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Background

The work plan for the State and Conservation Working Group should be updated for the years 2017-2018.

This document is based on a revision the previous work plan for the years 2014-2016. The main actions listed are centred around the Terms of Reference for the Working Group and the tasks are based on agreements from the BSAP, Ministerial Declarations, and the Roadmap of HELCOM activities. Tasks that have been achieved or are anticipated to be achieved during 2016 have been deleted while new tasks, e.g. the new actions agreed at HELCOM 37, have been added. Annual and continuous activities have been moved to a separate table.

Two versions of the work plan are provided:

- Annex 1: Clean version
- Annex 2: Track changes version

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to:

- take note of the draft work plan, amend it as needed, and agree to submit it for approval HOD 51-2016.
- consider next steps for tasks from the 2014-2016 work plan that have not yet been initiated as indicated in Annex 1.

Annex 1. Clean version

Draft Work Plan for HELCOM Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (State and Conservation) 2017-2018

No.	ACTION	LEAD/ RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS and INTERLINKED ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME
Task 1: Implementation of the HELCOM Monitoring and Assessment Strategy , including development of necessary manuals and guidelines i.a. related to quality assurance, taking into account the existing international guidance documents				
1.1	Review existing HELCOM monitoring guidelines and develop new guidelines for new monitoring sub-programmes included in the HELCOM Monitoring Manual. The review and development should include QA/QC guidelines.	State and Conservation, Seal EG, ZEN-QAI, PEG, FISH-PRO II, MORS	Development of core indicators	Ongoing- mid-2017.
1.2	Review and revision of HELCOM Recommendation 19/3 on monitoring	State and Conservation		To start when guidelines (task 1.1) have been revised. Aim for adoption of revised Recommendation by HELCOM 39 (2018).
Task 2: Functioning of the HELCOM Joint Coordinated Monitoring system covering all aspects from flora and fauna of the Baltic Sea to water quality and human pressures				
2.1a)	Development of a coordinated monitoring programme. When indicators have been further developed and revised national monitoring programmes have been implemented, an analysis of the coherence and adequacy of the HELCOM Monitoring programmes should be considered.	State and Conservation [tentatively a project needs to be established]	HOLAS II project	2017-2018.
2.1b)	Development of a coordinated monitoring programme. Review data arrangements for existing components of HELCOM monitoring and develop data arrangements for those components without existing reporting structure e.g. for birds, coastal fish, seals,	State and Conservation Seal EG, ZEN-QAI, PEG, FISH-PRO II	Data needs for HOLAS II project BalticBOOST project, TAPAS Project	Ongoing - mid-2017.

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	benthic habitat monitoring, marine litter, underwater noise, hydrography	Secretariat [possibly supported by project]		
2.2	Develop a reporting system on prioritized human activities and pressures, building on the existing HELCOM reporting, to regularly collect harmonized data for HELCOM assessments	State and Conservation Other WGs Secretariat	Data needs for HOLAS II project. Link to MSP needs.	Ad hoc activities ongoing. Identification of priorities for regular reporting in autumn 2017 utilizing HOLAS II experience.
Task 3: Development of operational HELCOM core indicators , with associated targets to serve e.g. holistic assessments according to the goals and objectives of the Baltic Sea Action Plan, HELCOM Ministerial Declarations, and the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive for those Contracting Parties also being EU Member States				
3.1	Development of HELCOM core, pre-core and candidate indicators, including for biodiversity, hazardous substance, marine litter, underwater noise, input of nutrients	State and Conservation Pressure	Indicators to be used in HOLAS II, relevant for MSP	Ongoing. Core indicators to be used for HOLAS II operational by March 2017.
3.2	Further development of eutrophication core indicators Operationalization of eutrophication assessment system	State and Conservation EN-Eutrophication supported by EUTRO-OPER EXTENDED	Indicators to be used in HOLAS II	Ongoing activity under EN-Eutrophication supported by project EUTRO-OPER EXTENDED until end of 2016.
Task 4 Periodic assessments of: - biodiversity, eutrophication, hazardous substances, marine litter and underwater noise, thereby providing building blocks for HELCOM Holistic assessments; - threat status of Baltic Sea species and habitats/biotopes; - the status and progress towards an ecologically coherent and effectively managed network of HELCOM coastal and marine Protected Areas (MPAs ¹), and strive for harmonized approach in reporting, including its timing taking into account the work on global and European level; - regional climate change and its implications on the Baltic Sea ecosystem in cooperation with Baltic Earth (BALTEX), and recommend actions as appropriate				
4.1	Carry out thematic assessments of hazardous substances, biodiversity, eutrophication and a holistic assessment of the Ecosystem health of the Baltic Sea as part of the HOLAS II project	State and Conservation HOLAS II		Carried out by April 2017 and by April 2018 as part of HOLAS II.
4.2	Thematic assessment on radioactivity for the period 2011-2015	State and Conservation	Should feed into HOLAS II	Ongoing – to be presented to State and

		MORS EG		Conservation in spring 2017.
4.3	Thematic assessment on coastal fish for the period 2008-2015	State and Conservation FISH-PRO II	Should feed into HOLAS II	Ongoing - early 2017.
4.4	Assessment of the risk of extinction of species and biotopes (HELCOM Red List)	State and Conservation [Project needs to be establish]	How to use existing HELCOM Red List in HOLAS II?	Open. [STATE & CONSERVATION 5-2016 to discuss timing of next Red List assessment]
4.5	Micropollutants in effluents from wastewater treatment plants	State and Conservation Pressure	Pressure WG is lead on the action	2017
4.6	Thematic assessment on climate change	State and Conservation Cooperation with BalticEarth anticipated		2018-
Task 5: Assess human pressures and impacts as part of the Holistic assessments, e.g. utilizing inputs from other HELCOM subsidiary bodies on e.g. waterborne and airborne inputs of nutrients and hazardous substances, oils spills, etc.				
5.1	Carry out an assessment of human pressures on the Baltic Sea	State and Conservation HOLAS II Pressure	Pressure WG to feed in data and support retrieval of data	Carried out by April 2017 and April 2018 as part of HOLAS II.
Task 6: Prepare proposals for measures for the conservation and protection of species and coastal and marine habitats and biotopes and follow up on implementation of measures, e.g. in order to initiate protection of highly endangered species and threatened habitats and biotopes				
6.1	New HELCOM Recommendation on conservation plans for habitats and biotopes at risk of extinction	State and Conservation Lead country Germany		Ongoing. Aim for adoption at HELCOM 38 (2017).

6.2	Identify regional priorities for ecosystem restoration in the Baltic Sea	State and Conservation	Aichi target, IG PoM stock-taking of existing and planned measures	2017-2018
6.3	Follow-up HELCOM Recommendation 34E/1 on safeguarding important bird habitats and migration routes in the Baltic Sea from negative effects of wind and wave energy production at sea).	State and Conservation Contracting Parties	Linked to the protection of seabirds in the Baltic sea, taking into consideration migratory species and need for co-operation with other regions through conventions and institutions such as the agreement on conservation of African Eurasian migratory waterbirds (AEWA) under the convention on migratory species (CMS), and particularly in the North sea (OSPAR) and Arctic (Arctic council), and the Birds Directive. Linked to 6.2, link to MSP	2017-2018
6.4	Increase positive incentives to enhance reduction of pressures on biodiversity and “elimination by 2020 of incentives and subsidies which could be harmful to biodiversity”	State and Conservation		2017-2018
6.5	Activities to support conservation of Baltic Sea species and biotopes/habitats categorized as threatened according to the HELCOM Red List.	State and Conservation	First step of the action has been carried out to make an inventory of existing measures that will contribute to the improved status of threatened species and biotopes/habitats and analyze if they are sufficient to improve the state of those species	2017-2018
Task 7: Further develop the system of coastal and marine protected areas and promote monitoring and research in these areas				
7.1	Coordination of management measures of pressures and impacts on MPAs, in particular for adjacent transnational MPAs	State and Conservation [tentatively through project]	First step of the action has been carried out: identify adjacent transnational MPAs using HELCOM MPA database and invite Contracting Parties to inform on any contacts between MPA managers	2017-2018
7.2	How to consider MPAs in Maritime Spatial Planning and vice versa?	State and Conservation		2017-2018

