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Background

Management Guidelines BSEP 105

At S&C 9-2018 it was decided that Contracting Parties can provide comments to the Guidelines for designation and management of HELCOM MPAs to the Secretariat (laura.hoikkala@helcom.fi) or their national TG MPA representative by 30 January 2019, to identify where and what would need to be updated. At the meeting in 21 January TG MPA were also invited to individually review the guidelines and share the results by 30 January, after which all comments received were to be forwarded to the Lead country Finland to be collated and present it at a TG MPA meeting in 12 March where the group discussed how to elaborate a way forward. At the March meeting TG MPA went through comments by Germany and Finland and proposed to have one meeting in 5 April, in hope to have more comments. At the TG MPA meeting the group discussed on the compiled results of the MPA management and designation guidelines and agreed on a proposed way forward. The TG MPA group discussed on how extensive the update will need to be and an estimation of how much time/resource it might require. It was decided that Finland as the Lead Country will give some estimates how much time /resources the update would need.

Finland went through the management guidelines (Att.1), both looking at themes/parts that needs update, that could be deleted as well issues /items that should be included. At the same time Finland made a rough estimate how much work each change would require. This has been summed up in the excel file attached (Att.2).

During the reviewing of possible updates, it was noted that due to advances in science (e.g. Climate change), legislation (e.g. MSFD) and technologies (e.g. web mapping) the guidelines would need major updating. The rough estimate for the time needed for the update was summed to app. 6-8 months. This will probably change when the updating starts and an even more in depth review of the documents will take place.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to

- give their comments to the suggestions presented in the document
- propose any topics /themes that should be included in the guidelines that are now missing
- discuss and agree on the process how to update the guidelines and on the suggested time resources
- ask Contracting Parties if they are willing to contribute to the update work