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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 13-2021 took note of the Overview of planned reporting on HELCOM Recommendations under the remit of the S&C WG (document 5J-1), as presented by the Secretariat and agreed to consider the reporting of 1-2 Recommendations per State and Conservation meeting until the rolling system is in place.

In 2022, reporting is planned for the following Recommendations:

- Rec 17/2 Protection of harbour porpoise in the Baltic Sea area (conservation),
- Rec 24/10-R Implementation of integrated marine and coastal management of human activities in the Baltic Sea area (joint),
- Rec 27/28-2 Conservation of seals in the Baltic Sea area (conservation).

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the overview of Recommendation reporting deadlines under State and Conservation WG, take note of the Recommendations for which reporting is planned in 2022 and plan accordingly.

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

Table 1. Overview of reporting schemes for recommendations under the 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		S&C 14 agreed to propose withdrawal of the recommendation to the Commission and invited the Secretariat to present the proposal to withdraw the recommendation to the HOD 61-2021 in December, including preparing rationale for the proposal, to be further submitted to HELCOM 43-2022. The Meeting welcomed the offer by the Co-Chair to assist in the preparation of the rationale.
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		5	2019	2024	Denmark	Yes	
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	Revised reporting template to be approved by S&C 15
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	The Monitoring Manual was updated in 2020 and monitoring programmes published on the HELCOM website
joint	21/3	SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TOURISM IN THE COASTAL ZONES OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA	2000		not specified	Never	NA	Latvia	Yes	S&C 15 to review the guidelines, endorse removing the recommendation and replacing the recommendation with the guidelines and agree to forward proposal and the guidelines to HOD 61-2021 for consideration with the intention to submit the

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										proposal for adoption at HELCOM 43-2022.
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	Yes	Template adopted after S&C 14
monitoring	26/3	MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES	2005		Annual	2021	2022	MORS EG	Yes, in the form of a scheme	Reporting scheme agreed on by S&C 14
conservation	27/28-2	CONSERVATION OF SEALS IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA	2006		5 years	2017*	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 considered by S&C 15	S&C 15 to approve the reporting template and agree on timeline for reporting in 2021
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		5 years	?	2022	Estonia	To be considered by S&C 16	S&C 14 agreed to follow up on the implementation and functionality of the Recommendation every 5 years, starting from 2022, focusing on identifying any challenges or barriers. Reporting form to be prepared by Secr. and EE prior to S&C 16
conservation	37/2	CONSERVATION OF BALTIC SEA SPECIES CATEGORIZED AS THREATENED ACCORDING TO THE 2013 HELCOM RED LIST	2016		6 years	2019	2020 (still ongoing)	Germany	Yes	Reporting results to be considered by S&C 15
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 (still ongoing)	Germany	Yes	Reporting results to be considered by S&C 15

* reporting on national actions only

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
joint	10/1	ABNORMAL SITUATIONS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT												not specified	EE	
monitoring	10/2	ASSESSMENTS OF THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON THE COASTAL AREAS OF THE BALTIC SEA												not specified	not specified	
conservation	15/1	PROTECTION OF THE COASTAL STRIP												6 years	FI	To be developed by end of 2024
joint	16/3	PRESERVATION OF NATURAL COASTAL DYNAMICS												5 years	DK	Yes
conservation	17/2	PROTECTION OF HARBOUR PORPOISE IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA												4 years	PL	To be revised by end of 2021
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
joint	24/10-R	IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA												3 years	EE	Yes
monitoring	26/3	MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES												1 year	EG MORS	Yes
conservation	27/28-2	CONSERVATION OF SEALS IN THE BALTIC SEA AREA												5 years	SE	Yes
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	No
conservation	35/1	SYSTEM OF COASTAL AND MARINE BALTIC SEA PROTECTED AREAS (HELCOM MPAs)												6 years	FI	To be considered by S&C 15
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												5 years	EE	To be considered by S&C 16
conservation	37/2	CONSERVATION OF BALTIC SEA SPECIES CATEGORIZED AS THREATENED ACCORDING TO THE 2013 HELCOM RED LIST												6 years	DE	Yes

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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	Yes
Reporting overview/year	# recs for reporting/year		3	2	4	1	2	4	3	3	2	1	2			
	#conservation		2	1	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	1			
	#monitoring		2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2			
	#joint		0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0			