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WORKING PROGRAMME FOR THE HELCOM MARITIME GROUP 2013-2014

The Working Programme for the HELCOM Maritime Group (HELCOM MARITIME) for the years 2013-2014 was agreed on at the HELCOM MARITIME 11/2012 meeting (Annex 5 of the Minutes of HELCOM MARITIME 11/2012) and was approved by HELCOM HOD 39/2012 with the view to re-visit and update the Working Programme after the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting, if needed.

The attached document contains the Working Programme as approved by HELCOM HOD 39/2012. In addition, the Secretariat has suggested some changes to the Working Programme (additions **highlighted in yellow** and deletions shown with ~~striketrough~~). Some editorial changes have also been made to the table to make it more easily readable.

The Meeting is invited to:

- discuss the future work of the HELCOM Maritime Group in the light of the outcomes of the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting as well as other developments since HELCOM MARITIME 11/2012,
- agree to forward the Working Program 2013-2014 for approval by the HELCOM Heads of Delegation.

ACTION	INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/RESPONSIBLE	RESULTS/TIME FRAME
Measures and actions enhancing maritime safety		
Propose additional safety measures, including routing measures	HELCOM MARITIME	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME Group of Experts on Safety of Navigation
Follow up implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 34E/2 on e-navigation E-navigation/ follow up of EfficientSea results	HELCOM SAFE NAV HELCOM AIS EWG	Continuous
Maintain and update the "HELCOM Transit Guide for the Baltic Sea" – chart and web page version	Lead countries: - chart – Germany - web page version - Denmark	Continuous
Contribute to HELCOM Maritime Spatial Planning work with maritime input	HELCOM - VASAB Working Group on Maritime Spatial Planning	Continuous
Follow-up, contribute to and utilize the results of various risk assessment of shipping accidents in the Baltic Sea	In co-operation with HELCOM RESPONSE	Meetings of HELCOM SAFE NAV
Continue the development of AIS Application Specific Messages and promote their use in the Baltic	HELCOM AIS EWG Lead countries: Finland and Sweden	Continuous
Co-operate with the Monitoring Working Group of BSHC to speed-up hydrographic re-surveys and support other hydrographic activities and follow up the implementation of the Revised re-survey scheme and its time schedules agreed during HELCOM MM 2013.	Contracting Parties HELCOM MARITIME	Progress evaluation at 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting Revised re-survey scheme agreed during HELCOM MM 2013.
Co-operate with Baltic Icebreaking Management to further improve the safety of navigation in ice conditions	Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Implement actions to facilitate use of ECDIS in the Baltic Sea	HELCOM MARITIME	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Implement HELCOM Recommendation on Mutual Plan for Places of Refuge	Contracting Parties In co-operation with HELCOM RESPONSE	

Consideration of the ways to further reduce emissions and discharges from shipping		
Follow-up of the designation of the Baltic Sea as a Special Area under Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 sewage discharges from passenger ships (availability of technology to treat sewage)	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM Maritime Correspondence Group on outstanding issues on Port Reception Facilities	By IMO MEPC 67 in 2014
Follow up new developments regarding availability of technology to treat sewage to Special Area standards	HELCOM MARITIME	Continuous
A joint submission to IMO to establish the Baltic Sea NOx emission control area	HELCOM Heads of Delegation to make a final decision	discussion continues at HOD 39/2012 Pending decisions at IMO MEPC 66
Investigate and consider introduction of economic incentives for reducing emissions from ships, which are not covered by Annex VI tier III	Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Investigate and consider alternative fuels and green technology for shipping	HELCOM MARITIME Joint platform on alternative fuels and green technology for shipping, together with CBSS	Possible Initiative on promoting coordination in alternative fuels and green technology for shipping for agreed by the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting Continuous
Follow up implementation of more stringent limits of SOx emissions that will come into force in 2015	HELCOM MARITIME	Continuous
Assessment whether there is room/need for other HELCOM measures to address emissions from shipping	HELCOM MARITIME	Continuous
Port Reception Facilities including full and harmonized implementation of the Baltic Strategy		
Solve open issues included in the 2013 HELCOM Guidance on operational and technical aspects of delivery of sewage to PRF	Lead: [Sweden and WWF] HELCOM MARITIME	Continuous Sewage PRF Guidance to be ready for endorsed by the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting
Identify further gaps in availability of PRF for ship-generated wastes, mandatory delivery of waste and the application of the "no-special-fee" system, and propose measures to fill in these gaps	Contracting Parties Finland as lead for HELCOM work on "no-special fee" system	

