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Background

The Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC), whose main aim of the BSAC is to prepare and provide advice on the management of Baltic Sea fisheries in order to achieve a successful running of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy, held a meeting of the BSAC Ecosystem Base Management (EBM) Working Group in Copenhagen, 13 March 2019.

The main aim of the meeting of the BSAC EBM Working Group was to update, discuss and complete an overview of fisheries management measures in Natura 2000 areas in the Baltic. The BSAC Secretariat prepared an overview on this topic which was presented to the BSAC Executive Committee at its meeting on 29th January 2019. The Committee endorsed the overview, which is presented in this document as **Attachment 1**.

The EBM WG meeting strove to expand on the overview prepared by the BSAC secretariat and to answer some of the questions raised, for example:

1. Which fisheries management measures are already in place or are planned at the moment in the Baltic? (Short report from every member state or relevant bodies which already made a compilation)
2. Do we see a proper use of European law and the guiding principles in the countries? (Mapping of habitats (i.e. new German handbook on reef mapping), databases on conservation status etc.)
3. Is there a sufficient socio-economic impact assessment? (This is something where the fisheries sector representatives may be able to add information)
4. Control measures

Attachment 2 contains the outcome of the meeting and the elaboration by the countries as regards the information provided in the overview prepared by the BSAC Secretariat.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note of the information and use it as appropriate.