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Action required

1. Contracting Parties are requested to note the information below.

Background

2. A key requirement for the decision support tool is the definition of Target Species Lists for both HELCOM and OSPAR. Whilst there still may be some debate as to the best selection criteria it is important that the procedures are put in place to review annually and adopt target species lists.
3. Within OSPAR the procedure for the annual review of the Target Species List is that any new information on the introduction and spread of non-indigenous species is considered by Expert Group on Non-indigenous Species. They then amend the list in accordance with the Target Species Selection Criteria and forward it to the Biodiversity Committee for approval.
4. As the list was adopted for the first time in 2015, exceptionally a different procedure was used. Whereby the OSPAR Expert Group on Non-Indigenous Species reviewed and amended the draft target species list for OSPAR, produced by Karin Heyer on behalf of Finland. The list was then adopted by OSPAR 2015.
5. The OSPAR Target Species List is attached as Annex 1.

Annex 1

OSPAR Target Species List (OSPAR Agreement 2015-10):

Joint Harmonised Procedure for the Contracting Parties of HELCOM and OSPAR on the granting of exemptions under International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, Regulation A-4

THE TARGET SPECIES LIST IS A LIVING DOCUMENT AND WILL BE UPDATED ON A YEARLY BASIS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION ON THE INTRODUCTION, IMPACT AND SPREAD OF NON-INDIGENOUS SPECIES

Acartia tonsa
Alexandrium acatenella
Alexandrium monilatum
Amphibalanus eburneus, ex. Balanus eburnus
Anadara transversa
Arcuatula senhousia
Asterias amurensis
Austrominus modestus (Elminius modestus)
Brachidontes pharaonis
Callinectes sapidus
Caprella mutica
Caulerpa cylindracea
Caulerpa taxifolia
Cercopagis pengoi
Chama pacifica
Chionoecetes opilio
Corbicula fluminea
Coscinodiscus wailesii
Crassostrea gigas
Crepidula fornicate
Didemnum vexillum
Dikerogammarus villosus
Dinophysis sacculus
Dreissena bugensis
Dreissena polymorpha
Ensis americanus (syn. E. directus)
Eriocheir sinensis
Fibrocapsa japonica

Ficopomatus enigmaticus
Gammarus tigrinus
Gracilaria vermiculophylla
Grateloupia turuturu
Grateloupia doryphore
Halophila stipulacea
Hemigrapsus sanguineus
Hemigrapsus takanoi, (Identification unclear with *H. penicellatus*, see WoRMS (74))
Hemimysis anomala
Hydroides dianthus
Hydroides elegans
Karenia (syn. *Gymnodinium*) *mikimotoi*
Lophocladia lallemandii
Marenzelleria neglecta
Marenzelleria viridis
Microcosmus squamiger
Mnemiopsis leidyi
Mytilopsis (syn. *Congerina*) *leucophaeata*
Mytilus galloprovincialis
Neogobius (syn. *Apollonia*) *melanostomus*
Palaemon macrodactylus
Paralithodes camtschatica
Pfiesteria piscicida
Phaeocystis pouchetii
Potamocorbula amurensis
Pseudochattonella verruculosa
Rangia cuneata
Rapana venosa
Rhithropanopeus harrisii
Styopodium schimperi
Undaria pinnatifida