



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

HELCOM SPICE Workshop on the pressure and impact assessment of HOLAS II using the Baltic Sea Impact Index (HELCOM SPICE BSII WS 1-2017)



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Time: Tuesday 21 March 2017 9:30 - Tuesday 21 March 2017 18:00

Venue: HELCOM Secretariat, Katajanokanlaituri 6 B, Helsinki, Finland

Aims

The aim of the Workshop is to verify and summarize results for the cumulative impact assessment of HOLAS II which is assessed using the Baltic Sea Impact index.

More specifically, the Workshop will:

- review draft assessment results,
- recommend on their format for presentation in the State of the Baltic Sea report, including the presentation of spatial pressure layers used in the assessment.

The Workshop will be held from **9:30 to 18:00 on Tuesday 21 March 2017** at the premises of the HELCOM Secretariat, Katajanokanlaituri 6 B, Helsinki, Finland.

The Workshop is aimed at nationally nominated experts and management representatives of HELCOM Contracting Parties. Please inform on the nominations by email to ullali.zweifel@helcom.fi and lena.bergstrom@helcom.fi.

Background documents will be sent out to the participants prior to the Workshop and will outline key questions to be addressed. The Workshop will be chaired by Samuli Korpinen, Finland, under the HELCOM SPICE Project.

Background

The HOLAS II project runs from December 2014 to June 2018. The project will assess the overall environmental status of the Baltic Sea in relation to the goals of the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), including the status of pressures and ecosystem components, and their spatial distribution. In addition, economic and social analyses will be included when applicable information is available. The HOLAS II analyses are developed so that the results can be used by Contracting Parties also being EU Member States in the reporting under the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). The current focus of the HOLAS II project is to finalize the assessments and present the results in the project summary report, which will be made available in June 2017 under the name of the State of the Baltic Sea report.

The cumulative impact assessment is carried out by the Baltic Sea Impact Index (BSII). The BSII was first used in the initial HOLAS (HELCOM 2010) and has subsequently been developed further, and new regional datasets representative for the assessment period 2011-2016. The development work has been conducted under the HOLAS II project and the EU co-funded HELCOM TAPAS project.

The implementation of BSII is carried out under the HELCOM SPICE project: 'Implementation and development of key components for the assessment of Status, Pressures and Impacts, and Social and Economic evaluation in the Baltic Sea marine region'. The project is co-financed by the EU under the call "Implementation of the Second Cycle of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive: achieving coherent, coordinated and consistent updates of the determinations of Good Environmental Status, initial assessments and environmental targets" (DG ENV/MSFD Second Cycle/2016) and runs from January-December 2017. Guidance to this component of SPICE project is provided by the HELCOM State and Conservation Working Group, the HOLAS II core team, and through expertise from HELCOM Contracting Parties through this workshop.

Registration

Participants are kindly requested to **register by 7 March 2017** by answering the [Participation Survey](#) on the [Workshop meeting site](#). Please observe that first time participants will need to sign up to the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#) in order to get access to the Participation Survey and the meeting site. Further instructions for first time Meeting Portal users are found [here](#).

Provisional Agenda

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Time	Activity
9:30	Words of welcome Introduction to the work of the day and key questions for the workshop Plenary discussion on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approach used in the Baltic Sea impact index and for developing the underlying spatial data layers - proposals for presenting BSII results in the HOLAS II report
12:30-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30-15:00	Work in three subgroups on the key questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recommend on results to be shown in the State of the Baltic Sea report and discuss ideas on how the results could be presented - review of assessment results - draft key messages based on the results
15:00-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30-18:00	Recommendations from the workshop