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Background

The attached document contains the Outcomes of the 15th and 16th Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 15-2020 and EWG OWR 16-2020) held as online meetings on 26 May 2020 and 22 September 2020, respectively.

The next meeting of the Group (EWG OWR 17-2021) will be held on 9 February 2021 as an online meeting. EWG OWR 16-2020 further decided to arrange a half-day online seminar on euthanasia to discuss challenges and solutions based on scenarios on 19 January 2021.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.



Outcome of the 15th Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 15-2020)

Introduction

0.1 The 15th Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 15-2020) was held as an online meeting on 26 May 2020. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Hugo Nijkamp, Sea Alarm and Chair of EWG OWR.

0.2 The Meeting was attended by representatives from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, and Sweden, Observers from Sea Alarm and WWF and an invited guest Ms. Nele Markones, Kiel University. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

0.3 Ms. Laura Meski, Assisting Professional Secretary, acted as secretary of the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

Documents: 1-1

1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda (document 1-1).

Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from other HELCOM activities

Documents: 2-1, 2-2

2.1 The Meeting took note of the Outcome of the 27th Meeting of the HELCOM Response Working Group (RESPONSE 27-2020) held in Vejle, Denmark, on 26-28 February 2020 (document 2-1).

2.2 The Meeting further took note that the proposed new actions on maritime activities for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), including the new action on holistic/integrated management of marine pollution incidents, will be further considered by the HELCOM BSAP UP workshop on maritime activities (HELCOM BSAP UP WS-SEA 2020) on 2-4 September 2020, by the next meeting of the Response Working Group (RESPONSE 28-2020) on 3-5 November 2020 and will be for decision by HOD 59-2020 in December 2020.

2.3 The Meeting considered the proposed way forward by Sea Alarm on updating HELCOM Recommendation 31E/6 on integrated wildlife response planning in the Baltic Sea Area (document 2-2). The Meeting agreed on the proposal and decided to update the following references to international guidelines after approval by RESPONSE 28-2020 and HOD/HELCOM:

- IPIECA/IOPG Good Practice for Wildlife Response Planning;
- IPIECA/IOPG Key Principles;
- EUROWA guidelines.

2.4 The Meeting discussed the importance of volunteer management, which is included in Recommendation 31E/6, but might need a separate recommendation, as it applies also for other aspects of marine emergency response. The Meeting was of the opinion that it will be useful to look into existing OWR

plans to see that the recommendation is in line with the plans and noted that some volunteer management guides already exist.

2.5 The Meeting took note of the information by the Chair that Sea Alarm will provide updated text for the HELCOM Response Manual Chapter 7 on co-operation in OWR for RESPONSE 28-2020 as part of the overall revising and updating the Response Manual.

Agenda Item 3 Update and planning/preparedness in Contracting Parties

Documents: none

3.1 The Meeting took note of the following national OWR planning and preparedness activities which have taken place since the last meeting:

- Denmark:

The new OWR management plan is almost ready. A meeting will be held in June 2020 with all stakeholders involved in preparing the plan.

Police districts handle local accidents. Twice a year two districts conduct an exercise. Due to COVID-19 the exercise scheduled for April 2020 was cancelled. The exercises involve the whole chain of stakeholders. Wildlife scenarios can also be included in the exercise.

- Estonia:

No major training exercises or events since the previous meeting. See further information on the Interreg OIL SPILL project in para 6.1 of the Outcome.

- Finland:

No large oil spill incidents have occurred lately. Responsibilities between the Border Guard and the Finnish Environment Institute (Syke) is unclear since the operational duties moved to the Border Guard. Syke will be called in only as experts. The OWR plan has not been officially approved. The Finnish Oil Pollution Compensation Fund is under review and WWF will likely not get funded in the future.

WWF trainings of volunteers have been cancelled until August due to COVID-19.

- Germany:

A meeting was held in December 2019 between responsible authorities and veterinarians to clarify financing. A framework plan for all five Bundeslander will be important. On the basis of the framework plan it will be possible to buy equipment, arrange trainings etc.

A scientific project has been conducted to understand the use of rehabilitation. A new, more practical, project has started including veterinarians.

