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Background

A request to the Response Working Group for reporting of significant response operations at sea and on the shore in 2019 was sent by the Secretariat on 30 January 2020 with the reporting deadline on 3 April 2020. The reported data will be included in the HELCOM report on shipping accidents during 2019, which is still under preparation. Annex 1 to this document contains the instructions for filling-in the HELCOM reporting form for pollution response as agreed on by RESPONSE 21-2016.

The attached document contains information on significant response operations in 2019 as reported by Estonia and Finland. No significant response operations at sea nor on the shore took place in 2019 in Denmark, Latvia and Poland. No information has been received from Germany, Lithuania, Russia and Sweden.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and discuss lessons learnt from response operations. Germany, Lithuania, Russia and Sweden are invited to report significant response operations at sea and on the shore in 2019.

Table 1. Reported response activities in the Baltic Sea area in 2019

Country	Year	Date	Time	Place	Latitude (DD)	Longitude (DD)	Source	Type of pollution	Amount of pollution (m3)	Amount recovered at sea (m3)	Amount recovered on shore (m3)	Polluted coastline (km)	Amount and state of affected wildlife	Affected species	Action taken for collection and/or treatment of wildlife	Recovery operation at sea (days)	Recovery operation on shore (days)	Responsible organization	Further details
Estonia	2019	17/03/2019		at sea	59° 25'	027° 45'	ship	fuel oil	0.2	0									
Estonia	2019	14/04/2019		at sea	59° 19'	023° 30'	ship	fuel oil	0.2	0									
Estonia	2019	20/04/2019		at sea	59° 50'	026° 04'	ship	crude oil	3	3						2		Police and Border Guard Board	
Estonia	2019	13/05/2019		at sea	59° 26'	024° 46'	ship	fuel oil	0.2	0									
Estonia	2019	10/07/2019		at sea	59° 54'	026° 03'	ship	fuel oil	0.3	0									
Estonia	2019	28/08/2019		at sea	59° 49'	025° 43'	ship	fuel oil	0.1	0									
Estonia	2019	04/09/2019		at sea	59° 25'	027° 44'	ship	fuel oil	0.1	0									
Estonia	2019	25/09/2019		at sea	59° 26'	024° 46'	ship	fuel oil	0.2	0									
Estonia	2019	28/09/2019		at sea	59° 30'	024° 37'	ship	fuel oil	0.1	0									
Finland	2019	20/06/2019	04:57	EEZ	59° 27'01 "N	020° 58' 39"E	ship	waste oil	39	8 (estimation)	0	0	none detected	n/a	n/a	2		Finnish Border Guard	Operational discharge

Annex 1**Instructions for filling-in the HELCOM reporting form for pollution response**

All response operations of spills of significant character (severity, size, actual or potential impact), should be reported to the HELCOM Secretariat using the agreed reporting format.

The reporting format is provided as an excel file and includes the following information entries. The predefined entries should be used!

Country	Where the incident took place
Year	Year of incident
Date (dd.mm.yyyy)	
Time (hh:mm)	When (local time) the incident happened
Place	Name of place
Latitude (DD)	Please provide latitude in decimal degrees, e.g. 57.123
Longitude (DD)	Please provide longitude in decimal degrees, e.g. 18.456
Source	Please provide e.g. factory, installation, ship
Type of pollution	Please, specify e.g. fuel oil, chemical, paraffin
Amount of pollution	m ³
Amount recovered at sea	m ³
Amount recovered on shore	m ³
Polluted coastline	km
Amount and state of affected wildlife	
Affected species	
Action taken for collection and/or treatment of wildlife	
Number of days spent on recovery operation at sea	
Number of days spent on recovery operation on shore	Categories 1-10 days, 10-300 days, over 300 days
Responsible organization	Name of organization and contact details for further information
Further details about incident	Any other relevant information, e.g. needed to evaluate the limitation of data, links to web pages or report etc.