

Horizontal actions segment

Financing

- Proposed changes to the section on financing are included in track changes. In addition, there is a new text proposal that was circulated to HODs via email:
 - In that context, the Baltic Sea Action Plan Fund hosted by NIB/NEFCO ~~shall~~ **can** be a tool for supporting the implementation of the updated BSAP and Contracting Parties **and other possible contributors** ~~will~~ **can** voluntarily contribute to the Fund, with a view to replenishing the Fund so that it can provide funding to all actors interested in contributing to the aims and objectives of the Baltic Sea Action Plan.

With regards to the introductions to the horizontal segment the Meeting is invited to:

- discuss the proposed changes to the Financing section circulated by e-mail and agree on a way forward.
- provide guidance to DG BSAP for further drafting



Actions

Actions coloured green

- The Segment teams and DG BSAP have agreed that the formulation of these actions is already satisfactory. These actions are proposed for provisional agreement by HELCOM 42-2021.
- The aim of provisional agreement of actions with satisfactory formulation is to use the resources and the remaining time efficiently. Thus, DG BSAP and the Segment Teams would no longer work on the formulation of these actions but rather focus their efforts on the actions which are identified to need of further work. However, proposals for suitable target years can and will still be discussed for all actions.
- For action EE06, Denmark has proposed via correspondence a minor change in order to lift their study reservation on the action. The proposed change to this action is presented in square brackets.
- Document 4-4 includes a proposal to clarify the formulation of action SE37 which is coloured green



Actions

Actions coloured yellow

- The actions that are coloured yellow are still under discussion. These actions are presented for information. This document and the Excel attachment contain the actions coloured yellow using the formulation such as presented for DG BSAP 5-2021 although intersessional work for some of these actions has since progressed.
- Comments to the actions coloured yellow including concrete text proposals can be submitted to the Secretariat (susanna.Kaasinen@helcom.fi) for the next meetings of the Segment Teams or DG BSAP (horizontal actions). Please check the latest versions of the actions including new intersessional proposals for rephrasing in the meeting documents.
 - DG BSAP BIO 4-2021, 25 March 2021, comments by 18 March
 - DG BSAP HZ 3-2021, 31 March 2021, comments by 24 March
 - DG BSAP EUTRO 4-2021, 7 April 2021, comments by 31 March
 - DG BSAP SEA 3-2021, 9 April 2021, comments by 1 April
 - DG BSAP 6-2021, 22 April 2021 (tbc), comments by 15 April



Actions

Actions with no colouring

- Actions with no colouring had not been considered by DG BSAP or the Segment Teams by the submission deadline to HELCOM 42-2021. Some actions with no colour are new proposals made prior to HELCOM 42 (in Horizontal Actions Segment)
- Please note that since the deadline, all the actions in the biodiversity segment have been considered by DG BSAP BIO 3-2021 meeting on 1 March.
- Comments to actions that still have no colouring can be sent to DG BSAP or Segment Team meetings. Please check the meeting documents for the latest versions of the actions including intersessional proposals for redrafting.



Actions

Actions coloured red

- It is proposed that the actions coloured red in the Excel attachment will not be included in the updated BSAP and that the DG BSAP and the Segment Teams will no longer work on these actions.



Additional information on the actions (Annexes)

- Options presented at HOD 59-2020:
 - Including all additional information in the annex as originally planned
 - Not including any annexes in the updated BSAP but instead transferring the information on the rationale and the target years to the segments to further describe the actions
 - Including all additional information in the annex as originally planned AND including the supporting actions in the annexes and only including the measures with a direct effect to the segments
- Collection of the additional information + linking the actions to relevant activities and pressures is ongoing in WGs.

With regards to the introductions to the additional information the Meeting is invited to:

- discuss and agree on where to place and how to present the additional information on the actions.

