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Background

This document contains an initial draft of the structure of the annex information of relevance for State and Conservation WG for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, including further developed content prepared by the Secretariat, at the invitation of STATE & CONSERVATION 13-2020 (**Attachment 1**). At the invitation of STATE & CONSERVATION 13-2020 a column linking the actions with the relevant expert groups have been added. In addition, the Secretariat has provided a proposal for utilizing the activity and pressure information collated as part of the sufficiency of measures, as well as for the HELCOM Explorer work.

Each segment in the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan will have a segment specific 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.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- consider the content and structure of the draft Annex for the biodiversity segment of the updated BSAP;
- consider the proposal to include information on activities and pressures in the Annex,
- agree that the draft annex can be included as an example in the first full draft of the updated BSAP, to be submitted to HOD 59-2020,
- agree on how to take the work forward in order to ensure that the work is finalized prior to HOD 60-2021.