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## Background

One outcome of the HELCOM modernization is a recommendation to establish a long-term planning for the reporting on actions taken, organized theme-wise in response to policy needs. During 2015, the Secretariat has developed in consultation with HELCOM Working Groups a transparent assessment system for evaluating the level of accomplishment of HELCOM agreements.

The new system is based on a set of agreed and straight forward queries for national reporting, allowing self-evaluation by the Contracting Parties, and a set of agreed criteria for assessing the level of accomplishment at the regional level. For practical reasons the follow up system only covers the most recent HELCOM actions, namely from the 2007 Baltic Sea Action Plan and 2010 and 2013 Ministerial Declarations. Also provisions of the HELCOM Recommendations since the adoption of the BSAP in 2007 have been considered and categorized according to the new system and thus could be followed up with its use. Based on the reporting and resulting evaluations the intention is to create an on-line implementation database with web-based presentation of the results. HELCOM has received funding to develop the system through the EU DG ENV co-funded [BalticBOOST project](#) during September 2015 – March 2016.

A draft proposal of the system was presented to GEAR 8-2014 that endorsed the development of the proposed simple indicator-based system (GEAR 8-2014, document 3.1). The criteria to assess the accomplishment of specific actions have been reviewed by meetings, and the follow-up consultations, of the Working Groups State and Conservation 2-2015 (Outcome par. 5J.7), Pressure 2- 2015 (Outcome par. 2.9), Response 20-2015 (Outcome par. 2.5-2.6), Fish 3-2015 (Outcome par. 2.4-2.5) and HELCOM-VASAB MSP 11-2015 (Outcome par. 2.8-2.10). The Agri group agreed on the list of actions to follow up and requested the Secretariat to propose indicators to measure progress in the implementation (par. 2.2-2.6). Maritime WG will review the relevant part in their upcoming meeting on 23-25.11 (cf. document 2-4).

HOD 48-2015 considered the follow-up system for HELCOM agreements and noted that since it was a late document, the Contracting Parties had not been able to consult the document nationally and it was agreed that comments should be provided to the Secretariat by 10 September 2015 (*no comments have been received*).

As agreed at HOD 48-2015, the follow-up system was considered by GEAR 12-2015 that noted that it provides a useful communication tool for the implementation of agreed HELCOM actions. The Meeting was also of the view that a more in depth assessment of effectiveness of measures, as previously presented to GEAR 8-2015 and HOD 47-2014, is desired in principle to complement the simple follow-up system presented in this document.

Gear recommended the following regarding the follow-up system:

- the Secretariat will test the follow-up system for regional level actions and prepare a test case of national level actions based on data already reported, e.g. to the HELCOM MPA database, for presentation for HOD 49-2015;

- Contracting Parties are invited to provide feedback at HOD 49-2015 regarding the suitability of the follow-up system to serve different purposes in the short- and long-term perspective (e.g. HOLAS II) and including national expectations on its primary use, considering e.g. internal HELCOM management purposes, transparency towards the general public, as a communication tool;
- for deciding on a timetable for reporting of national actions a step wise approach having national resources in mind can be considered:
  - I. BSAP and Ministerial Declarations agreements implemented at:
    - regional level
    - national level
  - II. HELCOM Recommendations.

This document outlines the basic principles of the follow-up system and the examples and test cases proposed by GEAR 12-2015. Note that the figures included in this document only provide examples of what type of information can be extracted and displayed regarding the implementation of actions. The Secretariat will make a presentation of the results in the Meeting and an excel-file with the full list of regional actions assessed in this document will be uploaded to the Meeting portal.

### Action required

The Meeting is invited to:

- discuss the results of testing the follow-up system for regional level actions and of a test case of national level actions based on the already reported data on HELCOM MPA,
- discuss the suitability of the follow-up system to serve different purposes in the short- and long-term perspective as recommended by Gear and to guide its future use depending on the identified purposes;
- provide feedback regarding possible options for visualisation of results (for regional level actions, national actions, etc.),
- consider a suitable step-wise approach for reporting of actions and agree on the reporting and its timetable.

