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Background

The web-based tool to following up on the implementation of HELCOM actions, the HELCOM Explorer, was launched in 2016 to provide an opportunity for the general public to be informed of the implementation of HELCOM actions. The HELCOM Explorer currently includes actions from the Baltic Sea Action Plan and Ministerial Declarations of 2010 and 2013.

HOD 57-2019 supported the further development of the HELCOM Explorer. The Secretariat has created the database and web interface for the updated HELCOM Explorer and the [updated Explorer](#) was launched in autumn 2020. HOD 57-2019 also agreed to include the recently reported HELCOM Recommendations in the updated HELCOM Explorer. This information will be added to the Explorer in the end of 2020 and beginning of 2021.

HOD 58-2020 agreed that reporting on the implementation status of the national actions would take place via nominated national contact points in autumn 2020. The Secretariat has sent the reporting formats to the national contact points in the beginning of October for a two-month reporting time.

HOD 58-2020 also agreed that the implementation status of the joint HELCOM actions stemming from BSAP, MM2010 and MM 2013 would be reported by the HELCOM Working Groups in their autumn 2020 meetings. HOD 58-2020 agreed as well that the concretized actions from the Ministerial Declaration 2018 under the Pressure Working Group, endorsed by HOD 57-2019, can be included in the updated HELCOM Explorer for assessment of accomplishment at PRESSURE 13-2020. The attached Excel document includes the reporting by the Working Groups on the implementation status of the joint actions.

Some joint actions fall under the mandate of two Working Groups. In some cases, one of the WGs provided additional information that the other did not. The Secretariat proposes endorsing the actions in these cases as follows:

- Action 98: To endorse the changes to the supporting information made by State & Conservation WG;
- Action 111: To endorse the additional supporting information suggested by Pressure WG;
- Action 113: To endorse the reporting of accomplishment and the supporting information by the HELCOM-VASAB MSP group.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note that the Secretariat has completed the development of the database and web interface for the Explorer, and the updated HELCOM Explorer has been launched;
- endorse the reporting on the joint actions by the Working Groups to be included to the HELCOM Explorer;
- take note of the status of reporting on the implementation of the national actions.