

OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic,
and

Helsinki Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area

Meeting of the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention
(BWMC) and Biofouling (TG BALLAST 11-2020)

Online: 26-27 November 2020

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Presented by the HELCOM and OSPAR Secretariats

Start of plenary meeting:	10:00 h CET on Thursday 26 November 2020
Expected close of meeting:	12:00 h CET on Friday 27 November
Document deadline:	11 November 2020

The Meeting will start at 10:00 (CET) on Thursday 26 November 2020 and it is expected to close by 12:00 on Friday 27 November. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting will take place online via the Zoom platform. Details of how to join the meeting will be sent to registered participants nearer the meeting time.

Meeting documents for TG BALLAST 11-2020 will be uploaded by the Secretariats to both the HELCOM [Meeting Portal](#) and OSPAR [Meeting Portal](#). The Secretariats have prepared a document template and recommends using the template when submitting documents to the Secretariats. The Secretariats kindly requests the Contracting Parties and Observer Organizations to observe a two weeks deadline for submission of documents to TG BALLAST 11-2020. Documents should be submitted in electronic form to the HELCOM Professional Secretary, Mr. Markus Helavuori (Markus.Helavuori@helcom.fi) or the OSPAR Deputy Secretary Mr. Philip Stamp (Philip.Stamp@ospar.org) by **11 November 2020**. Documents should include abstracts embodying the essence of the proposals and action requested from the Meeting.

Agenda Item 1 - Adoption of the Agenda

1.1 To **adopt** the agenda for the meeting based on this document (JTG-Ballast 20/01/01, JTG-Ballast 20/01/02-Rev.1).

Agenda Item 2 - Feedback from Relevant Bodies, including HELCOM, OSPAR and IMO MEPC

- 2.1 To **receive** an update from HELCOM MARITIME 20-2020 and HOD 57-2019 (JTG-Ballast 20/02/01);
- 2.2 To **receive** an update from the relevant OSPAR committees (JTG-Ballast 20/02/02);
- 2.3 To **receive** a presentation from the International Maritime Organization on MEPC 75.

Agenda Item 3 - Updates to the Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Harmonised Procedure on the Granting of BMW Convention Exemptions

- 3.1 To **receive** a verbal update on the adoption of the revised JHP;
- 3.2 To **receive** an update from Lithuania on the regionally harmonized early warning system (EWS) for timely communication of findings of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens (HAOP) (JTG-Ballast 20/03/01);
- 3.3 To **consider** a proposal for an amendment to the Joint Harmonised Procedure in order to include nekton in the port survey protocol (JTG-Ballast 20/03/02(L));
- 3.4 To **invite** Contracting Parties to discuss any additional potential improvements to the JHP.

Agenda Item 4 - Port Sampling

- 4.1 To **note** sampling activities taking place in water bodies of the Port of Valencia (Spain) (JTG-Ballast 20/04/01);
- 4.2 To **invite** Contracting Parties to provide an update regarding sampling activities in the North-East Atlantic and Baltic seaports during 2020 and any such planned activities in 2021.

Agenda Item 5 – Online Decision Support Tool

- 5.1 To **receive** an update from HELCOM Secretariat on the new on-line decision support tool (JTG-Ballast 20/05/01).

Agenda Item 6 – Target Species

- 6.1 To **note** a verbal update on the extension of the COMPLETE Project with regards to HELCOM Target Species lists revision according to the revised target species criteria.

Agenda Item 7 – Biofouling

- 7.1 To **receive** a presentation from the International Maritime Organization on the progress and process in Reviewing the IMO Biofouling Guidelines;
- 7.2 To **receive** an update on the exploration and design of research on hull and biofouling in commercial shipping from the Netherlands (JTG-Ballast 20/07/01);

7.3 To finalise and agree on the draft HELCOM Biofouling Management Roadmap for approval by HELCOM HOD 59-2020 and adoption by HELCOM 42-2021 (JTG-Ballast 20/07/02);

7.4 To receive an update on the Biofouling Risk Assessment Tool from Denmark (JTG-Ballast 20/07/03).

Agenda Item 8 – Open Issues

8.1 To **receive** an elaboration of the same risk area concept including outcomes of pilot projects from Denmark and Sweden (JTG-Ballast 20/08/01);

8.2 To **note** the sampling and analysis of treated BW pilot exercise in Algeciras from Spain (JTG-Ballast 20/08/02);

8.3 To **note** an audit of port reception facilities for BW sediments from Spain (JTG-Ballast 20/08/03).

Agenda Item 9 – Any Other Business

9.1 Contracting Parties may raise any other issues of interest to TG Ballast under this agenda item.

9.2 To **receive** a paper on Ranking of Danish Ports for granting exemptions according to the Ballast Water Management Convention from Denmark (JTG-Ballast 20/09/01);

9.3 To **receive** an update on monitoring of non-indigenous species in Swedish marine waters (JTG-Ballast 20/09/02).

Agenda Item 10 – Work Plan and Future Meetings

10.1 To **note** the terms of reference for TG-Ballast for 2020-2024 (JTG-Ballast 20/10/01);

10.2 To **discuss and agree on** the updated work plan for the group (JTG-Ballast 20/10/02);

10.3 To **note** and **update** as necessary the list of official contact points for BWMC A-4 Exemptions (JTG-Ballast 20/10/03);

10.4 To **note** and **update** as necessary the contact list for the group (JTG-Ballast 20/10/04).

Agenda Item 11 – Outcome of the Meeting

11.1 The Secretariats will prepare a draft summary record of the Meeting.