## Implementation of new follow-up system for HELCOM agreements

One of the duties of the Helsinki Commission is to keep the implementation of the Helsinki Convention under continuous observation. This has been done through the work of the HELCOM subsidiary bodies at the occasions of HELCOM ministerial meetings.

In the past, status of implementation of HELCOM Recommendations by the Contracting Parties was evaluated more routinely at a detailed level as a standing task for the working groups. As there are over 200 Recommendations, it posed a challenge to communicate results and address gaps.

The implementation of Ministerial declarations and actions under the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) has also been followed-up on a number of occasions and in various ways, often as a one-off effort.

HELCOM needs to continue to evaluate the status of implementation of the agreed requirements to be able to find out and inform on progress and in general, to demonstrate effectiveness of HELCOM cooperation and policy-making. This is especially important at a time when many measures have already been devised and focus is on their implementation.

An [overview](#) of the implementation of the BSAP and other HELCOM agreements was last prepared for the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting. The overview provides an exhaustive list of different actions addressed in the BSAP and the 2010 Ministerial Declaration. The description of progress was based on national information gathered mainly through HELCOM working groups, resulting in a narrative interpretation of progress and designation of status of “accomplishment” based on three levels; accomplished, partly accomplished, not yet accomplished.

A lesson learned from the previous progress report is that while assessment of accomplishment gives a clear and communicable result, it also requires that the actions have a clear and measurable target. However, many of the agreed HELCOM actions are of a general character or open-ended processes and are therefore not suited to concluding on in terms of accomplishment. Also, there has previously been no agreement on what to report or when an action is to be considered as accomplished, resulting in a subjective interpretation of disparate country reporting.

The new system has been developed to facilitate the visualisation and regular follow-up of HELCOM agreements and to overcome these short-comings identified in previous assessments. The list of HELCOM actions and associated information is currently held in an excel-file but will be transferred to a suitable database solution with web-based visualisation thus creating a searchable implementation catalogue of HELCOM agreements.

**Note that the figures included in this document only provide examples of what type of information can be extracted and displayed regarding the implementation of actions.** The use of colours follows the previous follow-up assessment. The final presentation will be based on a professional automatic solution for visualizing results from the database, both as figures and lists.

## Basic principles of the follow-up system

### Selection of actions

**The first step in the development of the new system was to identify actions that are suitable for follow-up in terms of level of accomplishment i.e. those that have specific objectives and clear targets.**

294 actions from the BSAP and Ministerial Declarations 2010 (MD 2010) and 2013 (MD 2013) have been entered to a temporary database held as an excel-file. This number includes 54 actions evaluated as accomplished already in 2013, building on results of the previous follow-up assessment. These actions will not be re-assessed but simply referred to as accomplished in any future reporting.

All actions that have not yet been assessed as being accomplished have been reviewed and their objectives have been categorized as being specific, general, or overarching. The level of accomplishment can only be assessed for actions with specific objectives resulting 108 actions to be followed-up from the BSAP and MD 2010 and (see **Annex 1** for further details). All background information regarding the review of actions and the resulting proposals to only follow-up certain actions is retained in the Secretariat and can be viewed and made available upon request.

Recommendations mentioned in the BSAP or adopted later have been worked out following the same approach, currently 24 Recommendations including approximately 44 actions to be followed-up (excluding Maritime Recommendations) (Annex 2).

Actions to follow-up	Regional	National	National and regional	Total
BSAP/MD	56	42	10	108
Recommendation	3	40	1	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>152</b>

### Categorization of actions to be implemented nationally and regionally

**All actions have been categorized to separate those to be implemented and reported nationally from those that are carried out jointly on the Baltic Sea regional level i.e. by HELCOM.**

Actions implemented at a regional level include e.g. to carry out joint assessments, to develop a HELCOM Recommendation, or to develop concerted regional action in relation to third parties.

Examples of actions implemented at the national level are the designation of MPAs or deletion of Hot spots from the JCP Hot Spot List. To assess the accomplishment of the actions reporting by Contracting Parties is required. There are also a limited number of actions with both national and regional steps of implementation, e.g. the development of coordinated monitoring programmes.

