



## OUTCOME OF THE 16th MEETING OF THE HELCOM-VASAB MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 16-2018)

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### Introduction

- 0.1 The 16th Meeting of the joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 16-2018) was held on 8-9 May 2018 in Helsinki, Finland upon invitation by the Ministry of the Environment.
- 0.2 The Meeting was attended by representatives of all HELCOM and VASAB members except Estonia, European Union and Denmark. The Meeting was also attended by Finnish Heritage Agency, Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, European MSP Platform, and Helmholtz Zentrum Geesthacht as Invited Guests. The List of Participants is contained in **Annex 1**.
- 0.3 The Meeting was chaired by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group, Mr. Joacim Johannesson, Sweden, and Ms. Katarzyna Krzywda, Poland.
- 0.4 The Co-Chairs opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants.
- 0.5 Mr. Dmitry Frank-Kamenetsky, Professional Secretary of HELCOM, assisted by Mr. Ville Karvinen, Project Coordinator of HELCOM, acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

### **Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda**

Documents: 1-1, 1-2

- 1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda (document 1-1) elaborated by the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats in consultation with the Co-Chairs.
- 1.2 The Meeting will be informed under agenda item 8 on the MSP platform progress.
- 1.3 The Meeting thanked Finland for the field trip to get acquainted with the methodological aspects of collection data for the VELMU project and highly valued the achievements by Finland in collection of the data on ecosystem components.

### **Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from other HELCOM and VASAB work**

Documents: 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4

- 2.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the outcomes of recent HELCOM and VASAB meetings as presented by HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats (document 2-4).
- 2.2 The Meeting took note of the outcomes of the Ministerial Meeting of the Helsinki Commission held in Brussels, Belgium, on 6 March 2018 under the EU Chairmanship of HELCOM (document 2-1).
- 2.3 The Meeting took note of the information on the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (document 2-2).
- 2.4 The Meeting acknowledged that MSP is a powerful tool assuring sustainable exploitation of marine resources and agreed to contribute to the update of the BSAP in accordance with the established procedures. The Meeting requested the HELCOM Secretariat to inform the group on the agreed procedures to the update of the BSAP.
- 2.5 The Meeting considered the updated version of HELCOM Recommendation 24/10 (document 2-3) and provided the following comments on the document, which will be further taken into consideration by State & Conservation 8-2018.

- 2.6 The Meeting was of the opinion that the Recommendation should be amended integrating strong links to MSP.
- 2.7 The Meeting agreed that the group will not redraft the entire Recommendation but add specific paragraphs related to MSP. The Meeting invited the S&C to postpone consideration of the draft Recommendation to autumn 2018 with the intention to submit it to HOD 55-2018 for endorsement.
- 2.8 The Meeting welcomed the offer by Poland to take a lead in the update of the Recommendation. The Meeting invited the Contracting Parties to supply Poland with suggestions on the update of the Recommendation **by 30 May 2018** (agata.zablocka@mgm.gov.pl) with copy to the HELCOM Secretariat (dmitry.frank-kamenetsky@helcom.fi). Poland will elaborate a consolidated draft of the Recommendation and circulate it to the group members for endorsement via correspondence by 15 June 2018. The Meeting invited the Contracting Parties to endorse the draft Recommendation **by 10 September 2018** with TACIT procedure. The endorsed draft will be then submitted to S&C 9-2018 for further consideration.
- 2.9 The Meeting discussed the ways of practical cooperation with HELCOM FISH group, particularly forwarding information from the FISH group which might be of high importance for maritime spatial planning.
- 2.10 The Meeting welcomed the idea that the national representatives in MSP group would attend FISH group meetings and also invited national representatives in HELCOM FISH group to attend HELCOM-VASAB MSP meetings.
- 2.11 The Meeting recognized the growing concern of the fisheries industry that maritime spatial plans would reduce access to important fishing grounds. The Meeting assumed that the information on fishing activities in border-crossing areas might be of high relevance for application in national MSPs.
- 2.12 The Meeting also assumed that outcomes of the PanBaltic Scope project related to Green Infrastructure will contain regional data on essential fish habitats and, thus, would be of interest for consideration at HELCOM FISH group.
- 2.13 The Meeting agreed to provide the FISH group with a regularly updated document on MSP-related events.
- 2.14 The Meeting took note of the information on VECTORS project (<http://www.marine-vectors.eu/>) finalized by IOW, which considered the integration of fisheries in MSP and that the outcomes of the project has already been utilized for spatial planning. The outcomes of this project might also be included into the information exchange with FISH group.
- 2.15 The Meeting invited HELCOM FISH group to start regional dialogue on integration of information on fisheries activities and aquaculture in spatial planning, in cooperation with HELCOM-VASAB MSP group.
- 2.16 The Meeting discussed practical ways of cooperation with HELCOM SAFE NAV and potential cross-cutting issues.
- 2.17 The Meeting took note and welcomed the initiative by Germany to present some outcomes of the BalticLINes project at the next meeting of SAFE NAV group.