- Latvia:

Latvia continues finalizing the National Plan on Oiled Wildlife Response. A workshop was held in February 2020 with national institutions, municipalities, NGOs and Ministries where the first draft of the plan was presented and a tabletop exercise was held. The aim is to have the final plan in June 2020 after which it will need to be adopted, possibly by the end of 2020. Latvia will work together with WWF Latvia and some other NGOs.

- Poland:

A legal basis for OWR has been established by an act of law by the Council of Ministers that makes it mandatory to include OWR in regional (voivodeship) crisis management and civil protection contingency plans. WWF Poland and a leading rehabilitation centre are involved in the preparedness activities.

- Sweden:

Plans on wider scale for handling oil spills exist. A specific guidance on how to respond to oiled wildlife should have been developed but has not been prioritized. The responsible authorities for oil response in Sweden are the coastguard and municipalities. The role of the NGOs is unclear. Birds can be euthanized in Sweden. Legislation unclear concerning rehabilitation.

Agenda Item 4 EWG OWR activities

Documents: 4-1, 4-2, 4-2-Add.1, 4-3, 4-3-Add.1, 4-4, 4-4-Add.1, 4-4- Add.2

4.1 The Meeting recalled the discussion at EWG OWR 14-2020 on euthanasia and agreed to arrange a half-day online seminar on euthanasia before the end of 2020 to discuss challenges and solutions based on scenarios. Sea Alarm offered to make a proposal on the content of such a seminar.

4.2 The Meeting took note of the information by Germany on the German project looking into the legal basis for rehabilitation and euthanasia. It might be useful to compare the legislation in the Contracting Parties as it might cause differences in the response or the legislation might be unclear.

4.3 The Meeting took note of the information provided by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia and Poland on nationally and/or internationally available wildlife equipment stockpiles (document 4-3 and 4-3-Add.1). The Meeting decided to keep the document updated (information available also in the restricted EWG OWR workspace) and to return to the document recurrently. The Meeting requested Contracting Parties, which have not yet done so, to provide information on stockpiles at their earliest convenience.

4.4 Sea Alarm will look into the possibility to extend the table with information on who will mobilize the equipment and use it in the field.

4.5 The Meeting pointed out that a relation should be made between equipment needed for challenging scenario's, and also a distinction needs to be made between equipment that needs to be in stockpile and equipment that can be bought when needed (from grocery stores etc.).

4.6 Synergies with EUROWA and the EUROWA stockpile in Ostend can and need to be made.

4.7 The Meeting took note of the information provided by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia and Poland on the involvement of NGOs in national and international emergency cooperation (document 4-2 and 4-2-Add.1). The Meeting decided to keep the document updated (information available also in the restricted EWG OWR workspace) and to return to the document recurrently. The Meeting requested Contracting Parties, which have not yet done so, to provide information on NGO cooperation at their earliest convenience.

4.8 The Meeting recalled that EWG OWR 14-2019 agreed to report oiled wildlife response activities to the Response Working Group using the Self Assessment Tool (SAT 2.0) and took note of the SAT reports provided by Denmark, Finland, Germany, Latvia and Poland (documents 4-4, 4-4-Add.1 and 4-4-Add.2).

4.9 The Meeting took note that also Estonia and Sweden will assess their current level of preparedness by filling in SAT 2.0 and send it to the Chair (nijkamp@sea-alarm.org) and the Secretariat (laura.meski@helcom.fi) at the latest **by 12 June 2020**. The Meeting requested the Secretariat to approach Lithuania and Russia with the same request to have a final progress report based on the SATs submitted to RESPONSE 28-2020.

4.10 The Meeting took note of the presentation by Ms. Nele Markones, Kiel University and Co-chair of the Joint OSPAR/HELCOM/ICES Working Group on Seabirds (JWG BIRD), on baseline data collection on seabird distributions in the Baltic Sea (**Presentation 1**). The study is not yet available but preliminary maps will be included in the JWG OWR report to be available shortly. The presentation demonstrated huge densities of species present in shallow areas of the Baltic, many of which are vulnerable to oil pollution. The data included winter concentrations, but in summer large concentration of moulting birds are also known. The Meeting realised that an oil spill in such areas may cause hundreds if not thousands of birds getting oiled in a short period of time, causing significant logistic challenges for a wildlife response. Ms. Markones

indicated that the data from the joined surveys are currently used in a project that aims to model the species distribution in the Baltic area. The Meeting thanked Ms. Markones for her interesting presentation.

