



19 March 2018

To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
Observers of HELCOM  
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM State and Conservation  
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

Cc: Contacts of Pressure  
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HOLAS II core team

**Re. Eight Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation (STATE & CONSERVATION 8-2018)**

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with the decision by HOD 52-2017 (Outcome of the meeting, paragraph 3.16), the eight Meeting of the Working Group on the State of the Environment and Nature Conservation, (STATE & CONSERVATION 8-2018) will be convened on 14-18 May 2018 in Klaipeda, Lithuania.

The Meeting will start on **Monday 14 May 2018** at **10.00** and is expected to end on **Friday 18 May 2018** at **13.00**. Monday to Tuesday until 12.00 is planned for issues related to monitoring and assessment (Agenda Items 1MA-6MA). Tuesday 13.00 to Thursday 10.30 will be dedicated to joint themes (Agenda Item 1J-7J), and Thursday 11.00 until the end of the meeting on Friday will be dedicated to biodiversity and nature conservation (Agenda Items 1N-6N).

Please find attached the provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda. Practical information for participants will be submitted as soon as available.

Meeting documents will be submitted by the Secretariat to the [document library](#) of the [STATE&CONSERVATION 8-2017 Meeting Site](#) via the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#).

Those Meeting participants that wish to provide their contributions to the Meeting are requested to submit the documents in electronic format (using the [document template](#)) to Professional Secretary, Ms. Jannica Haldin ([jannica.haldin@helcom.fi](mailto:jannica.haldin@helcom.fi)) **by 18 April 2018**, at the latest. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents should be provided to the Secretariat by **3 May 2018**.

Participants are kindly requested to register for the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) at their earliest convenience, and **not later than 4 May 2018**. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary