



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Science Agenda Task Group

Science Agenda TG 6-2020

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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 and HOD 58-2020 have provided guidance to the further development of the Science Agenda based on proposals and draft texts prepared by the Science Agenda Task Group ([HELCOM 41-2020 para 4.4, HOD 58-2020 para 4.46-4.52](#)).

The Science Agenda is aimed to be finalized by end of 2020, with the caveat that some ongoing HELCOM processes may result in updates during spring 2021. The Science Agenda report as prepared by the Science Agenda TG was submitted to HOD 59-2020 for provisional approval.

The 6th Meeting of the Group will be held as an online meeting on 14 December 2020, 12.00-15.00 CET.

The Meeting will consider the outcome of HELCOM HOD 59-2020 (to be held 7-8 December 2020) with regard to the Science Agenda, comments received to the Science Agenda from Working Groups and through the BSAP update process (document 3-1), and identify any remaining steps 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

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 Outcome of HOD 59-2020

The Science Agenda report was submitted to HOD 59-2020 with the request to “provisionally approve of the HELCOM Science Agenda, noting that amendments may take place in spring 2021 based on ongoing HELCOM processes”.

The Meeting is invited to discuss the Outcome of HOD 59-2020 with regard to the Science Agenda and agree on how they can be addressed. A late document can be expected.

Agenda item 3 Comments from Working Groups and BSAP update process

A consolidated version of the report was submitted for intersessional commenting by HELCOM Working Groups in November 2020 with the invitation to add identified knowledge and science needs to the comprehensive survey of HELCOM knowledge and science needs. A few comments were received from Denmark and Germany (Maritime) clarified that they have no further comments (document 3-1).

In autumn 2020 the HELCOM Working Groups have also considered a number of proposed new actions for the BSAP. Some of these proposals were not endorsed for inclusion in the BSAP but instead proposed to be included in the Science Agenda (document 3-1).

The Meeting is invited to consider the comments and proposals by the Secretariat and agree on how to deal with proposals from Working Groups as listed in document 3-1.

Agenda item 4 Next steps

The Meeting is invited to consider and agree on any further steps needed to finalize the Science Agenda report.

Agenda item 5 Notes from the meeting

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