



15 December 2014

To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
Contact Addresses of VASAB CSPD
HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG nominated representatives
Contact Addresses of HELCOM State & Conservation group and Maritime group
Observers of HELCOM State & Conservation group and Maritime group

Dear Sir/Madame,

We have the pleasure to invite the HELCOM Contracting Parties and VASAB Member Countries as well as the Observer organizations to the Tenth Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 10-2015). The Meeting will be held at Hotel Scandic Crown (Polhemsplatsen 3) in Gothenburg, Sweden, on 29-30 January 2015 upon invitation by the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM). The Meeting will be opened on Thursday, 29 January, at 10:00 and is expected to terminate no later than at 14:30 the following day.

The focus of the Meeting will be on the Guidelines on application of the ecosystem approach, transboundary consultations and cooperation and public participation in MSP to be developed as agreed within the [Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020](#).

The Meeting will be chaired jointly by the Working Group Co-Chairs Ms. Anita Mäkinen, Finland, and Mr. Andrzej Cieslak, Poland.

Please find enclosed the invitation by Sweden and Information for Participants. Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the new [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#). Please find here [instructions](#) for *signing up as a first time user* of the Meeting Portal. The participants are kindly invited to sign up to the Meeting Portal at their earliest convenience. Once you have signed up to the Meeting Portal, the Secretariat will need to grant you separate permission to access the restricted meeting document library on the [HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 10-2015 Meeting Site](#). After sign up, the participants are kindly requested to *sign in and register to the Meeting* by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than by 22 January 2015.

The Contracting Parties/Member Countries as well as Observers are requested to submit documents, which require a decision or action, no later than by 8 January 2015, and other documents no later than by 15 January 2015 to the Secretariats (laura.meski@helcom.fi and info@vasab.org).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monika Stankiewicz".

Monika Stankiewicz
HELCOM Executive Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Talis Linkaits".

Talis Linkaits
VASAB Head of Secretariat

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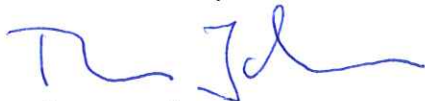
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**Invitation to the Tenth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime
Spatial Planning Working Group**

Dear Ms. Stankiewicz and Mr. Linkaits,

On behalf of the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management I have the pleasure to invite the HELCOM and VASAB Contracting Parties/ Member Countries and Observers organizations to the Tenth Meeting of the Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group on 29-30 January in Gothenburg, Sweden. The Meeting will take place at Hotel Scandic Crown, Polhemsplatsen 3, Göteborg.

Yours Sincerely,



Thomas Johansson
Head,
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