



# **MARITIME and RESPONSE Assessment work**

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HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan – Maritime Activities

# HELCOM MARITIME Group

- Convention (1974, 1992) Art. 14: “Cooperation in combatting marine pollution”
- Reporting to the HELCOM HoD
- Working since 1976 (name has changed)
- Maritime administrations from all Baltic Sea countries and the EU, industry participation (Obs.)
- Expert groups e.g.: HELCOM/OSPAR BALLAST (ballast water), HELCOM SAFE NAV (safety of navigation) & HELCOM AIS (administering Baltic Sea AIS)
- Open Cooperation platforms with more stakeholders

# MARITIME RELATED DATA

- Ship movements (HELCOM AIS Network)
- Ship accidents (HELCOM Accident reports)
- Ship emissions (annual reports by Finland FMI/ Jalkanen et al)
- Alien species in ports (HELCOM-OSPAR Ballast water risk assessment protocol)
- Ship routing measures, placenames, Bathymetric data (Hydrographic re-surveys)
- Cruise ships and sewage reception

# Baltic Sea visualized (internet link –click picture)





# MARITIME Assessment 2016

- Maritime Assessment to be drafted by 2016:
  - *Accidents and Accidental pollution*
  - *Routeing measures, re-surveys and Electronic aids to Navigation*
  - *Illegal pollution*
  - *Airborne Emissions*
  - *Sewage Emissions*
  - *Transfer of alien species and Ballast Water*
  - *Submerged hazardous objects*
  - *[Marine litter and underwater noise]*
  - *Windpower, pipeline and cable developments*
- HELCOM MARITIME
- Delayed –but coming (Jan 2015-)

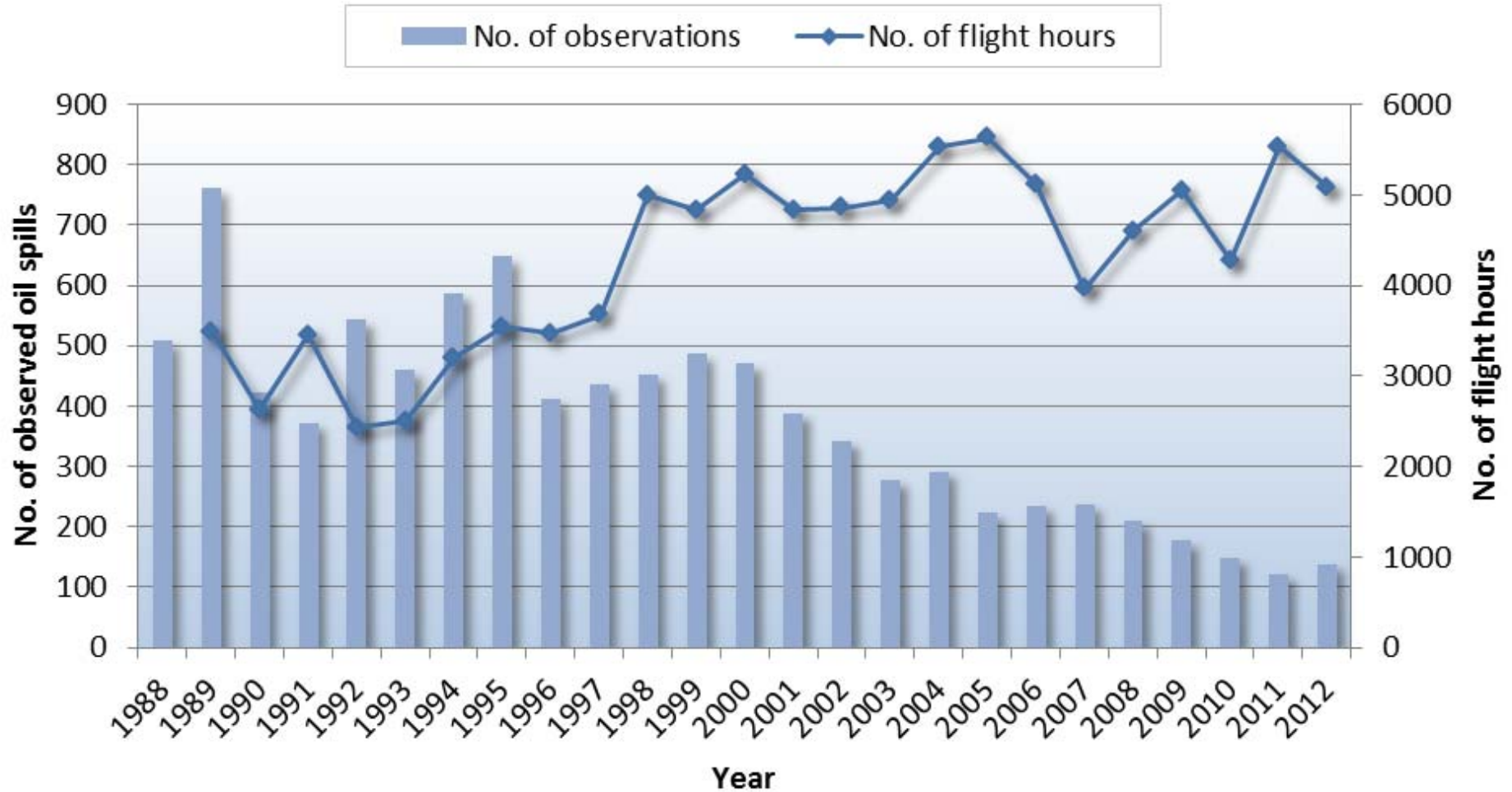
# HELCOM RESPONSE

- Convention (1974, 1992) Art. 14:  
“Cooperation in combatting marine pollution”
- Reporting to the HELCOM HoD
- Working since 1977 (name has changed)
- Competent national authorities+observers
- All Baltic Sea countries, EMSA, EU Commission
- Subgroups: IWGAS, SUBMERGED, EWG OWR  
& EWG SHORELINE

HELCOM BALEX DELTA  
annual operational exercise  
2014 in Ventspils, Latvia 10-12 June



**Figure 5. Total number of flight hours and observed oil spills in the HELCOM area during aerial surveillance, 1988-2012**





# Submerged Assessment 2016

- Separate Chapters on
  - Munitions (chemical and conventional)
  - hazardous wrecks
  - dumped waste and lost cargo.
- To be finalised by 2016
- A targeted group HELCOM SUBMERGED
- Next meeting in March 2015



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HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2011/Bornholm, Denmark  
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