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Background

HELCOM/OSPAR TG BALLAST 8-2017 agreed on the amended work plan of the Task Group, based on a draft by the Secretariats presented at the Meeting as contained in Annex 3 of the [Outcome of the Meeting](#).

This document contains the agreed work plan of the Task Group.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to make use of this information when updating the work plan of the Task Group.

Current Joint HELCOM/OSPAR TG Ballast Water Work Plan

WP	Actions from TOR	Activity	Timing	Task leader
1	Meeting organisation	Arrange meetings and documentation	TG BALLAST 9 November 2018	OSPAR Secretariat and HELCOM Secretariat
2	Overall revision	Carry out overall revision of the JHP including [e.g. burden sharing options and withdrawals.]	Further input by TG BALLAST 9 First formal revision proposal by TG BALLAST 10-2019	Intersessional correspondence work under lead of Co-Chairs
3	Port surveys	Port Survey Testing in the Baltic	Continuous	National Initiatives
4	Port surveys	Port Survey Testing in the North East Atlantic	Continuous	National Initiatives
5	Port surveys	Consider potential synergies with MSFD monitoring	Continuous	TG BALLAST and other HELCOM/OSPAR groups
6	Target Species	Review of HELCOM target species List	Continuous	HELCOM Maritime sub-group on Baltic A-4 target species list (Maiju Lehtiniemi)
7	Target Species	Review of OSPAR target species List	Continuous	OSPAR NIS Expert Group (Paul Stebbing)
8	Data storage and decision support tools	Update online decision support tool	Continuous. Larger revisions according to COMPLETE timeplan.	HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
9	Outstanding issues	Elaboration of same risk area concept including outcomes of pilot projects	TG BALLAST 9 2018	Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands and Sweden
10	Terms of reference	Proposal for Terms of Reference for 2021-	By TG BALLAST 2020	Secretariats