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Background

This document presents the recent and upcoming activities of the HELCOM Correspondence Group on FOODWEB (CG FOODWEB).

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of recent and upcoming activities of CG FOODWEB.

Recent and upcoming activities of CG FOODWEB

With reference to the [Outcome](#) of the 59th Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD 59-2020, para 6.7 and 6.10), the activities under CG FOODWEB are driven by the Terms of Reference (cf. Annex 1 of the [document 6-1](#) submitted to HOD 59-2020).

The first meeting of the HELCOM Correspondence Group on Food web (CG FOODWEB 1-2021) was held on 15-16 April 2021. CG FOODWEB 1-2021 was a joint scoping even between CG FOODWEB and the HELCOM BLUES project (Activity 2). The Outcome of this scoping event, as well as the documents and presentations are available on CG FOODWEB 1-2021 [Meeting Site](#).

Based on the CG FOODWEB 1-2021, [CG FOODWEB 2-2021](#), held on 27 May 2021, to further work on the topic of assessing food webs within HOLAS III and beyond. The most recent meeting of the Correspondence Group, [CG FOODWEB 3-2021](#), was held on 30 August 2021. During this meeting, the participants agreed on a final proposal to be submitted to STATE&CONSERVATION 15-2021 for assessing food webs within HOLAS III and beyond. The Annex 3 of CG FOODWEB 3-2021 [outcome](#) contains this proposal. This proposal is also available in the document 3J-47 submitted to STATE & CONSERVATION 15-2021.

Based on the Outcome of CG FOODWEB 3-2021, the next meeting will be held at the end of October 2021 to further work on the topic based on the feedback from STATE & CONSERVAITON 15-2021, with the aim of presenting a further improved plan for approval at HOD 61-2021. The HELCOM Secretariat will share with the nominated experts and relevant contacts (i.e. HELCOM BLUES project) a doodle to define the date of this meeting.