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		HELCOM-VASAB MSP [tentatively through project]		
7.3	Develop joint tools/approach for assessing effectiveness of spatial protection measures for individual sites as well as network level.	State and Conservation		2017-2018
Task 8: Cooperate with, and seek synergies with relevant work carried out in other international organizations and institutions and processes relevant for the group such as ICES, EEA, JRC, OSPAR, Convention on Biological Diversity, MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, etc.				
8.1	Continued co-operation with ASCOBANS and updating of the coordinated reporting system and database on Baltic harbour porpoise sightings, by-catches, strandings and acoustic observations	State and Conservation SEAL EG		Reporting of harbour porpoise observations annually at the Seal EG meeting
Task 9: Develop and maintain the regional data and information systems needed to carry out its tasks				
9.1	Develop detailed landscape and biotope maps	State and Conservation		
9.2	Modernization of HELCOM data management and systems, including expansion of the HELCOM Geographic Information System (GIS) system to show the progress towards a healthy Baltic Sea	Secretariat	link to MSP, cooperation with OSPAR, EEA, ICES TAPAS project	HELCOM Data and Map service will be updated in 2017.

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Continuous or annual activities under the State and Conservation Working Group

ACTIVITY	LEAD/RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS and INTERLINKED ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME
Implementation of Recommendation 26/3 Monitoring of radioactive substances	State and Conservation MORS		Annually
Reporting on HELCOM Recommendations under State and Conservation	State and Conservation		Annually
Update Baltic Sea Environmental Fact Sheets (BSEFS)	State and Conservation	Supporting information to be used in HOLAS II	Annually or when new data is available

	BSEFS authors (e.g. Seal EG, PEG, FISH-PRO II, MORS, Response, HELCOM data consultants and responsible national institutes etc.)		
Update of national information in the modernized MPA database	Contracting Parties		Annually
Seek opportunities to collaborate with OSPAR in the development of indicators, the development of monitoring guidelines, and as otherwise appropriate	State and Conservation		Continuous
Keep up to date a list of non-indigenous and cryptogenic species for the Baltic Sea	State and Conservation	Feed into the HELCOM Maritime work on updating the list of HELCOM Target Species for ballast water management	Continuous
Communicate to relevant authorities and institutions the needs for adequate knowledge on by-caught birds and mammals including monitoring and reporting systems	State and Conservation Seal EG	Activities under Fish Group ICES and ASCOBANS by-catch groups	Continuous
Update of the HELCOM Monitoring Manual	State and Conservation HELCOM Expert groups, projects and networks Secretariat		Continuous update by State and Conservation as needed. Regular update by HELCOM expert bodies and the Secretariat.
Update information on regional targets for the implementation of the strategic plan for biodiversity (comparison of HELCOM, CBD Aichi Biodiversity targets and relevant EU policies)		document 5N-2-Rev.1 of S&C 4	Annually

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Annex 2. Track change version

Draft Work Plan for HELCOM Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (State and Conservation) ~~2014-2017-2016-2018~~ (approved by HOD 47-2014)

Time frame: Years in brackets [] denote proposals. Years without brackets are already agreed e.g. in BSAP, Ministerial Declarations, Roadmap of HELCOM activities.

