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## Background

This document contains an initial draft of the structure of the annex to the sea-based activities segment of the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), including preliminary examples prepared by the Secretariat, as set out in the Annex. Each segment in the updated BSAP will have a corresponding annex, which will contain detailed supplementary information on each action under the segment in question, to guide future assessment of implementation and provide context for the actions. This includes e.g. target year, rationale (including linkage to other actions), estimated effect, responsible for implementation etc. ([HOD 57-2019 outcome para. 3.27-3.28](#) and [HOD 58-2020 para. 4.16](#)).

As agreed by HOD 58-2020, the Annexes as outlined in [HOD 57-2019 document 3-5](#) and [HOD 58-2020 document 4-11](#), will be compiled by the Working Groups with the help of the Secretariat, starting in autumn 2020 with focus on those existing actions for which in principle agreement was reached at HOD 58-2020.

In the effort to ensure the updated BSAP is concise and easily accessible, the action annexes are foreseen to be the only supplementary information to be directly included in the BSAP. In line with the plan agreed by HOD 58-2020 ([document 4-11, outcome para. 4.16](#)), additional documents that are adopted alongside or support the implementation of the updated BSAP, e.g. Recommendations, roadmaps, topic specific action plans etc., are to remain as separate documents and not merged with the main BSAP document.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the content and structure of the draft Annex for the sea-based activities segment of the updated BSAP; and
- agree on the way forward to finalize the work prior to HOD 60-2021.

## Annex

Table 1. Draft BSAP Annex with supplementary information to be provided for the agreed actions

Action	Target year	Rationale	Potential effect (if available)	Implemented by	Overseeing Working Group	Indicator for achievement
<i>Sub-theme: Discharges from offshore platforms</i>						
Update the Action Plan for the protection of the environment from offshore platforms, to put into practice the “zero-discharge” principle in respect of all chemicals and substances used and produced during the operation of offshore platforms. This action shall be completed by 2026.	2026	Update of the Action Plan put on hold by the Maritime WG. However, negative environmental effects from offshore platforms in the Baltic Sea still occur.		Joint	Maritime	Action plan updated
<i>Sub-theme: Maritime safety</i>						
Take actions to ensure the completion of the re-surveys for CAT I and II areas used by navigation by 2030 at the latest.	2030	All areas used for navigation (CAT I and II) have not yet been re-surveyed		Joint	Maritime	All areas used for navigation (CAT I and II) re-surveyed
Take actions to ensure the completion of the re-surveys for CAT III near shore and other areas used typically for safe boating, environmental and GIS data purposes and oil recovery contingency by the time specified in the revised Re-Survey Scheme		All ACT III areas have not yet been re-surveyed.		Joint	Maritime	All CAT III areas re-surveyed
Further strengthen co-operation with IMO in the field of safety of navigation and take follow-up actions for strengthening regional cooperation in maritime safety in the framework of the HELCOM Maritime Group and the SAFE NAV Expert Group and consider the appropriate forms for this cooperation, recognizing the need for the				Joint	Maritime	

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exchange of technical expertise in the field of maritime safety, especially in risk assessment to avoid shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea, and taking into account the work of IMO						
Continue close technical cooperation with EMSA including collection and analysis of maritime data relevant for the development of safer shipping in the Baltic Sea, such as EMCIP and data including drug/alcohol abuse as a cause of accidents				Joint	Maritime	
Further work with regard to the regional HELCOM AIS system and also new systems such as VDES and other digitalised e-navigation services in order to increase safety of navigation and gain environmental benefits (Proposal by AIS EWG 31-2020)				Joint	Maritime	
<i>Sub-theme: Non-indigenous species</i>						
Establishment [by 2024] and subsequent implementation of the early warning system in case of the introduction of invasive species in ports.	[2024]	Early warning system would enable minimization of secondary spread of species, and may also enable eradication measures for certain types of NIS, if identified early in very limited location.		Joint/National	Maritime	Early warning system in place and implemented by Contracting Parties
Implementation of the Joint Harmonised Procedure for the Contracting Parties of OSPAR and HELCOM on the granting of exemptions				National/Joint	Maritime	

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under the BWM Convention, Regulation A-4, and keep the Ballast Water Risk Assessment Tool up to date with data from conducted port surveys						
Promote the development of effective, environmentally sustainable biofouling management techniques and antifouling systems on ships and pleasure craft, including biocide-free alternatives to prevent biofouling by supporting related R&D activities in the region				National/Joint	Maritime	
Continue close cooperation with OSPAR on the implementation of the BWM Convention and the issue of biofouling management at regional level				Joint	Maritime	
Strengthen cooperation on ship hull fouling solutions with regard both to preventing the introduction of invasive alien species and to hazardous substances in anti-fouling systems, as well as energy efficiency aspects on the basis of a Biofouling Management Roadmap				Joint	Maritime	
<i>Sub-theme: Pollution from ships</i>						
Develop and facilitate implementation of feasible and effective economic incentives to reduce pollution from ships, taking into account HELCOM Recommendation 28E/13 as amended 19 June 2019				National	Maritime	
Enforce the requirements of the Baltic Sea Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV and continuously ensure the availability of adequate port reception facilities in passenger ports in the Baltic Sea Area taking into account the "Technical Guidance for the handling of wastewater in Ports				National	Maritime	

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of the Baltic Sea Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV”						
Continue the dialogue established by the Baltic Sea Platform for Green Technology and Alternative fuels in shipping (HELCOM GREEN TEAM) and work jointly in co-operation with other regional governmental and non-governmental organizations, the industry and research community, to further promote development and use of green technologies and alternative fuels, in order to reduce harmful exhaust gas emissions and to strive for clean and low-carbon shipping				Joint	Maritime	
Develop a Roadmap for enforcement of the Baltic Sea NOx Emission Control area by [2023]	[2023]			Joint	Maritime	
<i>Sub-theme: Pleasure boating</i>						
Promote by 2025 environmentally sustainable pleasure boating and the development of “green” marinas/guest harbours and the use of the best ecological practice, including education and raising awareness of the personnel and boat owners of key marinas/guest harbours, by for example, introducing eco-labelling of marinas and developing guidance and best practice documents as a help for the marinas to reach criteria	2025			National	Maritime	