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Background

This document contains an initial draft of the structure of the annex to the Biodiversity segment of the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, including some preliminary examples (**Attachment 1**). Each segment in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan will have a corresponding annex, which will contain detailed supplementary information on each action under the segment in question, to guide future assessment of implementation and provide context for the actions. This includes e.g. target year, rationale (including linkage to other actions), estimate effect, HELCOM body responsible to oversee implementation, whether the action is to be considered for national implementation by CP or regional implementation through HELCOM etc. ([HOD 57-2019 outcome para. 3.27-3.28](#) and [HOD 58-2019 para. 4.16](#)).

As agreed by HOD 58-2020 the Annexes, as they are outlined in [HOD 57-2019 document 3-5](#) and [HOD 58-2020 document 4-11](#), will be compiled by the Working Groups with the help of the Secretariat, starting in autumn 2020 with focus on those existing actions for which in principle agreement was reached at HOD 58-2020.

In the effort to ensure the final document is concise and easily accessible the action annexes are foreseen to be the only supplementary information to be directly included in the update Baltic Sea Action Plan. In line with the plan agreed by HOD 58-2020 ([document 4-11](#), [outcome para. 4.16](#)), additional documents that are adopted alongside or support the implementation of the updated BSAP, e.g. Recommendations, roadmaps, topic specific action plans etc., are to remain as separate documents and not merged with the main BSAP document.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the content and structure of the draft Annex for the biodiversity segment of the updated BSAP;
- agree on how to take the work forward in order to ensure that the work is finalized prior to HOD 60-2021.