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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
Observers of HELCOM  
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM State and Conservation  
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

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**Re. Eleventh Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 11-2019)**

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with the decision by HOD 55-2018, the eleventh Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation, (STATE & CONSERVATION 11-2019) will be convened in Riga, Latvia, on 21-25 October 2019.

The Meeting will start on **Monday 21 October 2019 at 10.00** and is expected to end on **Friday 25 October 2019 at 15.00**. In accordance with the decision of STATE & CONSERVATION 10-2019 (Outcome para 9J.2), the Meeting will focus on Joint and Nature conservation Sessions, while STATE & CONSERVATION 12-2020 will focus on Joint and Monitoring and Assessment Sessions. Monday to Wednesday 10.30 will be dedicated to joint themes, and Wednesday 11.00 to Friday 15.00 will be dedicated to issues related to Biodiversity and Nature Conservation.

Meeting documents will be submitted by the Secretariat to the [document library](#) of the [STATE&CONSERVATION 11-2019 Meeting Site](#) via the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#).

The Secretariat kindly requests the Contracting Parties and Observers to observe the deadlines for submission of documents to a HELCOM meeting. Basic documents and documents requiring action or a decision to the Meeting should be submitted in electronic format to Professional Secretary, Jannica Haldin ([jannica.haldin@helcom.fi](mailto:jannica.haldin@helcom.fi)) by **25 September 2019**, at the latest. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be provided to the Secretariat by **9 October 2019**.

Participants are kindly requested to register for the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) at their earliest convenience, and **not later than 11 October 2019**. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary