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## Background

The HELCOM SOM Platform supports the update of the Baltic Sea Action Plan by analysing sufficiency of measures (SOM) to reach good environmental status in the Baltic Sea. Topics specifically covered by the SOM Platform are input of hazardous substances, marine litter, underwater sound, non-indigenous species, and the state of ecosystem components. The HELCOM ACTION project, co-financed by the EU, is contributing to the SOM analysis on the topics by-catch of mammals and birds, impacts on the seafloor, MPAs as a conservation and protection measure, and eutrophication. The ACTION project also leads the development of the methodology to analyze sufficiency of measures.

As agreed by HOD 56-2019 (Outcome, para 2.9), the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SOM Platform (HELCOM SOM Platform 2-2019) will take place 16-17 September 2019 in Helsinki, Finland, at the premises of the HELCOM Secretariat (Katajanokanlaituri 6b).

The Meeting will start on **Monday 16 September 2019 at 12.00** and is expected to end on **Tuesday 17 September 2019 at 16.00**. Monday evening is reserved for discussion groups as decided by the meeting.

The Meeting will be Chaired by Mr. Urmas Lips. The Meeting will focus on:

- remaining methodological steps, including an evaluation of effectiveness of measures, pressure-state response, and analysing cost-effectiveness of potential new HELCOM actions;
- progress of work of SOM Platform and HELCOM ACTION project, including preparations for HELCOM meetings that will contribute to the SOM analyses in autumn 2019;
- preparations for HELCOM thematic workshops in spring 2020.

**Note that the Annotated Agenda replaces the Provisional Agenda that was circulated together with the invitation to the meeting.**

Documents for the Meeting will be made available in the SOM Platform 2-2019 [Meeting Site](#) in the HELCOM Meeting Portal. The basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision to the Meeting should be submitted in electronic form to the Secretariat ([susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi](mailto:susanna.kaasinen@helcom.fi)) **by 26 August 2019**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be provided to the Secretariat **by 9 September 2019**.

The participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) not later than **by 9 September 2019**. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents and to register to the meeting. [Instructions](#) for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the HELCOM website.

## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda of the meeting (document 1-1).

### Agenda item 2 Approach to analyse sufficiency of measures

The approach to analyse sufficiency of measures was discussed at HELCOM SOM Platform 1-2019 and further developed in spring 2019 based on input from the SOM Platform. GEAR 20-2019 and HOD 56-2019 endorsed the approach to analyse sufficiency of measures and its use to support the BSAP update (GEAR Outcome para 5.20, HOD Outcome para 2.16). The latest and approved version of the approach is included in [document 2-3](#) to HOD 56-2019.

The SOM approach outlines the framework for the analysis but some of the steps have not yet been detailed. The Meeting will consider proposals on how to carry out these methodological steps based on documents (to be submitted) and presentations to the meetings. The following steps will be discussed in detail:

- 1) updates to the model
- 2) the evaluation of effectiveness of measures
- 3) the evaluation of pressure-state response
- 4) how time lags will be considered in the analyses
- 5) a draft proposal on the analysis of cost-effectiveness of proposed new actions and measures.

Approaches 2 and 3 will be carried out at workshops and meetings, or alternatively conducted via online surveys, through HELCOM expert networks, expert groups and Working Groups in autumn 2019.

The Meeting is invited to discuss and guide the further development of the methodological steps and their implementation by HELCOM subsidiary bodies.

Note that Monday evening, 16 September, is reserved for continued discussion on the methodological developments as decided by the Meeting.

### Agenda item 3 Progress of topic teams and HELCOM ACTION project

The topic teams that have been established under the SOM Platform and the partners of the HELCOM ACTION project will contribute with data and information to the SOM analysis. This includes e.g. to propose the geographical scope for the work and how to delimit the analyses, estimate the relative contribution of activities to different pressures, and to gather information on effectiveness of measures. The Meeting will discuss the progress made and outstanding issues for continued work (documents to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to consider the progress of work and agree on the next steps.

### Agenda item 4 Preparation of thematic BSAP UP workshops in spring 2020

Several activities will contribute to the agreement on the content of the updated BSAP including results of the SOM analyses, the production of synopses on new actions, and the ongoing review of the current BSAP. The results of these activities will jointly form the basis for a first selection of new actions for the BSAP, to take place at thematic BSAP UP workshops that have been planned for spring 2020. A proposal for dates and themes for BSAP UP workshops will be presented to the meeting (document 4-1).

The Meeting is invited to discuss and agree on topics to be covered by the thematic BSAP UP workshops and propose dates to enact them.

An invitation to submit proposals on new actions for the updated BSAP has gone out to HELCOM subsidiary bodies, HELCOM Observers, and to coordinators of previous and ongoing BONUS projects. Proposals are to be submitted according to a predefined format and the deadline is by end of 2019 (document 4-2). The synopses are meant to create a library, or “long-list”, of potential new actions, to be reviewed and used as a basis for making a more specific selection of actions at the thematic BSAP UP workshops in spring 2020. This step will require criteria for reviewing and selecting actions to be considered for the updated BSAP (document to be submitted later).

The Meeting is invited to discuss and further develop selection criteria of new actions for the updated BSAP.

#### Agenda item 5      Next steps

The Meeting is invited to discuss next steps and agree on a date and focal items for the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the SOM Platform.

#### Agenda item 6      Notes form the Meeting

Notes will be finalized after closure of the Meeting and circulated for approval in writing by the participants in a time frame as agreed by the Meeting.

## Provisional timetable HELCOM SOM Platform 2-2019

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| Monday<br>16 September  |  |
| 12.00-14.00             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Words of welcome</b></li> <li>- <b>Agenda item 1</b></li> <li>- <b>Agenda item 2</b></li> </ul>  |
| 14.00-14.30             | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 14:30-17.00             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Agenda item 2</b> (continues)</li> </ul>   |
| 17.00-17.30             | <i>Evening snack</i>   |
| 17.30-19.00             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued discussion by groups as relevant</li> </ul>   |
| Tuesday<br>17 September |  |
| 9.00-10:30              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Agenda item 3</b></li> </ul>   |
| 10:30-11:00             | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 11:00-12:30             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Agenda item 3</b> (continues)</li> </ul>   |
| 12:30-13:30             | <i>Lunch break</i>   |
| 13.30-15:00             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Agenda item 4</b></li> </ul>   |
| 15:00-15:15             | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 15:15-16:00             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Agenda item 5 and 6</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Notes will be prepared after closure of the meeting and circulated for comments in writing.</i></p> |