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### Background

STATE & CONSERVATION 1-2014 agreed that the Contracting Parties should provide information on existing plans for species and biotopes e.g. conservation-, recovery- and/or action plans (para 4-11, Annex 2).

STATE & CONSERVATION 3-2015 agreed not to restrict the inventory of existing plans to 'conservation plans' but to also include recovery- and/or action plans as well as other relevant programmes and measures. Regarding threatened species, the meeting, furthermore, agreed to indicate also those plans that indirectly protect the species through the protection of their associated biotopes and habitats, as well as management plans for e.g. commercial fish species.

STATE & CONSERVATION 3-2015 agreed to submit information to the reporting request on national conservation plans (para 4N.6) by STATE & CONSERVATION 4-2016.

The [attachment to this document \(4N-1-Att.1\)](#) contains the reporting template for conservation, recovery and/or action plans for species and biotopes.

### Action requested

The Contracting Parties are invited to provide the requested information according to [the template attached to this document](#) (separate attachment 4N-1-Att.1) and submit it to the Secretariat ([petra.kaaria@helcom.fi](mailto:petra.kaaria@helcom.fi)) **by 11 March 2018**.