



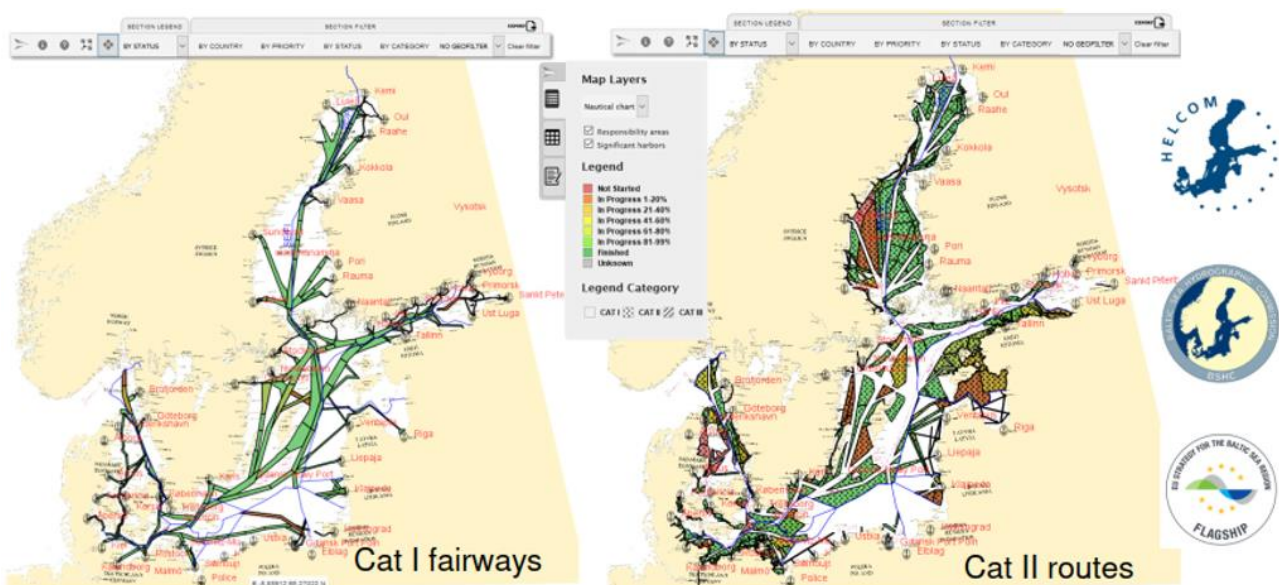
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Background

The Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission (BSHC) has reported the BSHC/HELCOM Revised Baltic Sea Harmonised Re-survey Scheme 2013 to the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting on 3 October 2013. The Ministerial Meeting adopted the Re-survey Scheme including estimated time schedules for completing CAT I and II re-surveys. The BSHC Re-Survey Scheme is a HELCOM MARITIME flagship project.

1. As reported at MARITIME 13-2013 the HELCOM Ministerial Meeting on 3 October 2013 adopted the HELCOM-BSHC Re-survey Scheme with time schedule estimations for completing re-surveys for CAT I and II. The meeting also agreed on some general actions and measures. The 2013 Ministerial Declaration, the Re-survey Scheme document and some further information can be downloaded via the link <http://www.helcom.fi/helcom-at-work/ministerial-declarations/2013-copenhagen/>.

2. The Baltic Sea re-surveys are going on as long term activity. The BSHC Re-survey Monitoring Working Group (MWG) Members are updating and completing the Re-survey Database annually (maintained by Swedish Maritime Administration). Current status of the Re-survey Scheme can be viewed via the link <https://helcomresurvey.sjofartsverket.se/>.

