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Background

An easily accessible and reliable source of information on the MSP status in the Baltic Sea countries is needed. HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 9-2014 agreed that it should be provided by the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG and that the information should be available on the HELCOM and VASAB web pages. The Meeting also agreed on a procedure for updating the information (cf. paragraph 2.18 of the [Outcome](#) of the Meeting).

A request for filling in/reviewing and updating the country fiches was sent out by the Secretariats on 29 January 2016 to the contacts of HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG. The countries were requested to send the updated fiches to the Secretariats prior to HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 12-2016.

The Secretariats have received updates from the following HELCOM and VASAB members:

- Denmark (new chart and updated contact information),
- Poland (updated contact information and additional information related to governance, legislation, new developments/current status),
- Russia (additional information in Chapter 6).

The updated country fact sheets have been uploaded to the [HELCOM](#) and [VASAB](#) web pages.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the country fiches on MSP status published on the HELCOM and VASAB web pages.

Lithuania kindly asked to fill in the template as soon as possible to the Secretariats (alda.nikodemusa@vasab.org and laura.meski@helcom.fi).