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### Background

STATE & CONSERVATION 4-2016 considered the identification of adjacent transnational HELCOM MPAs as input to the action 'Coordination of management measures of pressures and impacts on MPAs, in particular for adjacent transnational MPAs', noted the suggestion by Finland to also consider MPAs in the Quark area and between Stockholm archipelago and Åland islands, although these MPAs are not bordering each other and by OCEANA to look into the Sound area more specifically to identify common management measures. The Meeting requested the Secretariat to update the map and lists of adjacent MPAs in document 2N-3 to also include areas at some distance from each other.

This document contains updates to the adjacent transnational HELCOM MPAs. The transnational MPAs have been considered adjacent when they are within 15 kilometers range from each other.

STATE & CONSERVATION 4-2016 also emphasized the importance of establishing contacts between responsible managers for the transnational adjacent HELCOM MPAs and agreed to initiate this action through establishing communication between the managers. The Meeting invited countries to provide names of relevant contacts in order to collate the information to the Secretariat by STATE & CONSERVATION 5-2016 at the latest.

### Action requested

The Meeting is requested to take note of this information and use it as appropriate in the planning of the action concerned.

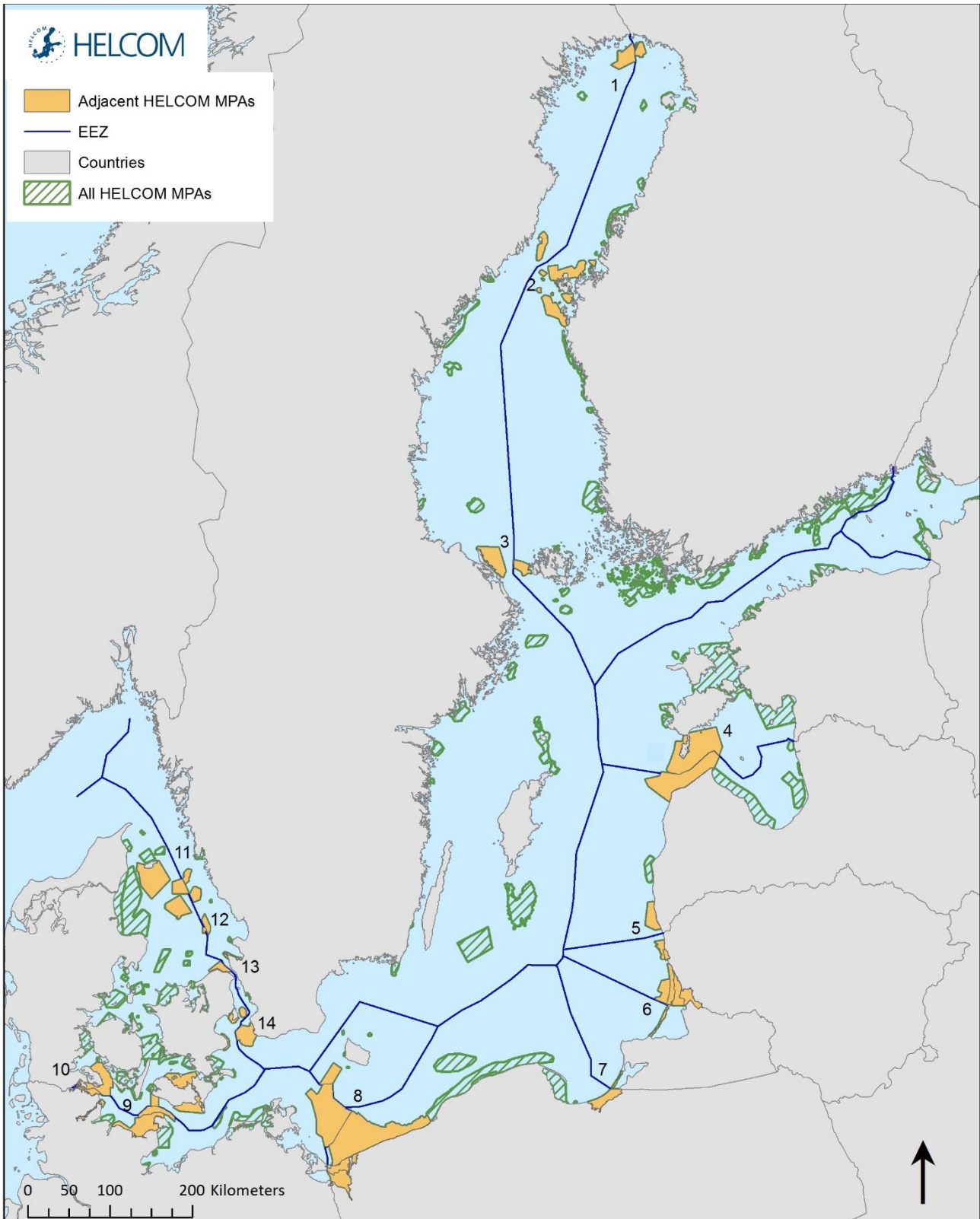
The Contracting Parties are invited to provide names of responsible managers for the transnational adjacent HELCOM MPAs to the Secretariat ([ullali.zweifel@helcom.fi](mailto:ullali.zweifel@helcom.fi)) **by 14 October 2016**.