### Rules of aggregation

**The system is based on agreed rules for evaluating accomplishment at the regional level.**

The guiding principle has been to keep the system as simple as possible and it is based on the same three levels of accomplishment used previously; accomplished, partly accomplished, or not accomplished. In the simplest case, the number of countries reporting an action as “accomplished” is proposed to be taken into account when evaluating the regional level accomplishment e.g.

- Accomplished: ALL CPs have implemented the action,
- Partly accomplished: SOME CPs have implemented the action,
- Not accomplished: NO CP has implemented the action.

Other variants are also used when appropriate.

### Search options

**Basic information is associated to each action**, e.g. origin, target year, BSAP segments. Furthermore the actions have also assigned to different types of pressures and types of actions, which allows for sorting and searching for different topics of interest (see Annex 1 for further information and the excel-file to be uploaded on the Meeting Portal).

## Results of testing the system

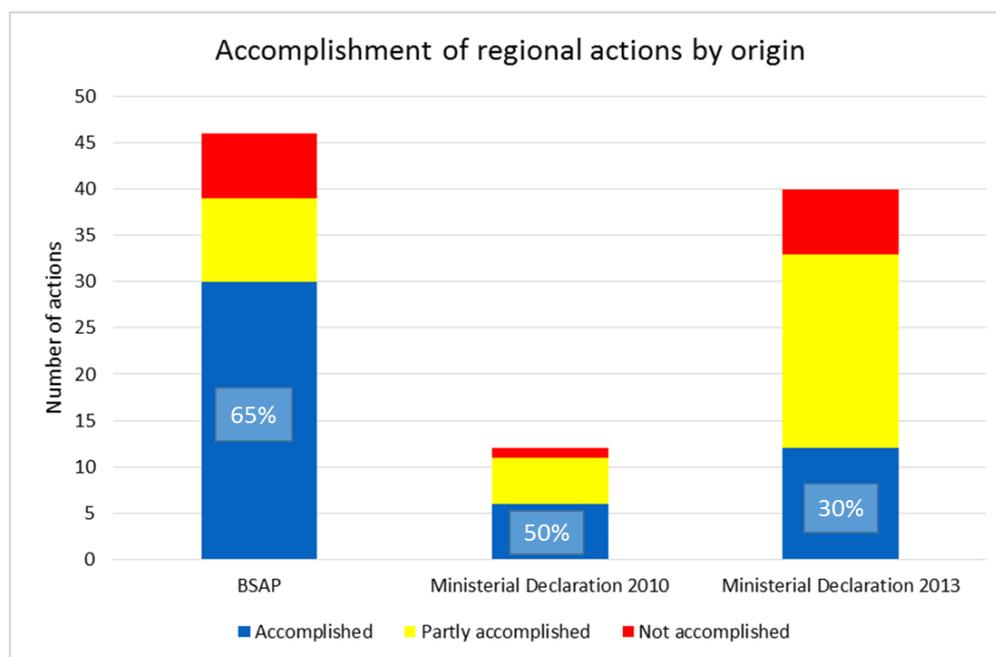
### Assessment of actions implemented at a regional level

Currently, 98 actions related to BSAP and HELCOM Ministerial Declarations and 3 actions included in relevant Recommendations (adopted since BSAP) are carried out jointly at the regional level. Out of these, 42 actions were already assessed as accomplished in the 2013 follow-up. To assess the accomplishment of the regional actions no reporting from countries is required and the remaining regional actions have been assessed by the Secretariat as proposed by GEAR 12-2015. Table 1 provides an example of an action to be implemented at the regional level and the associated evaluation criteria.

