

# HELCOM science agenda

Taking place in parallel to BSAP update

- Agreed by HELCOM 40-2019
- Focus: implementation of HELCOM objectives and agreements
- Invitation to submit information on identified knowledge and research needs sent to HELCOM WGs, expert groups, networks etc.
- Document 3-5 and 3-5 att1. includes responses compiled by 3 October 2019
- HELCOM Task Group established to finalize the Science agenda
- Input from subsidiary bodies needed by 30 November (latest)

# Task Group

- check the proposals from subsidiary bodies and complement as needed if any central topics are found to be missing
- agree on the outline and content of the final report
- identify issues of particular importance for HELCOM work
- identify important external processes that could support the implementation of the Science Agenda
- develop potential HELCOM voluntary commitment to the UN 2020 Conference
- first meeting in end of 2019
- draft science agenda to be presented at HELCOM 41

# Requests to the meetings

- consider if there are additional knowledge and research needs related to the implementation of MSP objectives in HELCOM,
- consider if some of the proposals are already covered by ongoing projects,
- agree on how the input from HELCOM-VASAB MSP can be completed by 30 November with the view of submitting the proposals as an input to the HELCOM Science Agenda.
- **proposal: further input to the Secretariat by 15 November.**

# Reflections

- Gaps: A number of proposals of relevance for MSP – but only a few proposals that specifically mentions MSP.
- Type knowledge and research needs identified:
  - circa 30 % monitoring/mapping
  - circa 20 % development of indicators and threshold values/targets
  - circa 20% related to development of new measures or assessment of effectiveness of measures.