

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

Updated draft Joint HELCOM/OSPAR TG Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling Work Plan 2021-2022

Presented by HELCOM and OSPAR Secretariats

Issue: This document presents an updated draft Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group on Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling Work Plan 2021-2022

Action requested

1. JTG-Ballast is invited to:
 - a. discuss and agree on the updated work plan for the group.

Background

2. TG BALLAST 10-2019 recalled that TG BALLAST 9-2018 updated the work plan for 2019-2020. With the understanding that the ToR (Annex 4) are still pending approval by OSPAR EIHA, the meeting considered how the biofouling issues should be reflected in the work plan of the Task Group, which is to be updated at TG BALLAST 11-2020. The meeting invited the new Co-Chairs to consider the matter intersessionally in cooperation with the Secretariats, with a view to submitting proposals on the matter to the next meeting ([Outcome of TG BALLAST 10-2019](#), para. 9.3).

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WP	Actions from TOR	Activity	Timing	Task leader
1	Meeting organisation	Arrange meetings and documentation	TG BALLAST 2021 and 2022	OSPAR Secretariat and HELCOM Secretariat
2	Updates of the JHP	Carry out updates of the JHP based on lessons learnt	Continuous	CPs
3	Port surveys	Port Survey Testing in the Baltic	Continuous	National Initiatives
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	Port surveys	Consider potential synergies with MSFD monitoring	Continuous	TG BALLAST and other HELCOM/OSPAR groups
	Port surveys	Generate a list of surveyed ports according to JHP protocol	Information to be submitted to TG Ballast meetings	CPs & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
	Port surveys	Generate a list of ports surveyed under other methods	Information to be submitted to TG Ballast meetings	CPs & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
4	Target Species	Review of HELCOM target species List	Continuous	HELCOM Maritime sub-group on Baltic A-4 target species list (Maiju Lehtiniemi)
	Target Species	Review of OSPAR target species List	Continuous	OSPAR NIS Expert Group (Peter Stæhr)
	Target Species	HELCOM/OSPAR cooperation on target species list	Continuous	HELCOM Maritime sub-group on Baltic A-4 target species list (Maiju Lehtiniemi) & OSPAR NIS Expert Group (Peter Stæhr)
5	Data storage and decision support tool	Update online decision support tool	Continuous	HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
	Data storage and decision support tool	Early warning system	According to COMPLETE extended timeplan (tentatively March 2021).	HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
6	Same Risk Area	Consider issues related to Same Risk Area	Continuous	Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands and Sweden
7	Compliance control and enforcement of the BWMC	Support and exchange experiences on the matter	Continuous	CPs
8	Biofouling	Develop common interpretation of the IMO evaluation guidance and a uniform approach to the evaluation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines for all ships (MEPC.207(62), including	By TG BALLAST 2022	CPs & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats

		the evaluation of the Guidance for recreational craft (Resolution MEPC.1/Circ.792)		
	Biofouling	Align with and contribute to the process of evaluation of the guidelines within the IMO SubCommittee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) and further steps that could be decided within the IMO - Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)	Continuous	CPs & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
	Biofouling	Develop a common OSPAR/HELCOM biofouling management strategy for the implementation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines	By TG BALLAST 2024	CPs & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
	Biofouling	Collection and sharing of relevant data and information about: best practices (cleaning methods and waste management), research, regulations, legal aspects, risk assessment, awareness and training	Continuous	CPs
	Biofouling	Identify knowledge gaps, needed expertise and knowledge exchanges on biofouling	Continuous	CPs
9	Terms of reference	Proposal for Terms of Reference for 2023-2024	By TG BALLAST 2022	HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats