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Background

The updated BSAP will have a layered preamble which will also include segment-specific introductory text. HOD 57-2019 requested the Secretariat to prepare a first draft of the introductory text for the four segments (eutrophication, hazardous substances and litter, biodiversity, sea-based activities). MSP is a cross-cutting topic that could have links to various segments.

HOD 58-2020 supported the inclusion of an additional segment focusing on horizontal actions in the updated BSAP, to be divided by subheadings representing the various identified horizontal topics and invited the DG BSAP to develop a proposed structure for the segment.

HOD 58-2020 also noted that MSP might be considered for inclusion as one of the topics under the segment of horizontal actions in the updated BSAP. The overall structure of the horizontal actions segment was agreed by DG BSAP 3-2020 and DG BSAP invited the Secretariat, in cooperation with the relevant HELCOM groups, to draft the introductory texts for topics of the horizontal actions segment.

This addition to the document 3-10 provides an initial proposal for the MSP related section of the BSAP segment on horizontal actions. The proposal includes an introductory part which has been drafted utilizing key issues identified by HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG 19-2019 for the updated BSAP preamble. This addition to the previously submitted document also includes MSP related actions which are currently under consideration for inclusion in the update BSAP. Thus, this part is included in the document just to illustrate the whole structure of the segment but not for consideration. The proposed actions are to be considered and endorsed by the group in the document 3-8.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to consider and agree on the draft introductory text for the MSP related section of the horizontal action segment.

Draft proposal of the MSP section in the horizontal actions segment of the updated BSAP

Maritime Spatial Planning is a process to support integrated management of sea-based human activities and thus reduce their negative impacts on various components of the marine environment, contributing to the achievement of goals and objectives of different BSAP segments. It safeguards biodiversity, promotes sustainable use of marine resources and balances interests of stakeholders.

Maritime Spatial Planning has important added value to the BSAP as it is the only process that considers spatial perspective. Unlike marine protection measures that focus on single human activities or components of marine ecosystems, MSP is based on a comprehensive, coherent across borders and forward-looking analysis of marine space use with a purpose of identifying preferred and optimal locations for sea-based activities.

Maritime Spatial Planning supports sustainable development and sustainable blue economy applying ecosystem-based approach when considering social, economic, cultural and other relevant aspects which enhances marine nature values, facilitates nature conservation and improves marine ecosystem services.

NOTE: Actions are given in the document to illustrate the content of the segment.

Actions:

- 1). Contracting parties are committed to implementation of the “Regional MSP Roadmap” to assure that Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) applying ecosystem-based approach supports the achievement of BSAP-objectives and targets and contributes to sustainable sea-based activities.
- 2). MSP to signal areas of high nature value.
- 3). MSP should steer sea-based activities away from areas where they can cause serious damage or disturbance.
- 4). [Improved coastal planning to concentrate movement of smaller vessels in sensitive and shallow coastal areas].