



Title	Draft web-based assessment for following up on progress to fulfill country-wise allocated nutrient reduction targets (CART)
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Agenda Item	6 - Improvement of pollution input data for follow-up of the HELCOM nutrient reduction scheme
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Reference	

Background information

The Reduction Scheme Core Drafting Group (RedCore DG) has been preparing a draft assessment for following-up on the progress towards reaching the reduction targets of the HELCOM nutrient reduction scheme (CART).

The draft assessment is available online via “unpublished pages” on the HELCOM website. The assessment can be accessed via the link: <http://helcom.fi/baltic-sea-action-plan/progress-towards-reduction-targets/>. When prompted, please use the following sign in details for accessing restricted pages (please note that it may be necessary to enter the username and password twice:

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- welcomed the work done for the draft web-based assessment for following up on progress to fulfill country-wise allocated nutrient reduction targets (CART).
- considered and discussed the draft assessment, taking note of comments by Contracting Parties. The Meeting noted that it is not possible to comply with all the requests for improved presentation of assessments and inclusion of additional data since some are conflicting with each other and also due to time constraints. The assessment will be further developed over the next few years and for now it is important to finalize and make the 2012 version of the assessment open for public as soon as possible. All data will be available in Excel files so that Contracting Parties can make their own tables, figures and graphs according to their own needs. The Meeting compiled a list of changes proposed by the Contracting Parties to be made in the assessment and identified the ones that can be made in time for HOD 48-2015, as contained in Annex 3 of the [Outcome of the Meeting](#).
- requested the authors to update the CART assessment accordingly so that an updated version can be forwarded to HOD 48-2015.
- noted the comment by Lithuania that according to their national calculations the results are rather different (especially for phosphorus) compared to the results presented in the HELCOM CART assessments. The Meeting noted that the difference could be the consequence if Lithuania has used different data than that reported to HELCOM. The data on long-term transboundary inputs and retention coefficients used for MAI and CART calculations have been crude, which is likely to impact the results for Lithuania as transboundary loads are a big share in the loads from Lithuanian

territory to the Baltic Sea. The intention is to focus on the data up to 2012 reported and confirmed by the Contracting Parties and improve this data in the future. The Meeting welcomed the offer of BNI to investigate (bi-laterally with Lithuania) the discrepancy in results as soon as possible and prior to HOD 48-2015.

- endorsed the CART follow-up assessment in principle, noting that the results for Lithuania are subject to clarification.

The authors have updated the assessment and the link will be forwarded to HOD 48-2015.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to:

- Consider and discuss the draft assessment on progress towards fulfillment on CART
- Provide final comments to further improve the draft assessment, especially concerning which figures to include
- Endorse the assessment, in principle, pending its update by RedCore DG, with the understanding that it will be provided to HOD 48-2015 e.g. as background for discussion on the progress and measures taken by the countries to reduce nutrient inputs.
- Recommend that HOD 48-2015 approved the assessment for publication on the HELCOM website.