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Background

A major deliverable of the HELCOM Action project – work package 2, Impacts on the seafloor - will be a report that summarizes the best available knowledge related to the assessment and evaluation of benthic habitats and impacts on the seabed. The summary report will include developments resulting from previous HELCOM projects co-financed by the EU as well as incorporate other relevant knowledge on the topic.

The information will be consolidated to provide a coherent overview of existing knowledge of impacts on seabed, species, and habitats, due to human activities. A significant objective of the report is to consolidate existing information on pressures and measures to reduce the major impacts on seabed.

The latest draft of the report is provided to the workshop in Document 1 Att.1.

Action requested

The Workshop is invited to provide relevant comments and guide the finalization of the report.