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## Background

During STATE & CONSERVATION 10-2019, the meeting noted that there are general gaps in the monitoring of seabirds, harbour porpoise and benthic biotopes. The meeting welcomed the offer by Germany to present its national approach of a seabird monitoring at sea as contribution for the HELCOM Recommendation 34E/1 (Safeguarding important bird habitats and migration routes...) and future indicator work. Moreover, the HELCOM Recommendations 17/2 (Protection of harbour porpoise...) and 40/1 (Conservation and protection of marine and coastal biotopes...) also require monitoring and/or mapping activities. In this context, Germany will present its national approaches for the survey and the geo-data service of sightings and population development of seabirds and harbour porpoise as well as the national approach for benthic surveys and benthic habitat mapping.

## Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information presented by Germany about the national surveys on:

- seabirds and harbour porpoise,
- benthic habitats and communities.

