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*Note that this document was submitted after the established deadline. It will be decided by the Meeting whether the document can be discussed or is postponed to the next meeting.*

### Background

STATE & CONSERVATION 9-2018 agreed to initiate reporting on the HELCOM Recommendation 37/2 “Conservation of Baltic Sea species categorized as threatened according to the 2013 HELCOM Red List” and welcomed Germany’s offer to draft a template for reporting on the level of implementation of the actions under the Recommendation, with assistance from the Secretariat.

After testing the first draft template, STATE & CONSERVATION 11-2019 discussed the possibility for more detailed reporting on the Recommendation and agreed that a higher level of detail would add value to the reporting results. The Meeting considered that a matrix approach, which takes individual species into account, could provide added value to the reporting exercise. However, the Meeting took note that the workload for reporting for individual species would be much higher compared to the template tested prior to STATE & CONSERVATION 11-2019 and considered possible grouping of species for reporting.

The draft template for reporting on HELCOM Recommendation 37/2 in a matrix format is given in Att. 1 as prepared by Germany, lead country for this recommendation. The matrix format of the template provides the participant with the opportunity to report on both individual species categorized as threatened according to the 2013 HELCOM Red List and on species groups. Another option for reporting would be habitat-based grouping of species. The reporting template provides a first suggestion for habitat-based grouping. However, verification by HELCOM expert groups/expert networks is recommended. The specified response options for the template are shown in the legend on the first sheet in Att. 1 and allow calculating a score for the implementation of the HELCOM Recommendation 37/2.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to discuss:

- whether grouping of species for reporting should be based on species groups or associated habitats;
- if grouping of species for reporting should not be based on habitats, in which cases should reporting refer to individual species or to species groups in order to harmonize reporting on HELCOM level;
- if reporting on HELCOM Recommendation 40/1 “Conservation and protection of marine and coastal biotopes, habitats and biotope complexes categorized as threatened according to the HELCOM red lists” can replace reporting on HELCOM Recommendation 37/2 for some species/species groups;
- if the categories for scoring are appropriate;
- how to interpret/rank the reported scores.

The Meeting is further invited to finalize and in principle adopt the template for reporting on the HELCOM Recommendation 37/2.