## Identification of adjacent transnational HELCOM MPAs

This document is intended to support the initiation of the 'Coordination of management measures of pressures and impacts on MPAs, in particular for adjacent transnational MPAs' ([document 2N-2, 4N-3 and 4MA-1 Rev. 1](#) of S&C 4-2016), more specifically on points 1) to identify adjacent transnational MPAs using HELCOM MPA database and invite Contracting Parties to inform on any contacts between MPA managers, and 2) to make an inventory of the steps and management measures that Contracting Parties have already taken in MPAs, e.g. concerning fisheries and shipping. The document has been updated according to the outcome of STAET & CONSERVATION 4-2016.

In total 43 adjacent transnational HELCOM MPAs forming 14 clusters across the border of the exclusive economic zone were identified (Figure 1 and Table 1). A crosscheck on the regionally extinct and threatened species which are protected and on how fishing and shipping is regulated within the 43 adjacent MPAs was made based on information in the HELCOM MPA database ([Attachment 1](#)). Fishing is regulated in both MPAs of cluster 1, 3 and 13, and in no MPAs of clusters 7 and 10. In clusters 2, 6, 8 and 11 fishing is regulated in only one MPA, revealing an opportunity for better coherence in the management of fishing across the border. Shipping is regulated in only one adjacent transnational MPA (ID 140, within cluster 2).

The protection of threatened species, as reported to the MPA database, differs considerably between the MPAs within one cluster. No threatened species have been reported for sites 257, 275, 310, 311 and 399, and for sites 132, 270, 278 and 279 only one species has been reported as protected. In total two species considered as regionally extinct (RE) (*Acipenser oxyrinchus* and *Dipturus batis*) are reported within some of these MPA clusters. The clusters also protect the total of 48 threatened species of which seven are critically endangered (CR), 16 endangered (EN) and 25 vulnerable (VU).



**Figure 1.** Map of the adjacent transnational HELCOM MPAs (within 15 kilometers range). The numbers refer to the clusters of adjacent transnational MPAs described in Table 1 and Attachment 1.

**Table 1.** Adjacent transnational HELCOM MPAs.

Cluster number	MPA ID	MPA name	Country
1	139	Bothnian Bay National Park	FI
	101	Haparanda Archipelago	SE
2	103	Hölmö Islands	SE
	140	Merenkurkun saaristo/Outer Bothnian Threshold Archipelago (The Quark)	FI
3	105	Gräsö/Singö Archipelago	SE
	399	Signilskär/Märket	FI
4	95	Kura Kurk	EE
	307	Irbes saurums	LV
5	94	The state Baltic sea marine reserve	LT
	123	Pajuris Regional Park	LT
	309	Nida-Perkone	LV
6	122	Curonian Spit National Park	LT
	124	Nemunas Delta Regional Park	LT
	310	Kursiu Marios Biosphere Polygon	LT
	311	Baltic Sea Biosphere Polygon	LT
	163	Curonian Spit State National Park (southern part)	RU
7	83	Zalew Wislany i Mierzeja Wislana	PL
	164	Vistula Spit	RU
8	172	Pommersche Bucht-Rönnebank	DE
	275	Adler Grund og Rønne Banke	DK
	86	Wolin i Uznam	PL
	170	Zatoka Pomorska	PL
	301	Ujscie Odry i Zalew Szczecinski	PL
9	176	Küstenlandschaft Bottsand - Marzkamp u. vorgelagerte Flachgründe, Östlichen Kieler Bucht	DE
	231	Fehmarnbelt	DE
	187	Smålandsfarvandet nord for Lolland, Guldborg Sund, Bøtø Nor og Hyllekrog-Rødsand	DK
	278	Femern Bælt	DK
10	173	Küstenbereiche Flensburger Förde von Flensburg bis Geltinger Birk, Flengurger Förde	DE
	174	Schlei incl. Schleimünde und vorgelagerter Flachgründe	DE
	250	Flensborg Fjord, Bredgrund og farvandet omkring Als	DK
11	134	Strandenge på Læsø og havet syd herfor	DK
	244	Anholt og havet nord for	DK
	257	Kims Top og den Kinesiske Mur	DK
	118	Fladen	SE
	119	Lilla Middelgrund	SE
12	132	Store Middelgrund	DK

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	<b>296</b>	Stora Middelgrund och Röde Bank	SE
<b>13</b>	<b>279</b>	Gilleleje Flak og Tragten	DK
	<b>112</b>	Kullaberg-Skalderviken	SE
<b>14</b>	<b>129</b>	Saltholm og omliggende hav	DK
	<b>270</b>	Stevns Rev	DK
	<b>273</b>	Vestamager og havet syd for	DK
	<b>111</b>	Falsterbo Peninsula with Måkläppen	SE