4.11 In the discussion following the presentation the Meeting concluded that it is important to introduce “scenario-based response planning”, to make Contracting Parties more aware of the quantitative challenges of an oil spill in the coastal regions.

4.12 The Meeting noted the importance of including data on seabird distribution to situation awareness systems like BORIS (Common Situation Awareness System for Finnish Authorities Participating in Oil Spill Response), which is undergoing renewal, but was informed that data based on flight transects is not possible to include in BORIS.

4.13 The Meeting took note of the information by Sea Alarm and WWF on the formalisation of the EUROWA (EUROPEAN Oiled Wildlife Assistance) Network (document 4-1), and its aim to provide an international professional service for mutual assistance between Contracting Parties, and agreed to revisit EUROWA as a topic in future meetings.

Agenda Item 5 Training and information activities to support work of EWG OWR

Documents: 5-1, 5-1-Add.1

5.1 The Meeting took note of the information provided by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia and Poland on how various authority responsibilities are divided in each Contracting Party (document 5-1 and 5-1-Add.1). The Meeting decided to keep the document updated (information available also in the restricted EWG OWR [workspace](#)) and to return to the document recurrently.

5.2 The Meeting decided to arrange a half-day online seminar on early incident response in cross-border wildlife incidents on 15 September 2020. Sea Alarm and Germany as the organizers will prepare a provisional program.

Agenda Item 6 Any other business

Documents: 6-1, 6-1-Rev.1

6.1 The Meeting took note of the information by Estonia on the ongoing Interreg OIL SPILL project 2019-2021 (<https://blogit.utu.fi/oilspill/>). The main objective of the project is to strengthen the oil spill response capability in the Baltic Sea Region by enhancing cooperation structures, procedures and skills between and within the relevant stakeholders. The project will likely apply for extension due to COVID-19 until end of 2021. An online meeting will be held in week 23 which is open for participation.

6.2 The Meeting took note that a project proposal EUROPEAN Wildlife pollution emergency Assistance -2 (EUROWA-2) has been submitted for the EU funding call for Prevention and Preparedness for Marine Pollution At-Sea and On-Shore (DG ECHO) By Sea Alarm and WWF Finland among others. The project aims to strengthen international cooperation between authorities and between authorities and professional response organisations unified in the EUROWA network and will have the following workstreams 1) seabird impact 2) sea turtle activities 3) activities for the EUROWA network 4) authorities. The Meeting agreed to discuss the project proposal further at the next meeting.

6.3 The Meeting took note that Sea Alarm will conduct an update of the country wildlife response profiles from 2014, available on the Sea Alarm [web page](#), and will contact the members of the EWG OWR for this purpose in the coming months.

6.4 The Meeting took note of the list of contact persons for EWG OWR (document 6-1-Rev.1) as found in **Annex 2**. Contracting Parties are invited to inform the Secretariat (laura.meski@helcom.fi) on changes to contact persons for EWG OWR.

Agenda Item 7

Next meeting

Documents: none

7.1 The Meeting decided that the next meeting of the Group, EWG OWR 16-2020, will be held on 22 September 2020 as an online meeting.

Agenda Item 8

Outcome of the Meeting

Documents: none

8.1 The Meeting adopted the draft Outcome of the Meeting via correspondence..

8.2 The final Outcome of the Meeting has been finalized by the Secretariat and made available on the EWG OWR 15-2020 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal together with meeting documents and the presentation considered during the Meeting.

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Outcome of the 16th Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 16-2020)

Introduction

- 0.1 The 16th Meeting of the HELCOM Expert Working Group on Oiled Wildlife Response (EWG OWR 16-2020) was held as an online meeting on 22 September 2020. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Hugo Nijkamp, Sea Alarm and Chair of EWG OWR.
- 0.2 The Meeting was attended by representatives from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany and Latvia and Observers from Sea Alarm and WWF. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 0.3 Ms. Laura Meski, Assisting Professional Secretary, acted as secretary of the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

Documents: 1-1

- 1.1 The Meeting adopted the Agenda as contained in document 1-1.
- 1.2 The Meeting underlined the importance of having all Contracting Parties attending the meetings for the Group to be able to fulfil its task to strengthen the cooperation between the Contracting Parties in the field of oiled wildlife response (OWR).

Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from other HELCOM activities

Documents: 2-1, 2-2, 2-3

- 2.1 The Meeting took note of the Terms of Reference 2019-2021 for EWG OWR adopted by HOD 58-2020 (document 2-1).
- 2.2 The Meeting took note that HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2020 was held on 26 August 2020 as a response operation exercise at sea hosted by Estonia. The planned observer programme did not take place due to COVID-19. A local shore response exercise (scenario) was organized with Estonian volunteers as part of BALEX DELTA 2020.
- 2.3 The Meeting further noted that BALEX DELTA 2021 will be hosted by Finland in end of August 2021 (week 34). The Main Planning Conference of BALEX DELTA 2021 is planned for January 2021. Kymenlaakso Rescue Department is responsible for planning and conducting the on shore exercise and possible OWR part of the exercise. The Finnish Border Guard is responsible for the exercise at sea.
- 2.4 The Meeting took note of the concern by WWF Finland that the Finnish national OWR plan has still not been formalized, which will have an impact on what can be trained during BALEX DELTA 2021.
- 2.5 Sea Alarm and WWF Finland will look into possibilities to incorporate EUROWA (EUROpean Oiled Wildlife Assistance) in BALEX DELTA 2021.
- 2.6 The Meeting took note of the Outcome of the HELCOM BSAP UP Workshop on maritime activities, including underwater noise, non-indigenous species and response actions (BSAP UP WS-SEA) held

online on 2-4 September 2020 to evaluate the synopses relevant for the Maritime and Response Working Groups (document 2-3).

2.7 The Meeting agreed to propose two additional actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), 1) on converting data on densities of species into a format that is useful from an oil response perspective, which provide a cross linkage between HELCOM groups (biodiversity – oil response) and 2) on how the EUROWA network and its standards will benefit the Baltic Sea and what kind of programme is required for building EUROWA infrastructure into national and regional preparedness.

2.8 The Meeting welcomed the offer by the Chair, WWF Finland and Finland to draft the proposals on new actions using the template for synopsis and to circulate them to EWG OWR for comments at the latest **by 8 October 2020** with the view to have them submitted to RESPONSE 28-2020 by 12 October 2020.

2.9 The Meeting took note of Chapter 7. Co-operation in Oiled Wildlife Response in the revised HELCOM Response Manual (document 2-2), welcomed the offer by the Chair to rewrite the chapter to include mutual assistance arrangements for wildlife response in the Manual and to circulate it to EWG OWR for comments at the latest **by 8 October 2020** after which it will be submitted to RESPONSE 28-2020.

Agenda Item 3 Update and planning/preparedness in Contracting Parties

3.1 The Meeting took note of the following national OWR planning and preparedness activities which have taken place since the last meeting:

- Denmark: A new date has not yet been set for the exercise which was to be held in April 2020 but was cancelled due to COVID-19. These kind of exercises between two Police districts, which are responsible for local accidents, have previously been organized twice a year.

A management plan for marine mammals (in case of emergency including marine mammals) is expected to be ready by end of 2020.

- Estonia: The work on revising the OWR plan will start. The overall response plan is outdated but the new one is still not in force, which is causing some confusion.

An agreement has been prepared (to be signed in October 2020) between the Ministry of Environment and the Estonian Fund for Nature (ELF) for financing activities from 2022 onwards. Funding for ELF in 2021 is secured from other source.

The ongoing Interreg OIL SPILL project (<https://blogit.utu.fi/oilspill/>) has been extended until end of 2021 due to COVID -19. An overview on the status of oil spill response preparedness in the project partner countries will be published shortly. A project conference/seminar will be arranged, possibly virtually, and could involve EWG OWR.

- Finland: National legislation on OWR is still pending and the responsibilities are still unclear between the Borders Guard and the Finnish Environment Institute (Syke) since the organizational changes in the oil response administration in 2018. The OWR plan has not been officially approved but a meeting on the plan will be held later in the autumn 2020.

WWF has held some online trainings for volunteers, but all other trainings have been cancelled due to COVID -19. WWF will likely not get funded in the future by the Finnish Oil Pollution Compensation Fund.

- Germany: The common plan on OWR has been redrafted to make it more understandable/user-friendly during incidents and will be sent to the Federal States for agreement. The common OWR plan will also include prospects of cooperation between NGOs and Authorities
- Latvia: The national OWR plan is ready for adoption by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development by the end of 2020. The plan will list NGOs which will be responsible for volunteers. A new civil protection plan has been adopted.

Poland: WWF Poland is encouraging the voivodeships to specify OWR in their crisis management and civil protection contingency plans concerning for example responsibilities.

Agenda Item 4**EWG OWR activities**

Documents: 4-1-Rev.1, 4-2, 4-3

4.1 The Meeting considered the draft EWG OWR report (document 4-1-Rev.1) and agreed on the following steps for finalizing the report for submission to RESPONSE 28-2020:

- The Chair will write the introduction and conclusions of the report by the end of week 40;
- Denmark, Estonia and Poland will update information from 2017 on OWR activities by end of week 39;
- The Secretariat will resend the request to Lithuania, Russia and Sweden to provide information on the OWR activities according to the agreed template by EWG OWR 9-2017 by end of week 40;
- Finland will assess their current level of preparedness of OWR using the Self-assessment Tool (SAT) version 2 by end of week 39;
- The Secretariat will send a request to Lithuania and Russia to assess their current level of preparedness of OWR using SAT 2.0 by end of week 40
- Sea Alarm will check the correctness of the graphical expressions of the SAT as requested by Germany;

4.2 The Meeting further agreed to have the tables developed by EWG OWR on authority responsibilities, NGO-authority relationships and equipment stockpiles (tables available in the restricted EWG OWR workspace) included in the report with some adjustments discussed by the Meeting.

4.3 The Meeting took note that the Sea Alarm is looking into technical solutions for having the SAT as an online tool. An important aspect will be to ensure that only the correct authority is filling in the information. The online SAT will allow for creating regional averages on OWR preparedness.

4.4 The Meeting took note of the presentation on the EU funded EUROWA (EUROpean Oiled Wildlife Assistance)-2 project activities and other EUROWA Network activities (document 4-2, document 4-3, **Presentation 1**).

Agenda Item 5**Training and information activities to support work of EWG OWR**

5.1 The Meeting took note that a report on the online seminar on early incident response in crossborder wildlife incidents, held on 15 September 2020, will be circulated shortly to EWG OWR. The Meeting requested that the recording from the seminar will be made available as well. The Meeting thanked Germany and Sea Alarm for organizing the very useful seminar and Danish and German representatives for being the players in the incident scenario.

5.2 The Meeting encouraged other Contracting Parties to do similar crossborder table top exercises.

5.3 The Meeting recalled that EWG OWR 15-2020 agreed to arrange a half-day online seminar on euthanasia to discuss challenges and solutions based on scenarios and agreed that the seminar will be held on 19 January 2021.

5.4 The Meeting discussed the programme for the seminar, took note that the draft programme will be circulated shortly by Sea Alarm to EWG OWR for comments and welcomed the offer from Denmark to take care of one presentation at the seminar. Sea Alarm will make arrangements with other speakers, and also consider inviting a speaker from Sweden to the seminar if appropriate, as suggested by Germany.

5.5 The Meeting considered extending the invitation also beyond the Baltic Sea but was of the opinion that the focus should be on the Baltic Sea countries but that the invitations should be extended to veterinarians, animal welfare specialists etc.

5.6 The Meeting recognized that one topic for the seminar could be on who is legalized for conducting euthanasia as it varies between countries. In Denmark it is hunters while in Germany it is a legal requirement to have veterinarians involved.

Agenda Item 6

Any other business

Documents: 6-1-Rev.1

6.1 The Meeting took note of the list of contact persons for EWG OWR (document 6-1-Rev.1) as found in **Annex 2**. Contracting Parties are invited to inform the Secretariat (laura.meski@helcom.fi) on changes to contact persons for EWG OWR.

6.2 The Meeting agreed to discuss at the next meeting the need to include phone numbers and other relevant contact details in the list of contacts for EWG OWR and possibly in the table on authorities for quick access in case of an incident.

Agenda Item 7

Next meeting

7.1 The Meeting decided that the next meeting of the Group, EWG OWR 17-2021, will be held on 9 February 2020 as an online meeting.

Agenda Item 8

Outcome of the Meeting

8.1 The Meeting adopted the draft Outcome of the Meeting via correspondence.

8.2 The final Outcome of the Meeting has been finalized by the Secretariat and made available on the EWG OWR 16-2020 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal together with meeting documents and the presentation considered during the Meeting.

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