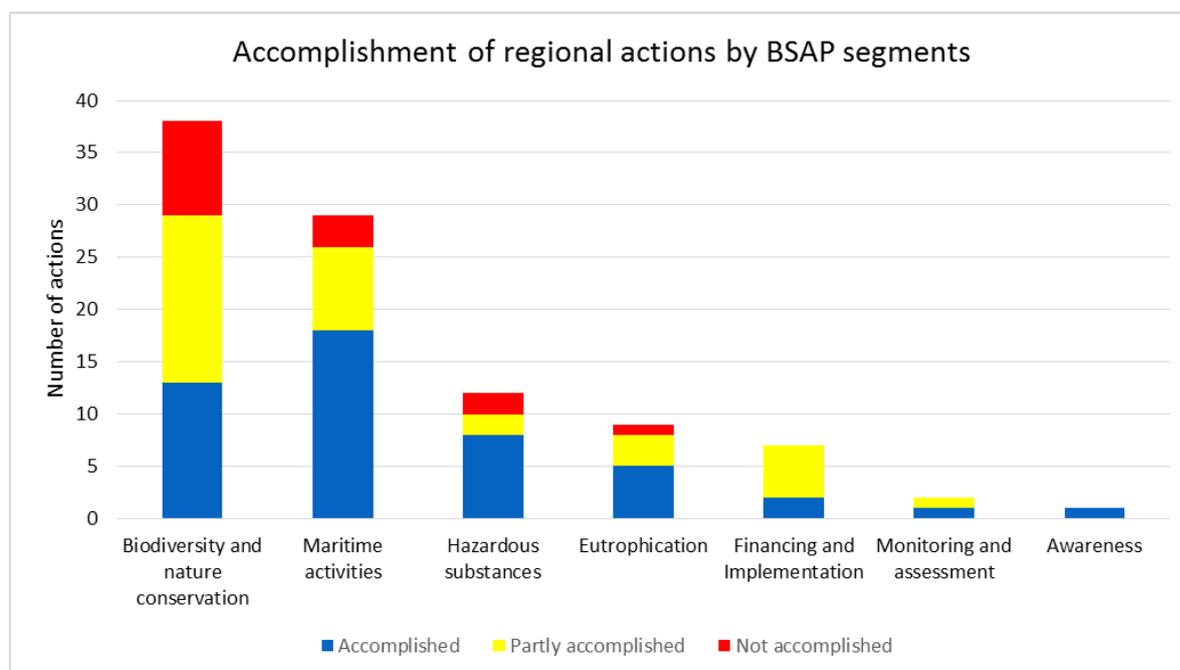
**Table 1.** Example of evaluation criteria for an action to be implemented at regional level.

HELCOM action	Evaluation criteria of regional level accomplishment		
	Accomplished	Partly accomplished	Not accomplished
Further development of MAI-CART follow-up scheme	Operational MAI-CART follow-up system	On-going work to elaborate a MAI-CART follow-up system	No action taken to develop a MAI-CART follow-up system

Of the actions implemented at a regional level, most stem from the BSAP followed by MD 2013 (Figure 1). The majority of regional actions are related to biodiversity and nature conservation (Figure 2). The full list of actions and their individual assessments will be made available in an excel-file to be uploaded to the Meeting portal.



**Figure 1.** Accomplishment of regional actions according to the origin.



**Figure 2. Accomplishment of regional actions according to BSAP segments.**

### Assessment of actions implemented at a national level

**The new follow-up system is developed so that Contracting Parties can make a self-evaluation of the level of national accomplishment of actions by responding to agreed queries.**

Currently, 42 actions to be follow-up related to BSAP and MD 2010 and 2013 and approximately 40 actions included in relevant Recommendations, excluding those related to Maritime, are to be implemented at the national level.

For each action to be implemented nationally, queries to be responded by each Contracting Party have been developed (Table 2). When an action is reported as completed, the Contracting Party will be asked to provide a link to relevant documentation (national language acceptable). The development of questionnaires for national reporting are currently being developed (see GEAR 12-2015 document 3.1 for details).

**Table 2.** Example of a query for national reporting for an action to be implemented at national level and evaluation criteria for assessing accomplishment the regional level.

HELCOM action	National level reporting	Evaluation criteria of regional level accomplishment		
		Accomplished	Partly accomplished	Not accomplished
Finalisation and implementation of national management plans for grey seals	Management plans in place for grey seals: Yes/Ongoing/No	All CPs with permanent breeding colonies have developed management plans for grey seals.	Management plans developed in some CPs with permanent breeding colonies of grey seals.	No management plans for grey seals.

No national reporting according to these principles has been carried out so far, but some of the required reporting is already available through special arrangements, e.g. through reporting to the HELCOM MPA database. This has made it possible to assess the accomplishment of actions implemented nationally for a few actions under the HELCOM Recommendation 35-1 (see next section).