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1.1	Review existing HELCOM monitoring guidelines and develop new guidelines for new monitoring sub-programmes included in the HELCOM Monitoring Manual. The review and development should include QA/QC guidelines.	State and Conservation, Seal EG, ZEN-QAI, PEG, FISH-PRO II, MORS	Development of core indicators BALSAM will recommend monitoring guidelines for some components e.g. benthic habitats. CORESET II will define monitoring requirements for HELCOM core indicators.	Ongoing- mid-2017. {start in mid-2015 as proposed by MORE 10}
1.2	Review and revision of HELCOM Recommendation 19/3 on monitoring	State and Conservation		To start when guidelines (task 1.1) have been revised. Aim for {aim for adoption of revised Recommendation by HELCOM 39 (2018).2016}
Task 2: Functioning of the HELCOM Joint Coordinated Monitoring system covering all aspects from flora and fauna of the Baltic Sea to water quality and human pressures				
2.1a)	Development of a coordinated monitoring programme. When indicators have been further developed and revised national monitoring programmes have been implemented, an analysis of the coherence and adequacy of the HELCOM Monitoring programmes should be considered.	State and Conservation [tentatively a project needs to be established]	HOLAS II project	Proposed to start in 2016 2017-2018.
2.1b)	Development of a coordinated monitoring programme.	State and Conservation	Data needs for HOLAS II project Baltic BOOST project, TAPAS Project	start in 2014 Ongoing - mid-2017.

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	Review data arrangements for existing components of HELCOM monitoring and develop data arrangements for those components without existing reporting structure e.g. for birds, coastal fish, seals, benthic habitat monitoring, marine litter, underwater noise, hydrography	Seal EG, ZEN-QAI, PEG, FISH-PRO II Secretariat [possibly supported by project]		
2.2	Develop a reporting system on prioritized human activities and pressures, building on the existing HELCOM reporting , to regularly collect harmonized data for HELCOM assessments	State and Conservation Pressure/Other WGs Secretariat	Data needs for HOLAS II project. Link to MSP needs.	Ad hoc activities ongoing. Identification of priorities for regular reporting in autumn 2017 utilizing HOLAS II experience. 2014–mid-2016—start of carrying out pressure assessment for HOLAS II
2.3	Revision of Recommendation 12/1 Procedures for granting permits for monitoring and research activities in the territorial waters and exclusive economic zones, fishing zones or continental shelves	State and Conservation BALSAM	BALSAM project to propose revision of the Recommendation 12/1 by March 2015.	Consider proposed revision of Recommendation at 12/1 at STATE and CONSERVATION-2
2.3	Implementation of Recommendation 26/3 Monitoring of radioactive substances	State and Conservation MORS		Annually
Task 3: Development of operational HELCOM core indicators, with associated targets to serve e.g. holistic assessments according to the goals and objectives of the Baltic Sea Action Plan, HELCOM Ministerial Declarations, and the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive for those Contracting Parties also being EU Member States				
3.1	Development of HELCOM core, pre-core and candidate indicators, including for biodiversity, hazardous substance, marine litter, underwater noise, input of nutrients	State and Conservation CORESET II Pressure	Indicators to be used in HOLAS II, relevant for MSP	finalizes by mid 2015 for CORESET II Ongoing. Core indicators to be used for HOLAS II operational by March 2017.
3.2	Further development of eutrophication core indicators Operationalization of eutrophication assessment system	State and Conservation	Indicators to be used in HOLAS II	finalizes by end 2016 Ongoing activity under EN-Eutrophication

