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## Background

The workshop is convened to evaluate proposed new actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP). Key background information to the workshop will be the results of the analysis of sufficiency of measures (SOM analysis) that is carried out to support the BSAP update and the synopses on new actions for the updated BSAP that have been submitted to HELCOM. At the workshop commonly agreed criteria will be applied to support the evaluation.

## Information on the meeting

The workshop will take place online.

The workshop will be opened on Monday 31 August at 10.00 EEST and is expected to end at Wednesday 2 September at 12.00 EEST. The preliminary timetable is included in this document.

Information for the Workshop will be made available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal on the HELCOM BSAP UP WS-BIO 2020 [Meeting site](#) (please see the [instructions](#) for *signing up* and *signing in*).

***The participants are invited to familiarize themselves with the documents prior to the workshop and note that the synopses will not be presented in detail in the workshop.***

The synopses are available in the dedicated [workspace](#).

A list of the synopses to be evaluated in the workshop is included as Annex 1. Additional synopses may still be included since some Working Groups have invited submission of new synopses based on identified gaps or the proposals made at the HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2020.

Please note that contrary to the outline in the invitation to the HELCOM BSAP UP WS-BIO 2020 and due to the change of the workshop to an online format, synopses related to disturbance on the seabed will be considered in the HELCOM BSAP UP WS-SEA 2020 workshop.

## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Agenda Item 1 Introduction

The HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan adopted in 2007 is currently being updated and the updated BSAP is to be adopted in autumn 2021. The timeline for the BSAP update and recent activities will be presented to the workshop (document to be submitted).

If the actions agreed in Baltic Sea Action Plan and subsequent Ministerial Meetings of 2010, 2013 and 2018 are not implemented by 2021, they will be transferred to the updated BSAP unless they have been outdated. The actions that are not likely to be implemented by 2021 have been considered by the HELCOM Working Groups and some of them have been rephrased to be more concrete. The workshop is invited to take note of the actions that have been agreed by HOD 58-2020 to be transferred to the updated BSAP (document to be submitted).

To support the selection of new measures and actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, an invitation to submit synopses on potential new HELCOM actions was put forward in spring 2019 to the Contracting Parties, HELCOM subsidiary bodies, international projects and HELCOM Observers. The aim of the workshop is to evaluate proposed new actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan.

The Workshop is invited to note that the division of topics between the four BSAP UP workshops (Hazardous substances and litter, Eutrophication, Biodiversity and Maritime activities) is not necessarily aligned with the segments in the updated BSAP but has been made taking into account practical considerations and expertise of participants. The participants of the workshop will be informed of cross-cutting issues and their division between the workshops to avoid double work.

### Agenda Item 2 Results of the prior analyses

The results of several prior analyses will be prepared to support the evaluation of the synopses in the workshop. These include:

1. Outcome of the technical review by Working Groups
2. Results from the SOM analysis
3. Identification of the component of the DPSIR chain the proposed measure targets
4. Estimates of the effectiveness of the proposed new measures

The workshop is invited to take note of the technical review of the synopses conducted by the HELCOM Working Groups and to use the results in the evaluation of synopses. The technical review will provide information on the potential overlap between synopses and existing HELCOM actions, technical feasibility of implementing the proposed new measure, potential gaps in the set of synopses and potential overlap between synopses and, as relevant, a proposal on merging of synopses (document to be submitted).

Sufficiency of measures (SOM) analysis carried out by the HELCOM ACTION project and the HELCOM SOM Platform supports the update of the BSAP. The SOM analysis assesses improvements in environmental state and pressures that can be achieved with existing measures by 2030-2035, and whether these are sufficient to achieve good environmental status (GES) in the Baltic Sea. The first results of the SOM analysis will be presented to provide a basis for the discussion and evaluation of the synopses (document to be submitted). The results of the SOM analysis will include an evaluation where new measures are potentially needed (geographically and by pressure/state). Based on the SOM results, an assessment of how well the proposed new actions address the gaps that have been identified in the SOM analyses will be provided to the workshop.

The Secretariat will identify which element of the DPSIR (activities, pressures, or state components) the proposed action is targeting, and the information will be submitted to the workshop.

The ACTION project will provide information on the effectiveness of the proposed new measures, based on the effectiveness data collected for the SOM analysis, and from synopses, literature reviews and project outputs (document to be submitted). The depth of these analyses depends on availability of information.

### Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses

The proposals on new actions will be assessed using the 'Criteria for evaluation of new actions' that have been developed by the SOM Platform and endorsed by the Gear Group.

The agreed criteria for evaluation of the synopses and guidance for their implementation will be introduced to the workshop (document to be submitted). The workshop is also invited to suggest how to move forward with the possible shortcomings of the synopses and develop them further by, where possible, complementing the missing information.

The workshop participants will be divided into breakout groups and invited to discuss the proposals for new actions and evaluate them based on the criteria.

### Agenda Item 4 Conclusions

The workshop is invited to conclude on the new actions that are supported for inclusion in the updated BSAP. The proposal by the workshop will be submitted to relevant HELCOM Working Groups for endorsement.

## Preliminary timetable BSAP UP WS-BIO 2020

### All times EEST

Monday 31 August 2020	
10.00-11.30	Agenda Item 1 Introduction Agenda Item 2 Results of the prior analyses
11.30-11.45	<i>BREAK</i>
11.45-13.00	Agenda Item 2 Results of the prior analyses, continued
13.00-14.00	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
14.00-15.30	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses <i>Plenary: Introduction of the guidance for implementing the criteria</i> <i>First breakout groups: 1) Spatial conservation 2) Conservation/restoration of species</i>
15.30-15.45	<i>BREAK</i>
15.45-18.00	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued, Agenda Item 4 Conclusions <i>Breakout groups: 1) Spatial conservation, 2) Conservation/restoration of species</i>
Tuesday 1 September 2020	
10.00-10.30	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued <i>Plenary: Discussion on possible difficulties or unclarities in the evaluation of synopses</i>
10.30-11.30	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, Agenda Item 4 Conclusions <i>Breakout groups: 3) Restoration of habitats, 6) Fisheries</i>

11.30-11.45	<i>BREAK</i>
11.45-13.30	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued, Agenda Item 4 Conclusions <i>Breakout groups: 3) Restoration of habitats, 6) Fisheries</i>
13.30-14.30	<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>
14.30-15.45	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued <i>Breakout groups: 4) Mapping and monitoring, 6) Fisheries</i>
15.45-16.00	<i>BREAK</i>
16.00-18.00	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued, Agenda Item 4 Conclusions <i>Breakout groups: 5) Managing human activities, 6) Fisheries</i>
Wednesday 2 September 2020	
10.00-11.00	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued <i>Breakout group: 6) Fisheries</i>
11.00-11.05	<i>BREAK</i>
11:05-12:00	Agenda Item 3 Evaluation of the synopses, continued, Agenda Item 4 Conclusions <i>Breakout group: 6) Fisheries</i>

## Annex 1. Synopses for BSAP UP WS-BIO 2020

The synopses are available in the dedicated [workspace](#).

Title	File name in workspace
<b><i>Breakout group 1) Spatial conservation</i></b>	
Areas around windfarms as potential refugia	Areas around windfarms as potential refugia
Designate no-use marine protected areas, that also function as scientific reference areas	Designate no-use marine protected areas, that also function as scientific reference areas
Protect functionally important ecosystem elements and ecologically significant areas in order to create a regionally coherent network	Protect functionally important ecosystem elements and ecologically significant areas
Strengthening the management of the Baltic Sea MPA network by introducing key management elements to increase effectiveness of protection	Strengthening the management of the Baltic Sea MPA network by introducing key management elements
Establish an effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected system of highly protected marine protected areas (MPAs), covering a minimum of 30 % of the Baltic Sea area by 2030.	An effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected system of highly protected MPAs
<b><i>Breakout group 2) Conservation/Restoration of species</i></b>	
Specific measures to address and protect all biogenic structures	Specific measures to address and protect all biogenic structures
Management plan for haploops species and biotope	Management plan for haploops species and biotope
Produce sensitivity maps for threatened wintering and breeding bird species according to the HELCOM Red List 2013 for the whole Baltic Sea region.	Produce sensitivity maps for threatened wintering and breeding bird species according to the HELCOM Red List 2013
Identify and limit the negative effects on migratory birds from wind and wave energy production at sea	Identify and limit the negative effects on migratory birds from wind and wave energy production at sea
Restore functional populations of Baltic sturgeon by implementing HELCOM Baltic Sea Sturgeon Action Plan	Restore functional populations of Baltic sturgeon by implementing HELCOM Baltic Sea Sturgeon Action Plan
Restocking of marine areas with fry of European Eel ( <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> )	Restocking of marine areas with fry of European Eel ( <i>Anguilla anguilla</i> )
Prioritising mitigation measures in rivers for eel and other fish migration	Prioritising mitigation measures in rivers for eel and other fish migration
<b><i>Breakout group 3) Restoration of habitats</i></b>	
Elimination of invasive plant Elodea	Elimination of invasive plant Elodea
Harvesting of reed and excessive vegetation	Harvesting of reed and excessive vegetation
Mixing within deeper water layers to encourage oxygenation at the benthic-pelagic interface	Mixing within deeper water layers to encourage oxygenation at the benthic-pelagic interface

