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Background

It is planned that the Meeting will consider the documents on Outcomes of the Meetings of HELCOM Working Groups (documents 4-1, 4-4, 4-9, 4-21, 4-27, 4-29 and 4-31) and their updated Work Plans (document 4-3, 4-5 and 4-10) in the following order.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

Outcomes

Take note

- of the Outcome of MARITIME 18-2018 (*document 4-1*)
- of the Outcome of PRESSURE 9-2018 (*document 4-4*)
- of the Outcome of STATE AND CONSERVATION 9-2018 (*document 4-9*)
- of the Outcome of AGRI 6a-2018 (*document 4-21*)
- of the Outcome of GEAR 19-2018 (*document 4-27*)
- of the Outcome of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 17-2018 (*document 4-29*)
- of the Outcome of RESPONSE 25-2018 (*document 4-31*)

Meetings and workshops

Approve

- the possibility of organizing an intersessional workshop or an extension of the MARITIME 19-2019 meeting in order to make progress on the update of the BSAP (c.f. paragraphs 2.19 and 13.2) (*document 4-1*)
- that the next meeting of Pressure Group (PRESSURE 10-2019) will be held during week 8-12 April 2019, in Estonia, and that the Eleventh Meeting of the Group (PRESSURE 11-2019) will be hosted by the EU, tentatively during the week 21-25 October 2019 (*document 4-4*)
- the arranging of State and Conservation 10-2019 on 6-10 May 2019 in Finland, and of State and Conservation 11-2019 on 21-25 October 2019, possibly in Latvia (*document 4-9*)
- the arranging of a workshop on habitat mapping and modelling to support the implementation of actions under Recommendation 35/1 on System of coastal and marine Baltic Sea protected areas (HELCOM MPAs), to be arranged by the lead country Finland (paragraph 3N.43-3N.45 of the Outcome) (*document 4-9*)

- organization of two interactive workshops on MSP back-to-back, or as part of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG meetings in 2019 to develop proposals for updated and new regional MSP actions and commitments, and approve the next HELCOM VASAB MSP 18-2019 in week 25-29 of March 2019 (either in Germany or in Poland, to be clarified before HOD 55-2018) (*document 4-29*)
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- the possibility of organizing intersessional workshops of the Response Working Group, if deemed necessary, in order to make progress on the update of the BSAP (c.f. paragraph 3.5) (*document 4-31*)
- that RESPONSE 26-2019 will be held in Warsaw, Poland, 11-13 June 2019 (c.f. paragraph 17.3) (*document 4-31*)
- that MARITIME 19-2019 will be held in Lisbon (at EMSA), 24-26 September 2019 (c.f. paragraph 13.2) (*document 4-1*)
- that GEAR 20-2019 will be held in Berlin, Germany, 15-17 May 2019.
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Elections of Chairs

Take note that

- Mr. Lars Sonesten was re-elected as the chair of the Pressure Working Group for the next 2-year period 2019-2020 (*document 4-4*)
- Mr. Norbert Häubner and Ms. Marie-Louise Krawack were elected co-Chairs for the Working Group for State and Conservation Working Group for the time period of 2019-2020 representing the monitoring/assessment and biodiversity/nature conservation components, respectively (*document 4-9*)
- Ms. Vivi Fleming-Lehtinen and Mr. Dieter Boedeker were re-elected as vice-Chairs for the State and Conservation Working Group for the time period of 2019-2020 representing the monitoring/assessment and biodiversity/nature conservation components, respectively (*document 4-9*)

Other topics from the groups

MARITIME 18-2018 (*document 4-1*)

Take note

- of the establishment of the GREEN TEAM Reporting mechanism and method (c.f. paragraphs 4.6-4.7 and Annex 3);
- that the Work Plan for 2018-2020 of the Cooperation Platform on Special Area According to MARPOL Annex IV has been updated (c.f. paragraph 5.2 and Annex 4);

PRESSURE 9-2018 (*document 4-4*)

Support

- the joint actions in relation to the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter as contained in Annex 5 of the Outcome;

Take note

- of the information that the data on phosphogypsum stacks has been reported and that the data processing is in progress by the Secretariat;
- of the activity to collect information by launching a regional questionnaire with the aim to improve medical waste handling;

STATE AND CONSERVATION 9-2018 (*document 4-9*)Agree

- to initiate a process to revise Recommendation 17/2 on Protection of Harbour Porpoise in the Baltic Sea Area;
- to delete Recommendation 21/3 on sustainable and environmentally friendly tourism in the coastal zone of the Baltic Sea once the guidelines on sustainable tourism are updated and agreed, subject to a later decision by HELCOM;
- that Recommendation 29/2 on marine litter within the Baltic Sea Region can be considered superseded by Recommendation 36/1 on Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter, which is to be proposed for a decision by HELCOM 40-2019;

Take note

- that the ToRs for the Intersessional Network on Eutrophication, Expert Network on Hazardous Substances and Expert Group on Monitoring of Radioactive Substances have been updated;

Approve

- a delineated, fit for purpose, data call focused on filling identified gaps in the biodiversity data available at HELCOM to populate the biodiversity database

Support

- in principle the establishment of a regional MPA management network under the auspice of HELCOM, for which a draft Terms of Reference would be developed for consideration by State and Conservation group and HODs as a next step

AGRI 6a-2018 (*document 4-21*)Take note

- of the progress in elaborating the Baltic Sea Regional Nutrient Recycling Strategy

GEAR 19-2018 (*document 4-27*)Take note

- of the progress of work related to the review of HELCOM indicators, forming the basis of further development or adjustment work on indicators by 2022,

HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 17-2018 (*document 4-29*)Note

- the status of amending HELCOM Recommendation 24/10, including that it has been circulated to the contacts of State and Conservation WG for consideration via correspondence, and agree to aim to have the amendments finalized in time for possible adoption of the document at HELCOM 40-2019;

Support

- involvement of HELCOM as a project partner in a new project platform proposal on MSP to be submitted under the Interreg call.

RESPONSE 25-2018 (*document 4-31*)Consider

- extending the mandate of the Submerged Expert Group until the end of 2020 (c.f. paragraph 9.3), and if extended, encourage all Contracting Parties to participate and to nominate national contact points to the Submerged Expert Group (c.f. paragraph 9.4);

Approve

- the establishment of the Correspondence Group on revising the HELCOM Response Manual Volume 2 (CG HNS MANUAL) with the draft Terms of Reference set out in Annex 2 of the Outcome of RESPONSE 25-2018;

Work Plans

Consider and approve

- the Work Plan for the HELCOM Maritime Working Group for 2018-2020 (*document 4-3*)
- the Work Plan for the Pressure Working Group 2019-2020 (*document 4-5*)
- the Work Plan for the State and Conservation Working Group 2019-2020 (*document 4-10*)