## Follow-up of HELCOM Recommendations: the example of Recommendation 35-1

HELCOM Recommendation 35-1 'System of coastal and marine Baltic sea protected areas (HELCOM MPAs<sup>1</sup>)' was adopted in April 2014. The 'Recommends paragraphs' contain actions to be implemented nationally, regionally, as well as those that require implementation at both levels. The majority of actions can be assessed based on the national reporting to the HELCOM MPA database, lastly being updated in autumn 2015 as part of the modernization of the database. As proposed by GEAR 12-2015, HELCOM Recommendation 35-1 has been included in this document as a test for assessing the implementation of national level actions and Recommendations.

As proposed by State and Conservation 2-2015, seven paragraphs of the Recommendation are considered as suitable to follow-up in terms of level of accomplishment using the same approach as for other HELCOM agreements (listed in Table 3). Two of these paragraphs (b and h) have been split in two to facilitate the assessment.

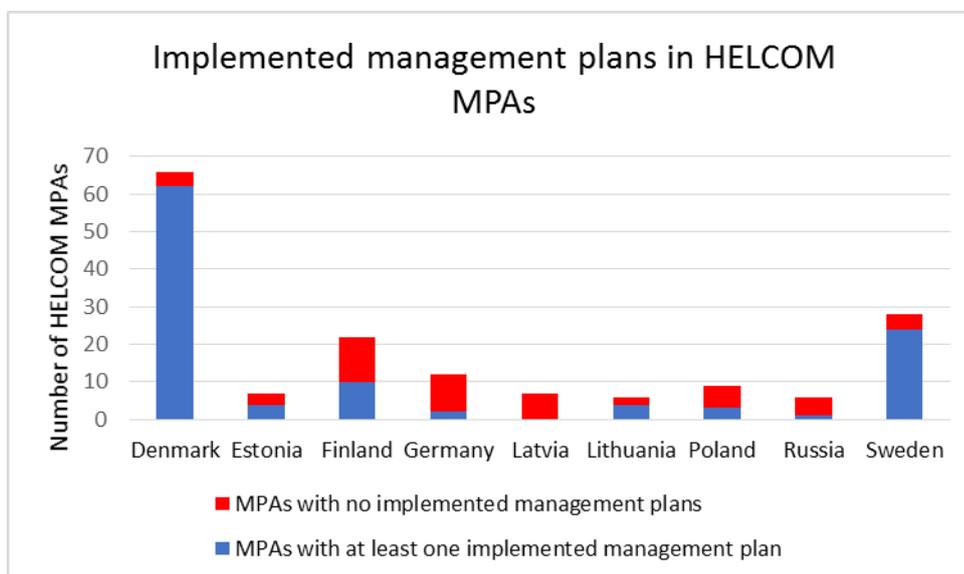
Remaining paragraphs have a softer formulation where Contracting Parties are e.g. "encouraged" to meet certain targets. How well these softer paragraphs are met will be followed-up over time by the State and Conservation Working Group (Outcome State and Conservation 2-2015, para 5J-7 and document 5J-1-Rev.1).

The overall assessment of the seven relevant paragraphs are listed in Table 3 while two more detailed examples with background data are given below.

### Example 1

Paragraph h1) of the Recommendation is related to the development of management plans for the MPAs. **The target is that all existing MPAs should have implemented management plans or measures by 2015.**

Information provided to the HELCOM MPA database shows that the target is not met. On a regional level the percentage of MPAs with management plans is the same as in 2014, i.e. 67% and thus the target has only been partly accomplished (Table 3). Figure 3 shows how the information can be displayed to indicate the level of national implementation by Contracting Party.



**Figure 3. Number of MPAs with implemented management plans in the respective count.**

<sup>1</sup> Former HELCOM BSPAs

**Table 3.** Follow-up of HELCOM Recommendation 35-1 using similar evaluation criteria as for follow-up of HELCOM agreement.

Paragraphs from Recommendation 35_1	Evaluation	Evaluation criteria supporting assessment	Additional info to justify accomplishment
a) reach the target set by the HELCOM 2010 Moscow Ministerial Declaration that at least 10% of the marine area in all sub-basins of the Baltic Sea including the EEZ areas beyond territorial waters is covered by MPAs where scientifically justified.	Partly accomplished	10% of the marine area is covered by MPAs in some sub-basins, including the EEZ areas beyond territorial waters (presented per sub-basin)	See Table 4.
b1) designate new sites as HELCOM MPAs where ecologically meaningful	Accomplished	The nr and/or % of MPAs areas is increasing	Finland has designated 11 new sites which increases the total area of HELCOM MPAs in the Baltic by 725km <sup>2</sup>
b2) designate new MPAs especially in offshore area beyond territorial waters	Accomplished	The nr and/or % of MPAs in EEZ is increasing	Finland has designated 3 new sites in or partly in the EEZ, which increases the EEZ area covered by MPAs by 82km <sup>2</sup>
c) ensure that HELCOM MPAs inter alia provide specific protection to those species, habitats, biotopes and biotope complexes included in the HELCOM Red Lists, as agreed in the HELCOM 2013 Copenhagen Ministerial Declaration, by considering these in the site selection procedure	Partly accomplished	1)The HELCOM network of MPAs provides protection to some HELCOM threatened species 2) The HELCOM network of MPAs provides protection to some HELCOM threatened biotopes/habitats (both to be met)	The information has been reported to the HELCOM MPA database by most countries and detailed information on the number of MPAs that are protecting threatened species and biotopes can be retrieved and further analyzed if desired.
d) ensure when selecting new areas, that the network of HELCOM MPAs is ecologically coherent and takes into account connectivity between sites including for example migration routes, species mobility and areas of special ecological significance such as spawning areas	Not assessed		Not assessed - the outcome of the assessment of ecological coherence will be available in March 2016. The previous assessment of ecological coherence indicated the HELCOM network of MPAs is not ecologically coherent.
h) 1) develop and apply by 2015 management plans or measures for all existing HELCOM MPAs,	Partly accomplished	At least 67% of HELCOM MPAs designated by 2014-have management plans or measures	See Figure 3.
h) 2) and establish management plan or measures for every new MPA within five years after its designation,	Not assessed		Not assessed - will be assessed in 2019 (5 years after adoption of Rec35-1)
k) assess the effectiveness of the management plans or measures of HELCOM MPAs by conducting monitoring, and where feasible scientific research programmes, which are directly connected to the conservation interests of HELCOM MPAs, including the placement of monitoring stations inside the MPAs	Not accomplished	Assessment management effectiveness not started.	Not accomplished - currently there is no joint approach on how to assess the effectiveness of management plans/measures. However, 64% of MPAs with management plans also have monitoring in place as reported to the MPA database.
p) modernize the HELCOM MPAs database as agreed in the HELCOM 2013 Copenhagen Ministerial Declaration, taking into account and harmonizing with other similar databases;	Accomplished	New database published on-line in October 2015	<a href="http://mpas.helcom.fi/apex/f?p=103:1">http://mpas.helcom.fi/apex/f?p=103:1</a>

## Example 2

**Paragraph a) of the Recommendation is related to the achievement, on the regional level, of reaching 10% of the marine area covered by MPAs in all sub-basins of the Baltic Sea, including the EEZ areas.**

The analysis based on information in the MPA database shows that this target is met in some sub-basins as well as on the Baltic Sea level as a whole (12%) (Table 4). However, since the target is not met in all sub-basins, paragraph a) is not met at present and thus the paragraph is assessed as “partly accomplished” (Table 3). This conclusion is furthermore supported if the coverage of MPAs in the EEZ is considered: currently MPAs are covering 5% of the EEZ.