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		EN-Eutrophication supported by EUTRO-OPER EXTENDED (until end of December)		supported by project EUTRO-OPER EXTENDED until end of 2016.
3.3	Develop by 2015 regional targets for the implementation of the strategic plan for biodiversity including the completion and further development of a set of HELCOM core indicators for biodiversity and their monitoring	STATE and CONSERVATION	Follow up the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and EU biodiversity Strategy to 2020 identify what is relevant for the Baltic Sea	Agree on a plan on how to work on this issue at STATE and CONSERVATION 2
3.3	Update Baltic Sea Environmental Fact Sheets (BSEFS)	State and Conservation BSEFS authors (e.g. Seal-EG, PEG, FISH-PRO II, MORS, RESPONSE, HELCOM data consultants and responsible national institutes etc.)	Supporting information to be used in HOLAS II	Annually or when new data are available
Task 4 Periodic assessments of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - biodiversity, eutrophication, hazardous substances, marine litter and underwater noise, thereby providing building blocks for HELCOM Holistic assessments; - threat status of Baltic Sea species and habitats/biotopes; - the status and progress towards an ecologically coherent and effectively managed network of HELCOM coastal and marine Protected Areas (MPAs¹), and strive for harmonized approach in reporting, including its timing taking into account the work on global and European level; - regional climate change and its implications on the Baltic Sea ecosystem in cooperation with Baltic Earth (BALTEX), and recommend actions as appropriate 				
4.1	Assessment of Ecological Coherence of the HELCOM MPA ¹ network	STATE and CONSERVATION [Project, funds applied from NCM]		[planned to be carried out in 2015]

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4.2	Develop assessment tools for hazardous substances, biodiversity, and holistic assessments (CHASE, BEAT, HOLAS) as part of the HOLAS II project.	STATE and CONSERVATION HOLAS II		2015 – mid 2016
4.1	Carry out thematic assessments of hazardous substances, biodiversity, eutrophication and a holistic assessment of the Ecosystem health of the Baltic Sea as part of the HOLAS II project*	State and Conservation HOLAS II		mid 2016 – early 2017 Carried out by April 2017 and by April 2018 as part of HOLAS II.
4.2	Thematic assessment on radioactivity for the period 2011-2015 3	State and Conservation MORS EG	Should feed into HOLAS II – MORS EG to consider timing of the assessment	ready by 2015 Ongoing – to be presented to State and Conservation in in spring 2017.
4.3	<u>Thematic assessment on coastal fish for the period 2008-2015</u>	State and Conservation FISH-PRO II	<u>Should feed into HOLAS II</u>	Ongoing - early 2017.
4.5	Assessment of the state of contamination with pharmaceuticals	STATE and CONSERVATION Project? Intersessional activity?	HOLAS II	[by early 2017 – to feed into HOLAS II] Plan this activity at STATE and CONSERVATION 2]
4.4	Assessment of the risk of extinction of species and biotopes (HELCOM Red List)	State and Conservation [Project needs to be establish]	How to use existing HELCOM Red List in HOLAS II?	mid 2017-2019?
4.5	Micropollutants in effluents from wastewater treatment plants	State and Conservation STATE & CONSERVATION, PRESSURE Pressure	Pressure WG is lead on the action	2017]
4.6	Thematic assessment on climate change	State and Conservation STATE & CONSERVATION		2018-

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		Cooperation with BalticEarth anticipated		
Task 5: Assess human pressures and impacts as part of the Holistic assessments, e.g. utilizing inputs from other HELCOM subsidiary bodies on e.g. waterborne and airborne inputs of nutrients and hazardous substances, oils spills, etc.				
5.1	Development of HELCOM pressure indices (BSPI, BSH) ²	STATE and CONSERVATION PRESSURE HOLAS II [Project, specific funds applied from NCM]	Data needs for HOLAS II project. Link to MSP needs	2015 – mid 2016
5.1	Carry out an assessment of human pressures on the Baltic Sea	State and Conservation HOLAS II Pressure	Pressure WG to feed in data and support retrieval of data	mid-2016 – early 2017 Carried out by April 2017 and April 2018 as part of HOLAS II.
Task 6: Prepare proposals for measures for the conservation and protection of species and coastal and marine habitats and biotopes and follow up on implementation of measures, e.g. in order to initiate protection of highly endangered species and threatened habitats and biotopes				
6.1	New HELCOM Recommendations on conservation plans for species, habitats and biotopes at risk of extinction	State and Conservation Lead country Germany and Core group (Secretariat, FI, [SE])		Tentatively ready for adoption by HELCOM 36-2015 Ongoing. Aim for adoption at HELCOM 38 (2017).
6.2	Scoping for possible joint actions aiming for the development of conservation plans and other relevant plans (e.g. management plans, recovery plans)	STATE and CONSERVATION	IG PoM stock-taking of existing and planned measures	Starting November 2014 and continuing in 2015
6.2	Identify regional priorities for ecosystem restoration in the Baltic Sea	State and Conservation	Aichi target, IG PoM stock-taking of existing and planned measures	To address and plan for action at STATE and

