



## Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Science Agenda Task Group

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### Background

The HELCOM Science Agenda Task Group was established to prepare a HELCOM Science Agenda based on the contributions received through a survey among HELCOM subsidiary bodies and the tasks assigned by HELCOM HOD 56-2019 ([document 2-6, HOD 56-2019](#)). HELCOM 41-2020 provided guidance to the further development of the Science Agenda based on a proposal prepared by the Science Agenda TG ([document 4-3, HELCOM 41-2020](#)).

The drafting of the Science Agenda has taken place through the contribution from countries represented in the Task Group. The first consolidated draft of the Science Agenda was submitted to HOD 58-2020 requesting comments to the direction of work ([document 4-8, HOD 58-2020](#)). The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Task Group addressed the comments by HOD 58-2020 and agreed on the next steps for work (Notes [Science Agenda TG 4-2020](#)). As a result of comments received from countries (Germany and Sweden) and the Secretariat an updated version of the report was circulated to TG representatives on 31 August 2020. Based on the comments received the lead countries have updated the texts resulting in a version of the Science Agenda report labelled 28 September 2020.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Group will be held as an online meeting on 13 October 2020, 9.00-12.00 CET.

The Meeting will consider the latest version of the Science Agenda report (Document 2-1), new proposals for the Science Agenda (Document 3-1), and make final plans for completing the HELCOM Science Agenda by end of 2020.

Participants to the Meeting are welcome to submit comments to the agenda or documents to the meeting to [ullali.zweifel@havsmiljoinstitutet.se](mailto:ullali.zweifel@havsmiljoinstitutet.se)

## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting is invited to adopt the agenda of the meeting (document 1-1).

### Agenda item 2 Science Agenda report version 28 September 2020

The Meeting is invited to discuss and agree on outstanding issues as indicated in the Science Agenda report (document 2-1). The aim is to further work on the report to a level where the Science Agenda Task Group is satisfied with its content.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information from the Secretariat on the issue of cumulative impacts based on recent developments in HELCOM. The Meeting is invited to agree on how to address cumulative impacts in the Science Agenda report.

### Agenda item 3 New contributions to the science agenda

Through the course of work new identified knowledge needs have been proposed by countries, both from within the TG and from experts external to the group. Since the Science Agenda should reflect knowledge to implement also the updated BSAP such new contributions are valid and it is also the task for the Science Agenda TG to complement the survey of HELCOM knowledge and science needs if central issues are found missing. Document 3-1 includes new proposals received since HOD 58-2020.

The Meeting is invited to agree on the new proposals i.e. should they be added to the main report (as a highlighted science need of particular importance to HELCOM), to the survey file (which will provide a full list of contributions to the Science Agenda), or not at all (e.g. if the proposal is not seen as linked to HELCOM work or found redundant).

### Agenda item 4 Next steps

The Meeting is invited to agree on the next steps of the Task Group, tentatively according to the following:

- Any further comments to the report be submitted to the Secretariat by 30 October
- Preparedness for revision of texts and review of the whole report from end of October to mid-November
- To check and amend the annexes by 30 November
- Submission of final draft to HOD; mid-November 2020
- Follow-up of HOD 59-2020 (after 8 December 2020)

### Agenda item 5 Notes from the meeting

Notes will be prepared after closure of the Meeting and circulated for written approval.