Removal of unnecessary dams and migration barriers, especially in small waterways	Removal of unnecessary dams and migration barriers, especially in small waterways
Measures related to restoration of coastal habitats	Measures related to restoration of coastal habitats
A set of 7 measures for coastal fish	A set of 7 measures for coastal fish
<b>Breakout group 4) Mapping and monitoring</b>	
Development of standards for quality of seafloor habitat mapping and products	Development of standards for quality of seafloor habitat mapping and products
Establishing a harmonized eDNA methodology and start a baseline monitoring system throughout the Baltic Sea	Establishing a harmonized eDNA methodology and start a baseline monitoring system throughout the Baltic Sea
<b>Breakout group 5) Managing human activities</b>	
Improved coastal planning to concentrate movement of smaller vessels in sensitive and shallow coastal areas	Improved coastal planning to concentrate movement of smaller vessels in sensitive and shallow coastal areas
Public awareness of potential impact of human activities on coastal ecosystems	Public awareness of potential impact of human activities on coastal ecosystems
Joint action to form a common understanding of ecosystem based management by 2023	Joint action to form a common understanding of ecosystem based management by 2023
Set a regional binding roadmap to achieve a climate neutral Baltic Sea region by 2040 and just transition to align with the 1.5°C threshold	Roadmap to achieve a climate neutral Baltic Sea region by 2040
Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) applying an ecosystem-based approach to support BSAP-objectives and targets and contributing to sustainable sea-based activities	MSP applying an ecosystem-based approach to support BSAP-objectives and targets and contributing to sustainable sea-based activities
<b>Breakout group 6) Fisheries</b>	
Collect representative data on by-catch of birds, mammals and non-targeted fish species on species level	Collect representative data on by-catch of birds, mammals and non-targeted fish species on species level
Agree to collect fisheries data on both large and small-scale vessels	Collect fisheries data on both large and small-scale vessels
Guidelines and regulation of the design and use of acoustic deterrent devices	Guidelines and regulation of the design and use of acoustic deterrent devices
Mandatory use of Acoustic Deterrent Devices or other effective mitigation measures to minimize bycatch of the Baltic Sea harbour porpoise ( <i>Phocoena phocoena</i> )	Acoustic Deterrent Devices or other mitigation measures to minimize bycatch of the Baltic Sea harbour porpoise
Development of alternative fishing gear to replace gillnets	Development of alternative fishing gear to replace gillnets
Reduction of fishing pressure and development of Good Environmental Status delineation, supported by no go areas to determine benthic species recovery and potentially natural communities	Reduction of fishing pressure and development of Good Environmental Status delineation
Conclude a complete set of indicators for the assessment of fish stock health, also including size and age distribution	Conclude a complete set of indicators for the assessment of fish stock health, also including size and age distribution
Analysis of pressures affecting fish stocks	Analysis of pressures affecting fish stocks

Ensure effective implementation of the Landing Obligation (LO) as required by Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)	Ensure effective implementation of the Landing Obligation (LO) as required by Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)
No further expansion of fishing effort to areas not already impacted by existing fishing activities	No further expansion of fishing effort to areas not already impacted by existing fishing activities
A set of 7 measures for coastal fish (seasonal closures, no take areas and catch regulations)	A set of 7 measures for coastal fish
National environmental permitting authorities to take into account possible impacts on weak migratory fish stocks, particularly salmon, as recognized by ICES or nationally, and how this may compromise the ability to reach agreed river specific fish population targets	National environmental permitting authorities to take into account possible impacts on weak migratory fish stocks
Phase out all recreational fishing on eel by 2022	Phase out all recreational fishing on eel by 2022
Development of strategies for preventing fishing gear loss in the Baltic Sea by analyzing the fishing strategic context and available options for fishing gear marking	Strategies for preventing fishing gear loss
Concrete steps to make progress on cooperation between HELCOM and fisheries management (e.g. Baltfish) to improve implementation of BSAP	Concrete steps to make progress on cooperation between HELCOM and fisheries management