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To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
Observers of HELCOM
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM State and Conservation
Participants of STATE & CONSERVATION 15-2021
Contacts and Observers of EN Underwater Noise
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

Re. Intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 15B-2021)

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with the 15th meeting of HELCOM State and Conservation WG (paragraph 3J.289 of the outcome), the intersessional Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 15B-2021) will be convened online via Zoom on **12 November 2021**.

The Meeting will take place on **Friday 12 November 2021** at **10.00 EET** and is expected to end on **by 13.00 EET**. The Meeting will aim to conclude on the German proposal on proposed approach amendments for incorporating important habitats into the continuous noise assessment for HOLAS III, presented in [meeting document 3J-93](#) of STATE & CONSERVATION 15-2021, which is linked to the German study reservation.

Meeting documents will be submitted by the Secretariat to the [STATE & CONSERVATION 15B-2021 Meeting Site](#) via the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#). The Secretariat has prepared a [document template](#) and recommends using the template when submitting documents to the Secretariat.

Participants are kindly requested to register for the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) at their earliest convenience, and **not later than 5 November 2021**. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

[Alerts](#) can be set up by the user to the document library in the HELCOM Meeting Portal, which makes it possible to get automated email notifications when new documents are added to the library.

Yours sincerely,

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