Identify gaps and upgrade PRF for sewage in the Baltic Sea region (cf. 2010 HELCOM Road map for upgrading sewage PRFs and 2013 HELCOM overview on sewage PRFs).	Contracting Parties	2013, at the latest 2015
Regional implementation of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments		
Full implementation of the road map towards harmonized implementation and ratification of the BWMC	Correspondence Working Group led by Germany In co-operation with HELCOM MONAS and HELCOM HABITAT	According to the time schedule included in the road map
Establishing Implementing a harmonized BWMC A-4 exemption system in the Baltic Sea	HELCOM MARITIME in co-operation with OSPAR. HELCOM-OSPAR TG BALLAST	for the 2013 Ministerial Meeting continuous
Development of regional Action Plan for BWMC implementation as an update of the 2007 HELCOM BWM road map.	to be identified HELCOM MARITIME	for the 2013 Ministerial Meeting by end of 2014, as agreed at the 2013 HELCOM MM
Co-operation to ensure enforcement of regulations and detection, investigation and successful convictions of offenders of anti-pollution regulations		
Co-operate with the Paris MoU, e.g. to obtain statistics on PSC from the Paris MoU database SIRENAC (in 2011 to be succeeded by THETIS)	Secretariat	
Apply for advisor status of HELCOM to Paris MoU on Port State Control	HELCOM MARITIME	as agreed at the 2013 HELCOM MM
Extend the Single Hull Tanker monitoring system to the banned ships under the Paris MoU and ships non-compliant with the AFS Convention	HELCOM AIS EWG	Banned ships: 2010 The AFS non-compliant ships: 2011
Play a proactive role in communicating "unexpected" factors according to Directive 2009/16/EC to the PSC authorities, e.g. based on information on non-compliant ships detected in the Baltic, to prompt additional inspections of high risk ships	Contracting Parties In cooperation with HELCOM AIS EWG re. non-compliant ships	Starting from January 2011

Collection and analyses of the statistics on ships' movements in the Baltic and on environmental impact of shipping/ experience exchange		
Monitor emissions from ships and evaluate its impact on the Baltic Sea	Lead country: Finland Innoship project	Annual reports on emissions to HELCOM MARITIME meetings
Collect and compile information on shipping accidents in the Baltic	Secretariat/ Contracting Parties	Annual HELCOM report on shipping accidents
Analyse annual HELCOM reports on illegal discharges observed during aerial surveillance	In co-operation with HELCOM RESPONSE	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Uphold, maintain and further develop the HELCOM AIS System	HELCOM AIS EWG	Continuously
Analyse AIS based information on the shipping in the Baltic	Contracting Parties	Continuously
Regulating access to AIS information according to HELCOM Recommendation 33/1	HELCOM AIS EWG national contact points HELCOM Secretariat	Continuous
HELCOM Assessment on Maritime Activities	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM Secretariat	by 2016, as agreed at the 2013 HELCOM MM
Produce thematic assessments and GES relevant indicators related to Maritime activities to support work of HELCOM GEAR & MONAS	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM Secretariat	Continuous

Information to mariners		
Update and disseminate the revised "HELCOM Clean Seas Guide"	Secretariat	Update when needed Next update by June 2014 Last update 2012
Other tasks stemming from implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (Maritime Activities segment)		
Further address marine litter, including the problem of "ghost fishing"	KIMO, Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Consider noise from shipping and its environmental effects	HELCOM MARITIME	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME by 2016, as agreed at the 2013 HELCOM MM

Exchange information about offshore activities	HELCOM MARITIME HELCOM RESPONSE	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME continuous
Consider an assessment of pleasure craft activities in the Baltic Sea region including i.a. environmental impacts and risks of accident leisure boating and its environmental effects	EBA, Contracting Parties	Meetings of HELCOM MARITIME
Consider joint proposals to IMO on clean and safe shipping in the Baltic Sea	HELCOM MARITIME	continuous