### **Agenda Item 3 Regional coordination and policy follow-up**

Documents: 3-1, 3-2, 3-3

- 3.1 The Meeting took note of the current national development of the Contracting Parties in MSP-sector maritime policies and projects with transnational impacts:

**Finland:** MSP work, involving several regions, was launched a year ago. Regional councils will begin practical spatial planning process this year elaborating several national plans. The Government of Åland informed on current developments of MSP and, particularly, on the high importance of international consultations for the archipelago located in the centre of the Baltic Sea.

**Germany:** Preparatory work for the revision of plans started last year. A comprehensive status report will be drafted, including evaluation of the existing plans, and the current determining framework, from legal, economic and environmental points of view. Conclusions will be drawn regarding the process to be followed for the update, targets and objectives, planning and process criteria and indicators. Based on the status report strategic plans and scenarios for the EEZ in the North and Baltic Sea will be drafted and forwarded to national and international consultation (2018/19). Based on the consultation first comprehensive plans will be elaborated (2019). Currently the first version of the sectoral spatial development plan for offshore wind energy ("FEP", for North and Baltic Sea) is being elaborated, to be concluded and set into force in June 2019. The Federal Agency for Nature Conservation runs a new project on implementing an ecosystem approach in MSP, taking into account regional MSP processes and ecological connectivity of MPAs, among other issues.

**Latvia:** The work on the adoption of national MSP is ongoing. National inter-ministerial consultations on the consolidated MSP draft will start by the end of May. As a part of spatial solutions have changed, an updated Environmental Report will be prepared and discussed with neighbouring countries within the Espoo process in autumn 2018. A case study on thematic plan for land-sea interactions with a practical focus on the needs of municipalities will be launched and guidelines on planning of the coastal waters for local municipalities.

**Poland:** The MSP work is ongoing. Until now a "zero" draft version of territorial sea and EEZ was presented for comments. The results of consultations will be incorporated and then the version "one" of the draft plans will be forwarded for public consultations. The next round of international consultations will be launched next year. Also the MSP for Szczeciński Lagoon has started, and consultations with Germany are planned by the end of this year.

**Russia:** Ministry of Economy was nominated to be responsible for the development of the law on MSP. New cabinet of Ministers is forming now and its strategic priorities will be presented and taken into account in federal, regional and sectoral strategies and development plans, including those for marine activities. Officially, maritime spatial planning has not started yet, though an extensive national project initiated and financed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment has been launched to develop methodologies for MSP. The project takes into account HELCOM requirements and also the results of bilateral cooperation with Finland, Sweden and Norway. The project is expected to be accomplished in the beginning of 2019.

**Sweden:** Three MSPs and strategic environmental assessments have been published for public consultations. Consultations started on 15 February and will last for six months. Espoo consultations will be launched in parallel in the period from 15 June to 15 September 2018. A meeting related to Espoo consultations and cross-border planning issues will be held on 19 June in Malmö. A proposal on moving ship lanes south of Gotland (as presented as an alternative in the informal dialogue phase) was left beyond current planning, though, wind power plants, sand extraction and nature conservation are some of the areas where the MSPs will have influence. National maritime policy is focused on jobs and the environment. The SYMPHONY tool is utilized to analyse and consider environmental land-sea interaction.

