



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature
Conservation

STATE & CONSERVATION
13-2020

Online, 5-9 October 2020

Document title	Overview of planned reporting on HELCOM Recommendations under the remit of the State and Conservation Working Group
Code	5J-1
Category	INF
Agenda Item	5J – Development and implementation of Recommendations
Submission date	14.9.2020
Submitted by	Secretariat

Background

STATE & CONSERVATION 11-2020 took note of the overview of Recommendation reporting deadlines under State and Conservation WG and noted that at the moment several Recommendations do not have a regular reporting interval or a reporting form. The meeting further discussed the way the Recommendations are considered in the State & Conservation meetings and took note that the long term intention behind setting up reporting schemes and formats for each recommendation is to create a rolling system where all recommendations are included but only a few Recommendations (those relevant for reporting in that year) would be discussed in each meeting.

To facilitate the overview of, and planning for, reporting on Recommendations under the remit of the State and Conservation Working Group, as well as to identify gaps in the current Recommendation management structure, the Secretariat has compiled an overview of Recommendation reporting including frequency, reporting deadlines, lead countries etc., as well as a timeline overview, as contained in this document.

STATE & CONSERVATION 12-2020 took note of the overview contained in this document, as presented by the Secretariat and agreed to come back to discussion on the reporting at STATE & CONSERVATION 13-2020.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note of the overview of planned reporting on HELCOM Recommendations under the remit of the State and Conservation Working Group.
- consider the information in future processes when formalizing reporting for those Recommendations for which reporting frequency, formats etc. are still lacking.

Overview of planned reporting on HELCOM Recommendations under the remit of the State and Conservation Working Group

Table 1. Overview of reporting schemes for recommendations under the remit of State and Conservation WG

S&C session	Rec. #	Recommendation Name	Adopted	Latest revision	Reporting interval	Latest reporting	Next reporting	Lead	Template available	Comment
joint	10/1	ABNORMAL SITUATIONS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT	1989		not specified	?	NA	Estonia		Possibly to be taken over by a service
monitoring	10/2	ASSESSMENTS OF THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON THE COASTAL AREAS OF THE BALTIC SEA	1989		not specified	?	NA	not specified		Proposed for Pressure
conservation	15/1	PROTECTION OF THE COASTAL STRIP	1994	2018	6 years	2019*	2025	Finland	To be developed by end of 2024	
joint	16/3	PRESERVATION OF NATURAL COASTAL DYNAMICS	1995		not specified	2019	NA	Denmark	Yes	reporting frequency to be decided at S&C 12-2020
conservation	17/2	PROTECTION OF HARBOUR PORPOISE IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA	1996	2020	4 years	2019*	2022	Poland	To be developed by end of 2021	
monitoring	19/3-R	MANUAL FOR THE HELCOM JOINT COORDINATED MARINE MONITORING	1998	2018	1 year	?	2020	Estonia	Overview of reported data and gaps from the different data repositories, to be provided annually	
joint	21/3	SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TOURISM IN THE COASTAL ZONES OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA	2000		not specified	Never	NA	Latvia	Yes	under revision, possibly to be replaced by guidelines
joint	24/10-R	IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA	2003	2019	3 years	2019*	2022	Estonia	To be developed by 2021	
monitoring	26/3	MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES	2005		not specified	?	NA	not specified		MORS invited to set up reporting scheme
conservation	27/28-2	CONSERVATION OF SEALS IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA	2006		5 years	2019*	2022	Sweden	Yes	reporting handled by EG MAMA
conservation	34E/1	SAFEGUARDING IMPORTANT BIRD HABITATS AND MIGRATION ROUTES IN THE BALTIC SEA FROM NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF WIND AND WAVE ENERGY PRODUCTION AT SEA	2013		on request	2019*		Sweden/Germany		
conservation	35/1	SYSTEM OF COASTAL AND MARINE BALTIC SEA PROTECTED AREAS (HELCOM MPAs)	2004		6 years	2019*	2021	Finland	To be submitted to S&C 13-2020	
monitoring	37/1	CO-OPERATION AND COORDINATION OF RESEARCH VESSEL BASED MONITORING IN OFF-SHORE AREAS AND PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING PERMITS FOR MONITORING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES	2016		not specified	?	NA	not specified		
conservation	37/2	CONSERVATION OF BALTIC SEA SPECIES CATEGORIZED AS THREATENED ACCORDING TO THE 2013 HELCOM RED LIST	2016		6 years	2019	2020	Germany	Yes	reporting in the year following HD art 17 reporting

