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Background

The document that is the focus of this discussion is the topic specific work plan for future work on HELCOM indicators (**it can be found at [this link](#)**), as developed at the Second HELCOM indicator Workshop in 2019 ([INDICATOR WS 2-2019](#)) and endorsed by HOD (HOD 57-2019, [document 4-20](#) and [Outcomes paragraph 4.46-48](#)).

It is important to consider that the approved process requires that all new indicator work of a technical adjustment or development nature must be completed by autumn 2021 for inclusion in HOLAS III, as agreed by previous decision (see decisions outlined in HOD 57-2019 [document 4-20](#)). Please also note that changes to the approved indicator work plans should be provided to State and Conservation for approval, if needed during the adjustment/development work.

A brief update on progress for all indicator topics was recently sent to State and Conservation 13-2020 with the following text for Eutrophication:

The topic specific [work plan on eutrophication](#), developed at the second HELCOM indicator workshop, listed a number of issues where improvements could be made in the assessment for HOALS III. While work is ongoing on several of these issues progress has not currently been discussed within the group prior to State and Conservation, in part due to the postponement of IN-EUTRO 18-2020 to 2 October [meeting postponed since]. The indicator work plan will be revisited at the meeting to assess progress.

One major focus of the work so far in the last meeting of IN-EUTRO has been the 'multifaceted confidence assessment' that was indicated to be a high priority for HOLAS III. The discussion and planning for this was the major focus of the last meeting, IN-EUTRO 17-2020 ([Outcomes](#)).

A key issue that would support work on a significant gap would be to have a nomination for a Lead Country on the 'Oxygen Debt' HELCOM indicator (State and Conservation 12-2020, [Outcomes paragraph 4J.38-40](#)).

Actions requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the content of the Eutrophication indicator work plan,
- consider if progress has been made on the identified topics (especially those proposed to take place by HOALS III),
- propose revisions of the progress reported to State and Conservation if needed,
- inform the Secretariat of areas where support may be needed to assist with progress on the identified issues,
- take note of the deadlines for the work (i.e. autumn 2021).

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