



Outcome of the 6th meeting of the project for Review of the fifth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation (PLC-5.5)

Introduction

1.1. In accordance with the decisions of the fifth meeting of the HELCOM project *Sixth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation* (paragraph 7.1, Outcome of PLC-6 5-2014) and the seventh meeting of the *HELCOM Expert Group on follow-up of national progress towards reaching BSAP nutrient reduction targets (LOAD)* (paragraph 5.3, Outcome of LOAD 7-2104), the Sixth HELCOM PLC-5.5 Project Group Meeting (HELCOM PLC-5.5 6/2014) was held on 22-23 May 2014 at the premises of the HELCOM Secretariat in Helsinki, Finland.

1.2. The Meeting was attended by representatives of HELCOM Contracting Parties Denmark, Finland, Germany, Poland, Russia (via Skype) and Sweden as well as the Data Consultant (SYKE) and Invited Guest from Baltic Nest Institute (BNI) - Sweden. The List of Participants is contained in Annex 1 of these Minutes.

1.3. The Meeting was chaired by Project Manager Mr. Lars M. Svendsen, Denmark. Ms. Minna Pyhälä, HELCOM Assisting Professional Secretary, acted as secretary of the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

1.1 The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document 1/1.

Agenda Item 2 Information by Secretariat, Project Manager and Contracting Parties

2.1 The Meeting took note of the progress of the project "Review of Fifth Baltic Sea Pollution Load Compilation for 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting" (HELCOM PLC-5.5), including the latest version of the roadmap for implementation of the project as contained in document 2/1. The Meeting agreed to make use of this information when discussing the relevant issues and tasks during the Meeting.

2.2 The Meeting took note of the short demonstration of the new HELCOM Meeting Portal and the possibility to have workspaces for the PLC projects.

Agenda Item 3 Elaboration of a complete draft PLC-5.5 report

3.1 The Meeting considered, scrutinized and discussed the latest draft of the PLC-5.5 report with all tables and figures that are expected to be included in the report (document 3-1). The Meeting further elaborated the report as contained in document 3-1-Rev.1.

3.2 The Meeting was of the opinion that it is important to clearly state the differences in the percentage change when comparing 2008-2010 average with the reference period (1997-2003) as compared to the changes based on the trend analysis of the whole period.

3.3 The Meeting agreed that the report should refer to the existing PLC-5.5 dataset which can be downloaded from the HELCOM website, together with an additional dataset (still to be made) which will include the figures used in the PLC-5.5 report. The Meeting was of the opinion that the normalized data time series will change every time an additional year is added to the dataset and therefore felt that in order to minimize confusion the normalized dataset should only be made available if requested by someone separately.

3.4 The Meeting shared different sections of the report among the participants for further elaboration and worked on these. The Meeting noted the establishment of chapter-specific document libraries in the PLC-5.5 workspace in the new HELCOM Meeting Portal.

Agenda Item 4 Finalization of the PLC-5.5 report

4.1 The Meeting recalled that the final draft of the report should be submitted for approval to the meeting of HELCOM HOD 46-2014 (which takes place on 16-17 September) around 20 August at the latest and should be circulated to MONAS and LOAD contacts for commenting prior to that.

4.2 The Meeting agreed that the report should be finalized by the PLC-5.5 project group and sent out to MONAS and LOAD contacts on 24 June 2014 with the aim to receive their comments **by 4 August 2014**.

4.3 The Meeting requested project members to upload further elaborated parts of the report to the workspace **by 4 June 2014** and to send an e-mail notification to the Project Manager (lms@dmu.dk) and the Secretariat (minna.pyhala@helcom.fi). The Project Manager and Secretariat will compile all contributions from the project members received by 4 June 2014.

4.4 The Meeting was of the opinion that a complete version of the PLC-5.5 report should be circulated to project members **on Friday 13 June 2014** and possible comments and corrections should be forwarded to the Project Manager (lms@dmu.dk) and the Secretariat (minna.pyhala@helcom.fi) **by 19 June 2014**.

Agenda Item 5 Any other business

5.1 The Meeting did not discuss any other business.

Agenda Item 6 Closing of the Meeting

7.1 The Meeting adopted the draft Outcome of the Meeting as contained in document 7/1. The Minutes, together with the documents and presentations considered by the Meeting are available in the HELCOM Meeting Portal.

Annex 1 List of Participants

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