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### Background

HELCOM STATE & CONSERVATION 6-2017 agreed that HELCOM Assessment units should be modified for the 2018 update of the HOLAS II 'State of the Baltic Sea report' ([outcome](#), para 2.MA5-10).

The attached document describes the changes in the assessment units that have been carried out. Attachment 4 of [HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy](#) has also been modified accordingly.

All indicators should be calculated with the new 2018 version of assessment units for the 2018 update of HOLAS II.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note and make use of the information.

## Update of HELCOM Assessment units for 2018 assessment

HELCOM Assessment units were modified for the 2018 update of the State of the Baltic Sea report as requested by HELCOM STATE & CONSERVATION 6-2017 ([outcome](#), para 2.MA5-10). Attachment 4 of [HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy](#) was modified accordingly.

All indicators should be calculated with new 2018 version of assessment units for the 2018 update of HOLAS II.

The new assessment units can be accessed from the HELCOM Map and Data service:

Level	Assessment unit	Download
1	HELCOM Marine area 2018	<a href="#">Link</a>
2	HELCOM Subbasins 2018	<a href="#">Link</a>
3	HELCOM Subbasins with coastal and offshore division 2018	<a href="#">Link</a>
4	HELCOM Subbasins with coastal WFD water types of water bodies 2018	<a href="#">Link</a>

Following modifications were carried out:

1. New subbasin division line between Åland Sea, Northern Baltic Proper, Western Gotland Basin and Bornholm Basin affecting levels 2-4



2. New subbasin division line between Kattegat, Great Belt, The Sound and Arkona basin affecting levels 2-4



3. Due to Change #1, following coastal areas on Level 3 were removed as redundant:
  - Archipelago Sea Finnish Coastal waters
  - Northern Baltic Proper Finnish Coastal waters
4. New coastal WFD water types/bodies included at Level 4 for following Contracting Parties;
  - Denmark
  - Estonia