3.2 The Meeting checked and updated the list of national MSP focal points for transboundary consultations and joint planning in the Baltic Sea Region (document 3-1, Annex 2).

3.3 The Meeting also took note of the summary of the first international consultation meeting of the Finnish maritime spatial plans.

3.4 The Meeting noted that almost all counties were represented at the consultation and that valuable information was collected. The Meeting thanked Finland for the well-organized and fruitful consultation procedure.

3.5 The Meeting took note of the information on "Baltic LINes MSP Challenge Shipping Workshop", held on 24-25 January 2018 in Riga, Latvia (document 3-3).

3.6 The Meeting discussed and highly valued the results of the workshop. The Meeting supported the organization of the workshop “Baltic LINES; Coherent Linear Infrastructure in Baltic Maritime Spatial Plans” on 30-31 October in Copenhagen, Denmark and agreed that the letter of support will be signed by the Co-Chairs of the group.

3.7 The Meeting took note of the information on [HELCOM Maritime Assessment 2018](#), published on 9 March 2018 (document 3-2, Presentation 1).

3.8 The Meeting welcomed the report and especially pointed out the regional approach to compilation of the data utilized for the assessment. The Meeting was of the opinion that the report laid a common knowledge base for MSP in the region, as the assessment was approved by HELCOM HODs. The Meeting took note that all the data presented in the assessment are available via the HELCOM Map and Data Service.

#### **Agenda Item 4 Follow-up on implementation and planning for future**

Documents: 4-1, 4-2, 4-3

4.1 The Meeting took note of the report “Implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan 2018 – three years left to reach good environmental status” and, in particular, of the status of the implementation of regional and national actions related to the work of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (document 4-2).

4.2 The Meeting was of the opinion that there is a need to assure the quality of information used for the evaluation of accomplishment of national actions. The Meeting requested HELCOM Secretariat to circulate more detailed information, including reports by individual countries on the implementation of the national actions, **by 30 May 2018**. The Meeting agreed to review the reports and supply updated information on implementation of the national actions **by 15 September 2018** ([dmitry.frank-kamenetsky@helcom.fi](mailto:dmitry.frank-kamenetsky@helcom.fi)). The Meeting requested the HELCOM Secretariat to compile the reports and submit the results to HELCOM-VASAB MSP 17-2018. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 17-2018 will evaluate the implementation of the national actions on MSP and discuss challenges and prospects for implementing the national actions.

4.3 The Meeting took note of the information by VASAB Secretariat on the activity 1.1.4 - Follow-up of Common Regional Framework in the Pan Baltic Scope, including the Terms of Reference for the follow-up of the principles, guidelines and road map, respectively (documents 4-1, and 4-3, Presentation 2).

4.4 The Meeting pointed out that the map of spatial plans has already been published at the HELCOM Map and Data Service. The assessment of the implementation of the transboundary consultations and ecosystem-based approach was partly performed by Baltic Scope project, and the Meeting requested to take the outcomes of the Baltic Scope project into account in the Terms of Reference.

4.5 The Meeting also agreed that the assessment is to be submitted to the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG for reviewing. The Meeting also pointed out that the criteria to evaluate the implementation should be clear and transparent.

4.6 The Meeting agreed that the activities envisaged in the Terms of Reference should contribute to the BSAP update and that an interactive project workshop on MSP roadmap should be jointly prepared by the Pan Baltic Scope project and HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG.

4.7 The Meeting pointed out that the Terms of Reference should contain links with other PanBaltic Scope project activities such as Green Infrastructure, economic and social analysis and others.

