

Document 4-1: Data call for seal abundance and distribution indicators

The Meeting is invited to take note of the data call and Contracting Parties are invited to inform on the status of their data reporting.



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Data call for abundance and distribution indicators: Background

- Previous data call: The data request for data until 2015 was submitted in 29 November 2016 and data resulting from the data request was stored to the HELCOM seal database.
- On 4 September 2017, a data call was sent out the SEAL EG contacts (cc to State & Conservation contacts) inviting Contracting Parties to report 2016 data on seals by 4 October 2017.



Data call for abundance and distribution indicators: Timelines for HOLAS II 2018 update

INDICATORS	HOLAS II update related
Data reporting by October 4th 2017.	
Update of indicator evaluations – Deadline December 1 st 2017.	
Indicator document update – Deadline April 6 th 2018.	National approval of data and indicator evaluation – Deadline February 23 th 2018.
	Integrated assessment – Deadline March 2 nd 2018.
All documents and supporting documents submitted to HELCOM State and Conservation – HELCOM – Deadline April 23 rd 2018.	



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Data call for abundance and distribution indicators: Status

Country	Grey seal	Harbour seal	Ringed seal
Denmark	2016	2016	No monitoring
Estonia	2015	No monitoring	*
Finland	**	No monitoring	**
Germany	2016 (M-W)	2016 (M-W)	No monitoring
Latvia	No monitoring	No monitoring	No monitoring
Lithuania	No monitoring	No monitoring	No monitoring
Poland	**	No monitoring	No monitoring
Russia	***	No monitoring	***
Sweden	**	2016	**

*) For ringed seals the spatial level of accuracy and aggregation has to be agreed with Estonian Environmental Agency.

***) Data is in preparation.

***) Last survey with the HELCOM method was done on 2011 for Grey seal and 2012 for Ringed Seal. Data from Ringed seal survey for 2017 exists.

