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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 \(4N-1-Rev.1-Att.1\)](#) contains conservation, recovery and/or action plans for threatened species and biotopes according to the HELCOM 2013 Red List submitted by Finland, Sweden, Poland, Lithuania and Denmark.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to use this information as appropriate when planning for the implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 37/2 'Conservation of Baltic Sea species categorized as threatened according to the 2013 HELCOM Red List' and the action 'Activities to support conservation of Baltic Sea species and biotopes/habitats categorized as threatened according to the HELCOM Red List' (c.f. the first 'Recommends' paragraph of the Recommendation and document 2N-2, 4N-3, 4MA-1-Rev.1).

Contracting Parties that have not done so yet are invited to provide this information by using the template in document [4N-1-Att.1](#) and sending it to the Secretariat (petra.kaaria@helcom.fi).