4.8 The Meeting suggested to provide written comments to HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats ([info@vasab.org](mailto:info@vasab.org) and [ville.karvinen@helcom.fi](mailto:ville.karvinen@helcom.fi)) by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The Meeting invited both Secretariats to elaborate the ToR jointly on the basis of the documents 4-1 and 4-3 and taking into account immediate reflection of the Meeting and written comments.

**Agenda Item 5      Ecosystem-based approach in MSP**

Documents: 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4

- 5.1            The Meeting discussed the timetable for future cooperation on Green Infrastructure and Blue Corridors in MSP and marine environmental management (document 5-3).
- 5.2            The Meeting also took note of the information by Latvia on the plans for activity 1.2.4 Green Infrastructure in the Pan Baltic Scope project and on the ongoing process to compile information on the availability of relevant data to elaborate a scope of the concept.
- 5.3            The Meeting discussed other activities related to biodiversity which will be taken into account in this timetable.
- 5.4            The Meeting was informed that a paper to S&C regarding the workshop on Green Infrastructure planned in December 2018 had been prepared by Latvia as a message on behalf of Pan Baltic Scope project.
- 5.5            The Meeting recalled the demand of HELCOM FISH group for information on essential habitats and pointed out that the FISH group is to be involved in the work on Green Infrastructure and requested the HELCOM Secretariat to inform HELCOM FISH group on the suggested timetable.
- 5.6            The Meeting discussed the scope of the December workshop and highlighted that, as the understanding of the concept of the Green Infrastructure is rather broad, the agenda of the workshop should integrate various aspects of accounting of ecosystem components in MSP engaging a wide spectrum of stakeholders to attend the workshop.
- 5.7            The Meeting agreed that the workshop in December 2018 will be organized jointly by HELCOM-VASAB MSP and Pan Baltic Scope project. The Meeting also took note that Sweden will present the timetable for future cooperation on Green Infrastructure and Blue Corridors in MSP and marine environmental management at State & Conservation 8-2018.
- 5.8            The Meeting requested HELCOM Secretariat to contact Latvia and clarify the exact dates of the workshop by 18 May 2018 and inform the group and other relevant HELCOM bodies accordingly.
- 5.9            The Meeting welcomed the offer by Germany to support Latvia in the development of the agenda of the workshop and invited other countries to assist in the organization of the workshop.
- 5.10          The Meeting concluded that the agenda of the workshop is to be thoroughly described and well disseminated within the HELCOM and VASAB structures. The Meeting invited all Contracting Parties to strengthen communication and cooperation between national experts attending different HELCOM groups to assure their involvement in preparation of the workshop. The Meeting agreed that the draft agenda of the workshop will be ready by the end of August 2018 and invited the HELCOM groups State & Conservation and FISH to contribute to the agenda providing suggestions to Latvia ([kristine.kedo@varam.gov.lv](mailto:kristine.kedo@varam.gov.lv)) with the copy to the HELCOM and VASAB Secretariats by 15 August 2018.
- 5.11          The Meeting agreed on the tentative timetable for future cooperation on Green Infrastructure and Blue Corridors in MSP and marine environmental management as **Annex 3** to this outcome.
- 5.12          The Meeting welcomed the offer by EU MSP Platform to consider an opportunity to support the workshop in November 2019, which is also tentatively included into the timetable for future cooperation on Green Infrastructure.
- 5.13          The Meeting took note of the outcomes of the Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Baltic Sea, which was held on 20–24 February 2018, in Helsinki, Finland, hosted by the Government of Finland and with financial support by Finland and Sweden (document 5-1, Presentation 3).
- 5.14          The Meeting took note that the data report compiled for the workshop is available at [the Workshop website](#).

