



25 August 2017

To: Contacts and Observers of HELCOM Seal expert group
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM State and Conservation

Cc: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
Observers of HELCOM
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

**Re. Invitation to the Eleventh Meeting of HELCOM *ad hoc* Seal Expert Group (SEAL 11-2017),
Gothenburg, Sweden, 4–6 October 2017**

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the decision of SEAL 10-2016 (Outcome paragraph 11.3), I have the pleasure to forward you the invitation by Sweden to the eleventh Meeting of the HELCOM *ad hoc* Seal Expert Group (SEAL 11-2017), which will be held on 4–6 October 2017 in Gothenburg, Sweden, at the premises of Sankt Jörgen Park Hotel, Spa and Conference, Knipplekullen 8-10, SE-417 49 Gothenburg.

The Meeting will start on **Wednesday, 4 October at 10.00** and will end on **Friday, 6 October by 14.00**. Attached, please find the Provisional Agenda (document 1-1) and Provisional Annotated Agenda for the Meeting.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [SEAL 11-2016 Meeting site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#).

Those Meeting participants that wish to provide their contributions for the Meeting are requested to submit the documents in electronic format to Associate Professional Secretary Ms. Minna Pyhälä (minna.pyhala@helcom.fi) **at the latest by 12 September 2017**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents shall be received by the Secretariat not later than seven days before the opening of the Meeting, i.e. **27 September 2017**.

Please register for the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal by **27 September 2017**.

Yours sincerely,



Jannica Haldin
Professional Secretary