It should however be noted that paragraph a) includes the clause that the target of 10% areal coverage should be reached “where scientifically justified”. For this paragraph it is thus warranted that the State and Conservation Working Group scrutinize the outcome of the simple criteria based assessment and decide whether it is scientifically justified to reach the 10% target in all sub-basins. **A review process by Working Groups on the outcome of the assessment is proposed for all Recommendations.**

**Table 4. Percentage of HELCOM MPAs in HELCOM sub-basins – the basis for assessing level of accomplishment of paragraph a) of Recommendation 35-1.**

Subbasin	HELCOM MPA network coverage per subbasin (%)	HELCOM MPA network coverage in the EEZ (% of tot EEZ per subbasin)
Kattegat	23	20
Great Belt	39	5
The Sound	14	0.3
Kiel Bay	39	32
Bay of Mecklenburg	17	14
Arkona Basin	15	17
Bornholm Basin	17	13
Gdansk Basin	16	0
Eastern Gotland Basin	7	2
Western Gotland Basin	4	5
Gulf of Riga	41	100
Northern Baltic Proper	3	0
Gulf of Finland	13	2
Åland Sea	6	0
Bothnian Sea	4	0.7
The Quark	17	0
Bothnian Bay	4	0.1
<b>Total area</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.7</b>

## Annex 1. Categorization of HELCOM actions to structure the follow-up system

All actions from the BSAP and HELCOM Ministerial Declarations included in the database that were not assessed in 2013 have been systematically categorized according to the following:

- **Actions with specific objectives:** Actions with a clear target, e.g. ‘finalisation and implementation of national management plans for seals’ or to ‘develop a regional action plan on marine litter’. Currently, 108 actions not yet accomplished have been categorized to have a specific objective and will be followed-up in terms of level of accomplishment in future assessments.
- **Actions with general objectives:** Actions that lack a clear target but still have an objective, e.g. to ‘further investigate the potential harmful impacts to wildlife from noise’ or to ‘promote and advance annual nutrient accounting at farm level’. Currently, 97 actions have been categorized to have a general objective. The actions with general objectives have not been chosen for follow-up. If the level of accomplishment should be evaluated, a more specific target would need to be formulated. When appropriate, the actions can still be followed-up over time by the relevant Working Group, e.g. by reporting on their progress, thereby providing the basis for a narrative description of progress in future follow-up reports if desired.
- **Actions with overarching objectives:** Some agreed actions are expressed as visions or high level ambitions, e.g. ‘the Baltic Sea shall become a model of good management of human activities’. Such actions have been categorized as having an overarching objective and are considered too wide for regular follow-up activities. In principle, implementation of the specific and general objectives should lead to the achievement of the overarching objectives. Currently 13 actions have been categorized as having an overarching objective.

For more detailed examples, see e.g. State and Conservation 2-2015, document 5J-1 and its Annexes.

## Annex 2. Selected search options for different type of actions.

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Level of implementation	BSAP segment or equivalent	Pressures/measures addressed	Category of HELCOM action	Sub-category of HELCOM action	
National	Biodiversity and nature conservation	Inputs of nutrients and organic matter	Measure	Reduction of pressures	
Regional	Hazardous substances	Inputs of synthetic and non-synthetic contaminants and systematic and/or intentional release of substances		Spatial protection	
National and Regional	Eutrophication	Accidental pollution from maritime activities		Restoration/Reintroductions of habitats and species	
	Maritime activities	Spatial protection measures (MPA)	Measure	HELCOM Recommendations that require implementation through measures	
	Monitoring and assessment	Spatial protection measures (MSP)		Joint actions with the aim of influencing international regulations	
	Awareness	Conservation, restoration and reintroduction of species	Management coordination	HELCOM Recommendations not included under Measures	
	Financing and implementation	Physical loss and damage of seabed habitats		Plans, guidelines and manuals	
				Selective extraction and incidental by-catch of species	Assessment tools, indicators
				Introduction of non-indigenous species	Classification systems, reporting systems
				Inputs of litter	Follow-up/assessments of agreed actions and plans
				Inputs of energy including underwater noise	International coordination
				Monitoring and assessment	Monitoring and surveillance Assessments
			Data and information	Data Databases	
			Knowledge	Promotion of research/technical development	
				Reviews and evaluations	
				Development of supporting information	
				Knowledge and information sharing	

## Annex 3. Recommendations that have been categorized in the new follow-up system

Note: Six Recommendations under the Maritime Group subject to confirmation by the next Maritime meeting

Recommendation	Segment	Title	Adopted
33/2	Maritime and Response	Co-operation in response to spillages of oil and other harmful substances on the shore	6.3.2012
34E/4	Maritime and Response	Airborne surveillance with remote sensing equipment in the Baltic Sea Area	3.10.2013
28E/12	Maritime and Response	strengthening of sub-regional cooperation in response field	15.11.2007
28E/4	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Amendments to Annex III "Criteria and Measures Concerning the Prevention of Pollution from Land-Based Sources" of the 1992 Helsinki Convention	15.11.2007
28E/5	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Municipal wastewater treatment	15.11.2007
28E/6	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	On-site wastewater treatment of single family homes, small businesses and settlements up to 300 Person Equivalents (P.E.)	15.11.2007
28E/7	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Measures aimed at the substitution of polyphosphates (phosphorus) in detergents	15.11.2007
28E/8	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Environmentally friendly practices for the reduction and prevention of emissions of dioxins and other hazardous substances from small-scale combustion	15.11.2007
29/1	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Reduction of Emissions from Crematoria	5.3.2008
31E/1	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Implementing HELCOM's objective for hazardous substances	20.5.2010
31E/2	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators containing mercury, cadmium or lead	20.5.2010
31E/3	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Cadmium in fertilizers	20.5.2010
31E/4	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Proper handling of waste/landfilling	20.5.2010
36/2	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Management of Dredged Material	4.3.2015
35/1	Biodiversity	System of coastal and marine Baltic Sea protected areas (HELCOM MPAs)	1.4.2014
32-33/1	Biodiversity	Conservation of Baltic Salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> ) and Sea Trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> ) populations by the restoration of their river habitats and management of river fisheries	15.6.2011
34E/1	Biodiversity	Safeguarding important bird habitats and migration routes in the Baltic Sea from negative effects of wind and wave energy production at sea	3.10.2013
19/2	Biodiversity	Supplemented by Recommendation 32-33-1	98
28E/9	MSP	Development of broad-scale marine spatial planning principles in the Baltic Sea area	15.11.2007
31-1	Maritime and Response	Development of national ability to respond to spillages of oil and other harmful substances	4.3.2010

31E-6	Maritime and Response	Integrated wildlife response planning in the Baltic Sea area	20.5.2010
33_3	Maritime and Response	Reporting on incidents involving harmful substances and emergency dumping	6.3.2012
34E-3	Maritime and Response	Amendments to Annex VII 'Response to Pollution Accidents' of the 1992 Helsinki Convention, concerning response on the shore	3.10.2013
36/3	Maritime and Response	Marine pollution incident reporting and requests for assistance between Contracting Parties in the Baltic Sea area	4.3.2015

#### Recommendations to be considered by MARITIME

Recommendation	Segment	Title	Adopted
28E-10	Maritime and Response	Application of the no-special fee system to ship-generated wastes and marine litter caught in fishing nets in the Baltic Sea area	15.11.2007
28E/11	Maritime and Response	Further measures to improve the safety of navigation in ice conditions in the Baltic Sea	15.11.2007
28E/13	Maritime and Response	Introducing economic incentives as a complement to existing regulations to reduce emissions from ships	15.11.2007
31E-5	Maritime and Response	Mutual plan for places of refuge in the Baltic Sea area	20.5.2010
33_1	Maritime and Response	Unified interpretation in relation to access to and use of HELCOM AIS	6.3.2012
34-E2	Maritime and Response	Further testing and developing the concept of pro-active route planning as well as other e-navigation solutions to enhance safety of navigation and protection of the marine environment in the Baltic Sea Region	3.10.2013

#### Recommendations not to be considered the next follow-up

Recommendation	Segment	Title	Adopted
29/2	Biodiversity	Marine litter within the Baltic Sea region	5.3.2008
28E/14	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Development of harmonised principles for quantifying diffuse losses throughout the Baltic Sea catchment area	15.11.2007
36/1	Eutrophication and hazardous substances	Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP ML)	4.3.2015

Note: Recommendation 29/2 refers to monitoring of beach litter. A new protocol is under development as part of the development of a core indicator on beach litter. State and Conservation 2-2015 proposed that Recommendation 29/2 could be reflected in the planned revision of Recommendation 19/3 (The Manual for The Marine Monitoring in the Combine Programme of HELCOM).