- 5.15 The Meeting took note and discussed on how socio-economic parameters and cumulative impacts assessment could be utilized in MSP and support the work of the group (document 5-2, Presentation 4).
- 5.16 The Meeting recognized that the compiled data on environmental pressures might be utilized also for future evaluating of pressures caused by future activities. The Meeting also highlighted that uncertainty is a crucial parameter for the use of the data in MSP.
- 5.17 The Meeting recalled that the discussion on the use of the cumulative impact tools will be continued in PanBaltic Scope.
- 5.18 The Meeting took note of the information on the plans for the PanBaltic Scope project activity 1.2.1 Ecosystem-Based Toolbox, presented by Sweden.
- 5.19 The Meeting took note of the information by Germany on the plans for activity 1.2.2 Implementation of EBA in sub-basin SEA in the Pan Baltic Scope project (Presentation 5).
- 5.20 The Meeting took note of the research findings of two research and development projects carried out by the Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development and Leibniz Institute of Baltic Sea Research Warnemuende and supported by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation with funds of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (document 5-4, Presentation 6). The development projects were focused on the ways to translate the requirements of EBA into concrete marine spatial planning measures.
- 5.21 The Meeting welcomed the study supported by Germany and pointed out the importance of its outcomes for translation of the EBA guidelines to legal language of spatial plans, as well as the link between MSFD requirements and MSP.

#### **Agenda Item 6 Implementation of the other tasks from the group Work Plan**

Documents: 6-1, 6-2, 6-3

- 6.1 The Meeting took note of the updates on the Regional calendar of national MSP-related processes and meetings prepared by VASAB Secretariat (document 6-3).
- 6.2 The Meeting took note that Germany and Latvia will provide additional information for the calendar to VASAB Secretariat and invited the Contracting Parties to inform the VASAB Secretariat of the MSP-related processes and meetings to maintain the calendar up-to-date.
- 6.3 The Meeting took note of the information by the MSP Data Group on recommendations for transboundary MSP output data (document 6-1, Presentation 7).
- 6.4 The Meeting welcomed the progress in the work of the HELCOM VASAB MSP Data group and agreed in general on the suggested approach to transboundary MSP output data.
- 6.5 The Meeting took note of the opinion of Finland that the recommendations serve mainly for zoning-based MSP and that other potential approaches should be taken into account.
- 6.6 The Meeting agreed to start drafting a Guidelines on transboundary MSP output data and welcomed the offer of Latvia to take a lead in the drafting of the document with the assistance of Finland, Germany, Poland and Russia. The first draft of the guidelines will be submitted to HELCOM VASAB MSP 17-2018.
- 6.7 The Meeting considered the proposed suggestions regarding additions to the current "Country Fiche" template and agreed to amend the Country Fiches accordingly.
- 6.8 The Meeting invited VASAB Secretariat to take into account the recommended updates and the Contracting Parties to update country fiches **by 15 June 2018** accordingly.
- 6.9 The Meeting discussed means for implementation of the educational programmes in MSP (document 6-2) and the anticipated results from the Contracting Parties.

6.10 The Meeting invited the Contracting Parties to provide information on the educational programmes in MSP to VASAB Secretariat **by 30 May 2018** (alda.nikodemusa@vasab.org). The Meeting invited VASAB Secretariat to inform HELCOM VASAB MSP 17-2018 on the results of compilation and also invited the Contracting Parties to prepare the update of the information at HELCOM VASAB MSP 17-2018.

#### **Agenda Item 7 MSP-related projects and events**

Documents: 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4

7.1 The Meeting took note of the information on recent developments and activities related to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and Horizontal Action (HA) Spatial Planning, for which HELCOM and VASAB act as the Horizontal Action Coordinators (HACs) and the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG acts as the Steering Committee concerning the MSP part (document 7-4).

7.2 The Meeting agreed to grant the Flagship status to the Pan Baltic Scope application (document 7-1).

7.3 The Meeting took note of the information on the BONUS BALTSPEACE project outputs for MSP (document 7-2, Presentation 8).

7.4 The Meeting took note of the brief information on intended activities on BalticRIM project (Presentation 9).

7.5 The Meeting took note of the information on the MSP round table at the 19th Environmental Forum Baltic Sea Day 2018 in St. Petersburg (document 7-3) and welcomed the effort of Russia to promote the development of ecosystem-based MSP in the other regions including the Black and Barents Seas.

#### **Agenda Item 8 Any other business**

Documents: 8-1

8.1 The Meeting took note of the information on the recent studies and activities by European MSP Platform (Presentation 10).

