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Background

MSP needs relevant planning evidence at an aggregated BSR level. Example from Sweden and a test made in the Baltic Scope project showed the potential value of using of green infrastructure, blue corridor, maps (Green Maps) as a basis in MSP. Such maps cannot be created by the HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG and the need for them highlights the need for further developed linkages towards other HELCOM groups like State & Conservation and HELCOMs work with HOLAS II. Such maps may also be a link between MSP and the MPA-network.

At the 14th HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG meeting Sweden offered, in cooperation with Germany, Latvia, Finland representatives of HELCOM S&C WG and with assistance from the HELCOM Secretariat, to start developing a work plan for the task of summarizing related ongoing processes relating to the implementation of the ecosystem-based approach in MSP, green infrastructure and connectivity of MPAs and present the plan at the next HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG meeting for discussion at both HELCOM groups.

For the 15th HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG meeting a draft work plan was developed including a list with current national and other processes of relevance. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 15-2017 also agreed that EBSA workshop, which took place in February 2018, might be considered as the first event of the work plan. The WG meeting also suggested that cooperation with S&C will start in autumn 2018.

This document presents an indicative timetable for the cooperation between HELCOM/VASAB MSP JWG, HELCOM S&C WG and the Pan Baltic Scope project on the topic of green infrastructure/blue corridors for linking MSP and management of marine areas.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited:

- to discuss the timetable for future cooperation on Green infrastructure/Blue corridors in MSP and marine environmental management;
- to agree on the proposed steps of the cooperation and its outputs;
- to agree on including of the proposed workshops into the lists of HELCOM and VASAB meetings.

A draft indicative timetable for cooperation on Green infrastructure/Blue corridors in MSP and marine environmental management.

Time/ format	Action	Focus	Responsibility
14-18 May 2018/ HELCOM S&C WG	Presentation of Green infrastructure/Blue corridors workplan for HELCOM S&C WG	Aim and contents of the workplan. Discuss potential benefits and forms of cooperation (Why and How)	Sweden or Finland
29-30 May 2018/ PanBaltic Scope	Pan Baltic Scope workshop on Green Infrastructure in MSP	To agree on a common set of criteria and concept for establishing of GI within the Pan Baltic Scope project (What)	Latvia
October/November 2018/ HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG	Presentation of a draft agenda of a joint workshop on concepts such as Green Infrastructure to link MSP and MPAs / EBA at HELCOM/VASAB and HELCOM S&C	To compile CPs contribution to the workshop and finalize its agenda	Latvia
	Discussions on elements of GI in MSP / MPA context	Discuss the definitions of Green Infrastructure and Blue corridors in MSP-context aiming at a common understanding of the concept(s) and the relevance to MSP. Compare different "methods" and aims.	Sweden, Germany, Latvia, Finland
December 2018/ PanBaltic Scope	Joint workshop on Green Infrastructure, Pan Baltic Scope, HELCOM/VASAB JWG and HELCOM S&C	Testing of concepts such as GI by national/transnational case studies	Latvia, Finland Sweden
May 2019/ HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG HELCOM S&C WG	Feedback from Pan Baltic Scope to HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG and HELCOM S&C WG meetings.	Presentation of preliminary results (initial suggestions for "green" maps based on outcomes of the Workshop) and their application in overall GI concept	Latvia (HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG) Finland or Sweden (HELCOM S&C WG)
November? 2019	Joint workshop on Green Infrastructure maps	In depth assessment of developed green GI maps. Pros and cons. Potential further development. Analysis of practical use in MSP and marine management.	Sweden? (This workshop is not included in the PBS GI activity work plan)
November 2019/ HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG HELCOM S&C?	Discussion on the use of the "green" maps at HELCOM/VASAB	To elaborate suggestion on a regional tool to promote using of the "green" maps in MSP (e.g. Recommendation)	Sweden, Germany, Latvia, Finland