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## Background

HOD 55-2018 took note of the information that STATE & CONSERVATION 4-2016 agreed that HELCOM [Recommendation 29/2](#) (Marine litter within the Baltic Sea region), which includes Guidelines on sampling and reporting of marine litter found on beaches, will be superseded by [Recommendation 36/1](#) (HELCOM Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter) once the HELCOM monitoring guidelines for marine litter on beaches have been developed and included in the HELCOM Monitoring Manual<sup>1</sup>. The meeting agreed that HELCOM Recommendation 29/2 will be discussed in PRESSURE 10-2019 with the aim of superseding Recommendation 29/2 by Recommendation 36/1. Finally, the meeting in principle agreed that, following the discussion in the Pressure Group, HELCOM Recommendation 29/2 on marine litter within the Baltic Sea Region can be considered superseded by Recommendation 36/1 on Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter, which is to be proposed for a decision by HELCOM 41-2020 (c.f. HOD 55-2018, [document 4-9](#)) ([Outcome of HOD 55-2018](#), para. 4.41-4.43).

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## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider and agree to supersede HELCOM Recommendation 29/2 by HELCOM Recommendation 36/1;
- propose HELCOM 41-2020 to decide to supersede HELCOM Recommendation 29/2.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the HELCOM monitoring guidelines on beach litter were adopted in 2018 and can be found in the [HELCOM website](#).