8.2 The Meeting took note of the latest updates of the Country fiches, as presented by VASAB Secretariat, and that the updates are available on the VASAB and HELCOM websites.

8.3 The Meeting updated the list of nominated experts for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (document 8-1, Annex 4).

8.4 The Meeting welcomed the offer by Latvia to host HELCOM-VASAB MSP 17-2018 in Riga tentatively in November 2018. The Meeting requested the HELCOM Secretariat to contact Latvia for clarification of the exact dates by 22 May 2018.

8.5 The Meeting also thanked VASAB Secretariat for the invitation to have HELCOM-VASAB MSP 18-2019 in Hamburg back-to-back with the Baltic Sea MSP Forum, tentatively in February 2019.

#### **Agenda Item 9 Outcome of the Meeting**

Documents: 9-1

9.1 The Meeting adopted the draft Outcome of the Meeting as contained in document 9-1.

9.2 The final Outcome of the Meeting has been finalized by the HELCOM Secretariat and made available in the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#) as well as on the [VASAB website](#), together with meeting documents and the presentations considered during the Meeting.



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**Annex 2 List of National MSP Contact Points in the Baltic Sea Region countries**

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**Annex 3 Timetable for Green infrastructure/Blue corridors work plan**

<b>Time/ format</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
May 2018/ HELCOM S&C WG HELCOM FISH	Presentation of Green infrastructure/Blue corridors workplan for HELCOM S&C WG	Aim and contents of the workplan. Discuss potential benefits and forms of cooperation (Why and How)	Sweden ; Latvia
29-30 May 2018/ PanBaltic Scope	Pan Baltic Scope workshop on Green Infrastructure in MSP	To agree on a common set of criteria and concept for establishing of GI within the Pan Baltic Scope project (What)	Latvia
October/November 2018/ HELCOM/VASAB MSP JWG HELCOM S&C WG HELCOM FISH	Presentation of a draft agenda of a joint workshop on sharing results of projects / national experiences on concepts such as Green Infrastructure to link MSP and MPAs / EBA at HELCOM/VASAB and HELCOM S&C  Discussions on elements of GI in MSP / MPA context	To compile CPs contribution to the workshop and finalize its agenda  Discuss the definitions of Green Infrastructure and Blue corridors in MSP-context aiming at a common understanding of the concept(s) and the relevance to MSP. Compare different "methods" and aims.	Latvia with support of Germany, Sweden and Finland  Sweden, Germany, Latvia, Finland
December 2018/ PanBaltic Scope with HELCOM / VASAB WG	Joint workshop on sharing results of projects / national experiences on concepts such as Green Infrastructure to link MSP and MPAs / EBA at Pan Baltic Scope, HELCOM/VASAB JWG and HELCOM S&C	Testing of concepts such as GI by national/transnational case studies	Latvia, with help of HELCOM/VASAB WG
First half 2019/ HELCOM/VASAB MSP JWG HELCOM S&C WG HELCOM FISH	Feedback from the joint workshop to HELCOM/VASAB MSP JWG and HELCOM S&C WG meetings.	Presentation of preliminary results (initial suggestions for "green" maps based on outcomes of the Workshop) and their application for implementing EBA (i.e.in overall GI concept)	Latvia (HELCOM/VASAB MSP JWG)  Finland or Sweden (HELCOM S&C WG)

November? 2019	Joint workshop on Green Infrastructure maps, if needed. This workshop is not included in the PBS GI activity work plan.	In depth assessment of developed green GI maps. Pros and cons. Potential further development. Analysis of practical use in MSP and marine management.	TBD
November 2019/ HELCOM/VASAB MSP JWG  HELCOM S&C  HELCOM FISH	Discussion on the use of the “green” maps at HELCOM/VASAB WG and HELCOM S&C	To elaborate suggestion on a regional tool to promote using of the “green” maps in MSP (e.g. Recommendation)	Sweden, Germany, Latvia, Finland

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