



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

# BSAP

**- three years left to reach good status**

List of regional and national actions which have not yet been fully implemented

# Report on implementation of BSAP

- Provided as background information to the Ministerial Meeting.
- The level of accomplishment of 177 actions with concrete targets have been reported and assessed using the HELCOM Explorer.
- Divided into joint and national actions.

# Hazardous substances

## National actions

- Develop biological effects monitoring to facilitate a reliable ecosystem health assessment.

# Marine Litter

## Joint actions

- Develop common indicators and associated targets related to quantities, composition, of marine litter, including riverine inputs.
- Carry out the monitoring of the progress towards achieving the agreed goals and to gain an inventory of marine litter in the Baltic Sea as well as scientific sound evaluation of its sources.
- Identify the socio-economic and biological impacts of marine litter, also in terms of toxicity of litter.

# Species removal by fishing

## Joint actions

- Continue to work to develop common procedures to facilitate the sharing of aggregated data on fisheries activities in the Baltic Sea in an applicable format for the purpose of assessing pressures on marine and coastal ecosystems.
- The further development and testing of the HELCOM generic decision-support tool to map possible negative impacts of specific gear types on threatened or declining species and habitats
- Development and implementation of fisheries management measures for fisheries inside marine protected areas
- Further development and implementation of comparable methodology for data collection (salmon and sea trout) through surveys, especially on recreational fisheries

# Species removal by fishing

## National actions

- Develop long-term management plans by 2012 for protecting, monitoring and sustainably managing coastal fish species.
- Competent authorities to take immediate action for development of long-term management plans for commercially exploited fish stocks so that they are within safe biological limits: Salmon and Sea trout.
- Competent authorities to take action to implement existing long-term management plans for eel to improve their distribution size/age-range: Implementation of existing plans.

# By-catch

## Joint actions

- Take decisive action to work towards a favourable conservation status of the harbour porpoise [...], in particular by addressing the pressing problem of by-catch.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of existing technical measures to minimise by-catch of harbour porpoises.
- Development and implementation of effective monitoring for by-caught birds and mammals.
- Development and implementation of effective reporting systems for by-caught birds and mammals.



# Salmon and sea trout populations.

## Joint actions

- Common practices for breeding, rearing and releasing salmon and sea trout as reintroductions in potential salmonid rivers.
- Recommendations for riverine and estuarine management and conservation measures, such as fish ways for up and down migration, restoration and protection of spawning grounds, concerning fisheries within rivers and estuaries.

# Salmon and sea trout populations.

## National actions

- National restoration plans to reinstate migratory fish.

# Eel populations

## National actions

- Consider additional measures if necessary, such as reducing fishing mortality in accordance with the ICES advice, removing migration barriers, and re-stocking in eel-safe river systems
- Enhance co-ordination of measures to conserve eel stocks within the Baltic Sea, as well as with other European countries
- Develop national programs for the conservation of eel stocks as a contribution to a Baltic coordinated programme to ensure successful eel migrations from the Baltic Sea drainage basin to national spawning grounds
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- Classify and make inventories of rivers with European eel.

# Marine mammal populations

## National actions

- National management plans for grey seals.
- Implementation of national management plans for grey seals.
- National management plans for ringed seals.
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- Protect ringed seal in the Gulf of Finland.
- Implementation of non-lethal mitigation measures for seals-fisheries interactions.

# Sea bird populations

## Joint actions

- Protect seabirds in the Baltic Sea, taking into consideration migratory species.

# Red listed species and habitats

## Joint actions

- Develop by 2015 a new HELCOM Recommendation on conservation plans for habitats and biotopes which are at risk of extinction.
- Take measures so that by 2020, regionally, a) the loss of all red-listed marine habitats and biotopes in the Baltic Sea will be halted.
- Take measures so that by 2020, regionally b) red-listed marine habitats and biotopes have largely recovered, and that degradation and fragmentation have been significantly reduced, the progress of which will be measured with a core indicator to be produced.

# Marine Protected Areas

## Joint actions

- A least 10% of the marine area in all sub-basins of the Baltic Sea including the EEZ areas beyond territorial waters is covered by MPAs where scientifically justified
- HELCOM MPAs, inter alia, provide specific protection to those species, habitats, biotopes and biotope complexes included in the HELCOM Red Lists, by considering these in the site selection procedure
- By 2020: When selecting new areas, ensure that the network of HELCOM MPAs is ecologically coherent and takes into account connectivity between sites including for example migration routes, species mobility and areas of special ecological significance such as spawning areas

# Marine Protected Areas

## National actions

- Designate new sites as HELCOM MPAs where ecologically meaningful, especially in offshore area beyond territorial waters.
- Develop and apply by 2015 management plans or measures for all existing HELCOM MPAs.



# The Meeting is invited to:

- discuss how to carry out the work on the remaining regional joint actions so they could be implemented by 2021,
- discuss possible support to the implementation of national actions;  
Contracting Parties may share their views on existing challenges and prospects for implementing the national actions.