

**Agenda Item 2      Recent MSP developments**

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**NATIONAL MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS - UPDATED INFORMATION FROM SWEDEN**

This document contains updated information on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) developments in Sweden as an addition to document 2/8/INF.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

**National Maritime Spatial Planning developments - updated information from Sweden**

<b>Sweden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 2010 a Government Commission on Marine Spatial Planning delivered a report (In-depth planning MSP in Sweden; Special studies SOU 2010:91,) with proposals on a new system for marine spatial planning. This report was followed by a complementary report (Knowledge in depth – knowledge for MSP; Special studies SOU 2011:56) in 2011 with proposals on measures and guidelines for an improved system to provide a knowledge base /data and information for the introduction of MSP. The proposed planning system should be ecosystem-based with the objective to contribute to sustainable development. Three plan areas are proposed; the Gulf of Bothnia, Baltic Sea proper and the Western waters (Skagerrak and the Kattegat). The plans would cover the area seawards of one nautical mile from the baseline including the exclusive economic zone.</li><li>• The Government in May 2011 appointed a committee for a review of the Swedish maritime boundaries. The committee is also to propose a contiguous zone for Sweden. The committee is to report on its results by the end of 2014.</li><li>• In October 2013 the Government sent out a Memorandum with legislative proposals for national MSP for consultation. Work is now ongoing for a Governmental bill.</li><li>• In 2014 (as in 2012 and 2013) the Government assigned the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM) to develop necessary competence in MSP and to collect information that may constitute planning evidence for MSP from the County Administrative Boards (CABs), national agencies and other bodies. As part of the assignment, SwAM shall also develop cooperation with authorities in neighboring countries responsible for MSP or marine management. The CABs have a similar assignment to assist SwAM with regional evidence and coordinate the municipality planning work. For 2014 the main objective is to finalize an evidence and assessment report for the three proposed plan areas (the Bothnian Bay, Baltic Sea, and the Western waters (North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat)).</li><li>• Swedish partners take part in PartiSEApate (2012-2014) which is a EU-funded regional project on governance in maritime spatial planning in the Baltic Sea Region</li><li>• Swedish partners, together with Finnish partners, take part in SeaGis (2011-2014), which is an EU-funded project on a support tool (GIS) for ecosystem based planning of the marine environment.</li></ul>
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