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6.3	Follow-up HELCOM Recommendation 34E/1 on safeguarding important bird habitats and migration routes in the Baltic Sea from negative effects of wind and wave energy production at sea).	State and Conservation Contracting Parties	Linked to the protection of seabirds in the Baltic sea, taking into consideration migratory species and need for co-operation with other regions through conventions and institutions such as the agreement on conservation of African Eurasian migratory waterbirds (AEWA) under the convention on migratory species (CMS), and particularly in the North sea (OSPAR) and Arctic (Arctic council), and the Birds Directive. Linked to 6.2, link to MSP (e.g. Explore possibility of a joint group on birds with OSPAR and ICES.	2017-2018 Address birds in a thematic session and develop a plan for this topic at STATE and CONSERVATION 2	
6.4	Increase positive incentives to enhance reduction of pressures on biodiversity and “elimination by 2020 of incentives and subsidies which could be harmful to biodiversity”	State and Conservation		Consider for the Work plan 2017-2018	
6.7	Follow up HELCOM Recommendation 27-28/2 on Conservation of seals in the Baltic Sea area	SEAL EG		Report to STATE and CONSERVATION 2	
6.5	Activities to support conservation of Baltic Sea species and biotopes/habitats categorized as threatened according to the HELCOM Red List.	State and Conservation STATE & CONSERVATION	First step of the action has been carried out to make an inventory of existing measures that will contribute to the improved status of threatened species and biotopes/habitats and analyze if they are sufficient to improve the state of those species	2017-2018	
Task 7: Further develop the system of coastal and marine protected areas and promote monitoring and research in these areas					
6.6	Follow up HELCOM Recommendation 35/1 System of coastal and marine Baltic Sea protected areas (HELCOM MPAs)	STATE and CONSERVATION		Report on new MPAs, and management plans to STATE and CONSERVATION 2	

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7.1	Modernization of the HELCOM MPA ³ database	STATE and CONSERVATION Secretariat TG MPA		March 2015
7.1	Update of national information in the modernized MPA database when ready	Contracting Parties	To cater for analysis of Ecological coherence of the MPA network	June 2015
7.12	Coordination of management measures of pressures and impacts on MPAs, in particular for adjacent transnational MPAs	State and Conservation STATE & CONSERVATION [tentatively through project]	First step of the action has been carried out: identify adjacent transnational MPAs using HELCOM MPA database and invite Contracting Parties to inform on any contacts between MPA managers	2017-2018
7.23	How to consider MPAs in Maritime Spatial Planning and vice versa?	State and Conservation STATE & CONSERVATION HELCOM-VASAB MSP [tentatively through project]		2017-2018
7.34	Develop joint tools/approach for assessing effectiveness of spatial protection measures for individual sites as well as network level.	State and Conservation STATE & CONSERVATION		2017-2018
Task 8: Cooperate with, and seek synergies with relevant work carried out in other international organizations and institutions and processes relevant for the group such as ICES, EEA, JRC, OSPAR, Convention on Biological Diversity, MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, etc.				
8.1	Continued co-operation with ASCOBANS and updating of the coordinated reporting system and database on Baltic harbour porpoise sightings, by-catches, strandings and acoustic observations	State and Conservation SEAL EG		Reporting of harbour porpoise observations annually at the Seal EG meeting

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8.2	Seek opportunities to collaborate with OSPAR in the development of indicators, the development of monitoring guidelines, and as otherwise appropriate	State and Conservation CORESET II	Joint meeting of HELCOM CORESET II and ICG COBAM 1 October 2014. Recommendations from the meeting.	Follow-up proposals at STATE and CONSERVATION meetings in 2014 and 2015
Task 9: Develop and maintain the regional data and information systems needed to carry out its tasks				
9.1	Development of biodiversity data portal, e.g. data from the Red List project	State and Conservation Secretariat	EU-RSC Data project, ongoing until 2015	Biodiversity data portal to be published November 2014
9.1	Develop detailed landscape and biotope maps	State and Conservation		Report on national progress to STATE and CONSERVATION 2
9.2	Communicate to relevant authorities and institutions the needs for adequate knowledge on by-caught birds and mammals including monitoring and reporting systems	State and Conservation SEAL EG	Activities under FISH Group ICES and ASCOBANS by-catch groups	Continuous
9.23	Modernization of HELCOM data management and systems, including expansion of the HELCOM Geographic Information System (GIS) system to show the progress towards a healthy Baltic Sea	Secretariat	link to MSP, cooperation with OSPAR, EEA, ICES TAPAS project	Update of HELCOM Data and Map service published in August 2014, will be updated in 2017. Continuous update of data and service improvements.
9.4	Keep up to date a list of non-indigenous and cryptogenic species for the Baltic Sea	State and Conservation	Feed into the HELCOM Maritime work on updating the list of HELCOM Target Species for ballast water management	Continuous
9.5	Keep up to date a list of HELCOM NIS Target Species for ballast water treatment management	State and Conservation MARITIME HELCOM OSPAR/TG BALLAST	HELCOM/OSPAR Decision support tool for ballast water treatment exemptions under the Ballast Water Management Convention	Continuous

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Continuous or annual activities under the State and Conservation Working Group

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>LEAD/ RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>COMMENTS and INTERLINKED ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>TIME FRAME</u>
Implementation of Recommendation 26/3 Monitoring of radioactive substances	State and Conservation MORS		Annually
Reporting on HELCOM Recommendations under State and Conservation	State and Conservation		Annually
Update Baltic Sea Environmental Fact Sheets (BSEFS)	State and Conservation BSEFS authors (e.g. Seal EG, PEG, FISH-PRO II, MORS, RESPONSEResponse, HELCOM data consultants and responsible national institutes etc.)	Supporting information to be used in HOLAS II	Annually or when new data is available
Update of national information in the modernized MPA database	Contracting Parties		Annually
Seek opportunities to collaborate with OSPAR in the development of indicators, the development of monitoring guidelines, and as otherwise appropriate	State and Conservation		Continuous
Keep up to date a list of non-indigenous and cryptogenic species for the Baltic Sea	State and Conservation	Feed into the HELCOM Maritime work on updating the list of HELCOM Target Species for ballast water management	Continuous

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<u>Communicate to relevant authorities and institutions the needs for adequate knowledge on by-caught birds and mammals including monitoring and reporting systems</u>	<u>State and Conservation</u> <u>SEAL/Seal EG</u>	<u>Activities under FISH/Fish Group</u> <u>ICES and ASCOBANS by-catch groups</u>	<u>Continuous</u>
<u>Update of the HELCOM Monitoring Manual</u>	<u>State and Conservation</u> <u>HELCOM Expert groups, projects and networks</u> <u>Secretariat</u>		<u>Continuous update by State and Conservation as needed.</u> <u>Regular update by HELCOM expert bodies and the Secretariat.</u>
<u>Update information on regional targets for the implementation of the strategic plan for biodiversity (comparison of HELCOM, CBD Aichi Biodiversity targets and relevant EU policies)</u>		<u>document 5N-2-Rev.1 of S&C 4</u>	<u>Annually</u>

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