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Background

To support the selection of new measures and actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, an invitation to submit synopses on potential new HELCOM actions was put forward in spring 2019 to the Contracting Parties, HELCOM subsidiary bodies, international projects and HELCOM Observers. As a first step, the HELCOM Working Groups conducted a technical review on the proposals for new actions, and as a second step, they were evaluated in the HELCOM BSAP UP workshops.

The HELCOM BSAP UP workshop on biodiversity, including extraction of species and spatial measures, for the consideration of proposed new actions (BSAP UP WS-BIO) held online on 31 August – 2 September 2020 evaluated the synopses relevant for the State and Conservation Working Group. The Workshop included six breakout sessions: spatial conservation, conservation and restoration of species, restoration of habitats, mapping and monitoring, managing human activities and fisheries. The evaluation of the proposed actions in the workshop took place in the breakout sessions and focused on the effectiveness of the measures and whether or not the actions are supported for the updated BSAP.

A summary of the general discussion in the workshop can be found in the workshop Notes and the evaluation of the synopses in the breakout groups is included in the Annexes to the Notes (see link to the workshop site [here](#)). The synopses that were evaluated are available in the dedicated [workspace](#) where they can be sorted according to the workshop and breakout session.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the outcome of the BSAP UP WS-BIO;
- further elaborate and endorse for submission to HOD 59-2020 the proposed new actions taking into account the outcome of the BSAP UP Workshop;
- identify possible gaps in the set of measures for the updated BSAP and propose measures to fill the gaps and agree on a process for assessing the proposed measures in a similar manner to those submitted through the synopses;
- take note that further work on the proposed new actions will take place in DG BSAP and HOD meetings, in line with the BSAP updated workplan.