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Background

The HELCOM MPA management workshop was held on 10-12 September 2018, at Husby säteri, outside Norrköping in Sweden. The workshop was arranged back-to-back with an EU Natura 2000 biogeographical workshop.

This document contains recommendations from the workshop, including from the session on the MPA database, which can be considered relevant for the updating process of the MPA management guidelines, the MPA designation guidelines as well as for consideration in further work on the MPA Pressure guidelines. The recommendations are related to approaches, tools or guideline that the managers identified are needed, and where HELCOM could provide valuable support, to improve the management on both a national and a regional level, to help ensure that the HELCOM network of MPAs is coherent and effectively managed, thus supporting the implementation of Aichi Target 11.

Recommendations to HELCOM:

Tools

- For HELCOM to produce and provide easily accessible HELCOM MPA information material aimed at the general public to support joint communication across the regions with stakeholders and administration.
- Explore if the MPA database can be used to store and share information on e.g. objectives and targets from the management plans in a structures way, e.g- using a template. This would significantly facilitate access to information and cooperation across borders.

Guidelines

- For HELCOM to provide an overview of scientific evidence and recommendations for impact assessment procedure, including the effects of human activities and cumulative impacts on the environment,
- For HELCOM to provide an overview of scientific evidence to support, as well as regional guidelines and recommendations for, monitoring methods and standards for use in MPAS management.
- For HELCOM to provide an overview and recommendation for methods used when assessing management effectiveness that can be used on individual MPAs and on a network level.
- For HELCOM to produce guidelines based on best practices to support effective and efficient processes within MPA management.
- Provide an overview and recommendation for setting relevant conservation objectives.

- For HELCOM to facilitate the development of a regional framework which can account for different requirements and commitments into account. Develop guidelines for producing multi-management plan using said framework.
- In general any guidelines produced should ideally take into account other commitments and global recommendations etc. (e.g. IUCN, Habitats Directive, Agenda 2030, Aichi targets, CBD).

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and use it as relevant for the discussions on the MPA guidelines.