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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 also an EU SBSR flagship project.

## Action requested

The meeting is invited to:

- take note on this information;
- support the MARITIME 19A-2020 and MARITIME 20-2020 proposal to include the Updated HELCOM Re-Survey Scheme CAT III areas into the new BSAP (2021);
- encourage all Contracting Parties to continue hydrographic surveys in their waters;
- encourage all Contracting Parties to monitor the shipping in order to revise the CAT I & II routes and further define uniform routes at border crossings bilaterally with their neighbours.

## HELCOM Re-Survey Scheme update report

1. 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 (maintained by Swedish Maritime Administration). Current status of the Re-survey Scheme can be viewed via the link:

<https://helcomresurvey.sjofartsverket.se/>

2. BSHC25 in September 2020 has approved the updated revised HELCOM harmonized Re-Survey Scheme to include also CAT III areas, which are typically the near coast shallow areas or deep open water areas, used for some shipping, pleasure boating, Search and Rescue, public authorities GIS data for flood prevention as well as for oil recovery contingency.

3. MARITIME 19-2019 has approved this update and MARITIME 19A-2020 has proposed, that harmonized Re-Survey Scheme, updated with CAT III areas shall be part of the new BSAP. MARITIME 20-2020 and BSAP Maritime drafting groups have further endorsed the updated revised HELCOM Re-Survey Scheme to be part of the BSAP 2021.

HELCOM Contracting Parties have updated their survey status on defined CAT I & II routes based on HELCOM gathered and current AIS information.