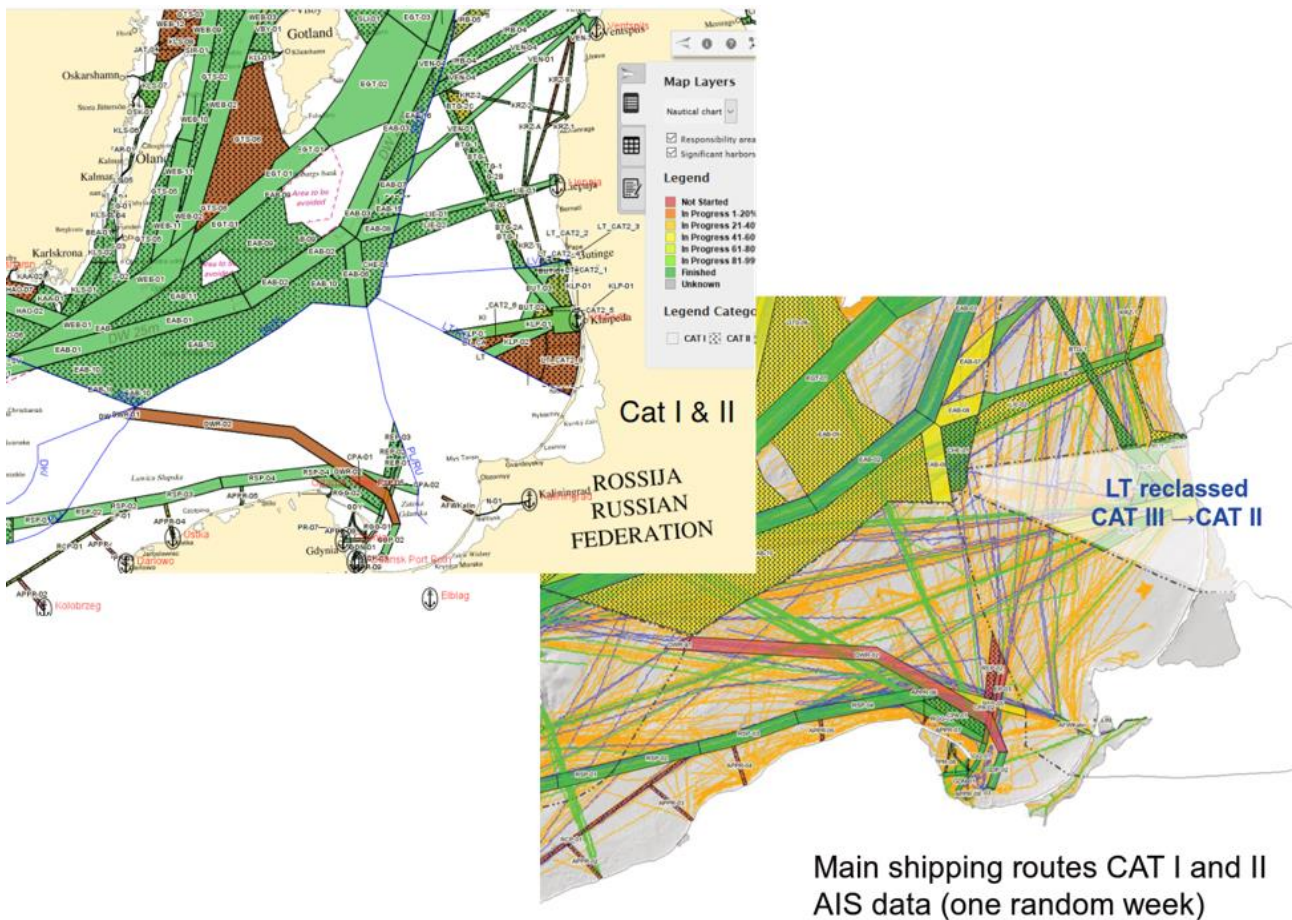


3. Presented to HELCOM MARITIME 19 at EMSA, Lisbon, Portugal:

- The HELCOM Re-Survey Assessment Report
- The HELCOM MARITIME 19 item 10-3 on updating the Re-Survey Scheme to conclude also the Cat III areas as part of the new Baltic Sea Action Plan (pending on decision at the coming BSHC meeting)

4. The HELCOM Delegates outcome December 2016 item 6.57 on the need of updating Re-survey plan and perform re-surveys;

HELCOM Contracting Parties have continuously updated their survey status on defined Cat I & II routes based on HELCOM gathered and current AIS information. Awareness has been raised on the non-harmonized Re-survey plan, especially for the South-Eastern Baltic Sea where further study and work is needed; although some progress has taken place.



Action required

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.

The Meeting is also invited to note the coming HELCOM MARITIME 19 item 10-3 on updating the Re-Survey Scheme to conclude also the Cat III areas, with timetable, to be presented at HELCOM Maritime 20.

The Meeting is further invited to review on each Contracting Party's report in progress of revising the Cat I & II areas in their waters based on up-to-date hydrographic surveys and current commercial shipping AIS info to ensure safe navigation in their waters.

The Contracting Parties are invited to report the revised situation and measures taken at the HELCOM SAFE NAV 11 meeting.