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Background

In accordance with the outcome of the 19th Meeting of HELCOM Intersessional Network on Eutrophication (IN Eutrophication 19-2020), the 20th Meeting of the HELCOM Intersessional Network on Eutrophication (IN Eutrophication 20-2021) will be held online on Wednesday 26 May 2021 10:00-13:00 EEST.

The Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Vivi Fleming, Chair of the Intersessional Network on Eutrophication.

Meeting documents will be submitted by the Secretariat to the document library of the [IN-EUTROPHICATION 20-2021 meeting site](#) via the HELCOM Meeting Portal. The Secretariat has prepared a [document template](#) and recommends using the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat.

Those Meeting participants who wish to provide their contributions for the Meeting are requested to submit the documents in electronic format to Associate Professional Secretary Laura Kaikkonen (laura.kaikkonen@helcom.fi) by **19 May 2021**.

Participants are kindly invited to register to the Meeting by filling out the [Participation Survey](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal not later **21 May 2021**. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

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1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda.

2. Eutrophication indicator development

IN-Eutrophication 18-2020 considered the need to discuss further development of the oxygen indicator in order to speed up the indicator development work to be presented in autumn 2021 for State & Conservation. To reach this goal, an intersessional workshop for Contracting Parties working on the oxygen indicator ([IN-EUTROPHICATION 19A-2021](#)) was held online on 22 April 2021.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the workshop outcomes and agree on the outlined plans for oxygen indicator development.

3. Splitting assessment units

IN-EUTROPHICATION 19-20201 supported the proposal of splitting the Bornholm Basin which was submitted by IN-Eutrophication to the STATE & CONSERVATION 14-2021 as a category 4 assessment unit for the eutrophication assessment ([document 4J-82 rev.1](#) to the meeting). The meeting further acknowledged that the threshold values will need to be evaluated after consideration of the proposal by State&Conservation.

IN-EUTROPHICATION 19-20201 also took note of the proposal on splitting the Gulf of Finland, as presented by Finland, and of supporting information on the environmental conditions of the Gulf of Finland with respect to eutrophication assessment by Russia and Estonia. The meeting discussed possible divisions of the basin with respect to the hydrographical conditions and bathymetry and invited the Contracting Parties sharing borders with the assessment unit to discuss and agree on the details of the proposal intersessionally. Based on these discussions and input from Estonia and Russia, a proposal was submitted by Finland to STATE & CONSERVATION 14-2021 ([document 4J-90](#) to the meeting).

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the outcomes of STATE&CONSERVATION 14-2021 regarding splitting the assessment units and to discuss and agree on a way forward regarding e.g., the threshold values for the possible new assessment units.

4. Improvements in the HEAT assessment procedure

Developments in the HEAT assessment procedure, including improvements in the confidence assessment, aggregation rules, and scaling of indicators were considered by IN-EUTROPHICATION 19-20201 and were further submitted to STATE & CONSERVATION 14-2021 for approval.

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the outcomes of STATE&CONSERVATION 14-2021 and to consider a way forward.

5. Input from HELCOM projects, groups, and processes relevant to eutrophication assessment

The Meeting will be informed about status of ongoing and planned HELCOM projects supporting the development of HELCOM eutrophication assessment for HOLAS III.

The Chair will present the plans of the HELCOM BalticDataFlow project to develop the Ferrybox- and EO-dataflow from the data providers to the ICES database, in order to further operationalize the eutrophication assessment.

6. Any other business and future work

The Meeting will be invited to take note of a policy brief produced within the OMAI project.

The Meeting might wish to consider any other matters relevant to the work of the Group.

The Meeting is invited to decide on the time and place of the next meeting of the Group.