S&C session	Rec. #	Recommendation Name	Adopted	Latest revision	Reporting interval	Latest reporting	Next reporting	Lead	Template available	Comment
conservation	40/1	CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF MARINE AND COASTAL BIOTOPES, HABITATS AND BIOTOPE COMPLEXES CATEGORIZED AS THREATENED ACCORDING TO THE HELCOM RED LISTS	2019		6 years	Never	2020	Germany	DE to send out for review and testing prior to STATE&CONSERAVTION 13-2020,	

Table 2. Timeline of reporting for HELCOM recommendations under the remit of the State and Conservation WG.

S&C session	Rec. #	Recommendation Name	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Reporting interval	Lead	Template available	Comment
joint	10/1	ABNORMAL SITUATIONS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT												not specified	EE		Possibly to be taken over by a service
monitoring	10/2	ASSESSMENTS OF THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON THE COASTAL AREAS OF THE BALTIC SEA												not specified	not specified		Proposed for Pressure
conservation	15/1	PROTECTION OF THE COASTAL STRIP												6 years	FI		
joint	16/3	PRESERVATION OF NATURAL COASTAL DYNAMICS												not specified	DK	Yes	reporting frequency to be decided at S&C 12-2020
conservation	17/2	PROTECTION OF HARBOUR PORPOISE IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA												4 years	PL		
monitoring	19/3-R	MANUAL FOR THE HELCOM JOINT COORDINATED MARINE MONITORING												1 year	EE	overview of reported data and gaps from the different data repositories, to be provided annually	
joint	21/3	SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TOURISM IN THE COASTAL ZONES OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA												not specified	LV	Yes	under revision, possibly to be replaced by guideline
joint	24/10-R	IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA												3 years	EE	To be developed by 2021	
monitoring	26/3	MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES												not specified	not specified		MORS invited to set up reporting scheme
conservation	27/28-2	CONSERVATION OF SEALS IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA												5 years	SE	Yes	reporting handled by EG MAMA
conservation	34E/1	SAFEGUARDING IMPORTANT BIRD HABITATS AND MIGRATION ROUTES IN THE BALTIC SEA FROM NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF WIND AND WAVE ENERGY PRODUCTION AT SEA												on request	SE/DE		
conservation	35/1	SYSTEM OF COASTAL AND MARINE BALTIC SEA PROTECTED AREAS (HELCOM MPAs)												6 years	FI		
monitoring	37/1	CO-OPERATION AND COORDINATION OF RESEARCH VESSEL BASED MONITORING IN OFF-SHORE AREAS AND PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING PERMITS FOR MONITORING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES												not specified	not specified		
conservation	37/2	CONSERVATION OF BALTIC SEA SPECIES CATEGORIZED AS THREATENED ACCORDING TO THE 2013 HELCOM RED LIST												6 years	DE	Yes	reporting in the year following HD art 17 reporting

S&C session	Rec. #	Recommendation Name	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Reporting interval	Lead	Template available	Comment
conservation	40/1	CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF MARINE AND COASTAL BIOTOPES, HABITATS AND BIOTOPE COMPLEXES CATEGORIZED AS THREATENED ACCORDING TO THE HELCOM RED LISTS												6 years	DE		to be prepared for S&C 13-2020
Reporting overview/year	# recs for reporting/year		3	2	4	1	1	4	3	3	2	1	2				
	#conservation		2	1	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1				
	#monitoring		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
	#joint		0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0				