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## Background

To support the selection of new measures and actions for the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, an invitation to submit synopses on potential new HELCOM actions was put forward in spring 2019 to the Contracting Parties, HELCOM subsidiary bodies, international projects and HELCOM Observers. As a first step, the HELCOM Working Groups conducted a technical review on the proposals for new actions, and as a second step, they were evaluated at the HELCOM BSAP UP workshops. The evaluation of the new actions in the workshops focused on the effectiveness of the measures and whether the actions are supported for the updated BSAP. The synopses that were evaluated are available in the dedicated [workspace](#) where they can be sorted according to the workshop and breakout session.

The actions related to MSP were discussed during the BSAP UP workshop on biodiversity, including extraction of species and spatial measures (HELCOM BSAP UP WS-BIO 2020) held from 31 August 2020 to 2 September.

The Workshop included six breakout sessions and the MSP related actions were considered in the breakout session “managing human activities”. The evaluation of the proposed actions in the workshop took place in the breakout sessions and focused on the effectiveness of the measures and whether or not the actions are supported for the updated BSAP. A summary of the general discussion in the workshop can be found in the workshop Notes and the evaluation of the synopses in the breakout groups is included in the Annexes to the Notes (see link to the workshop site [here](#)).

The evaluation of the synopses of relevance for the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG is contained in the attached Excel table.

## Action requested

- take note of the outcomes of the BSAP UP WS-BIO;
- utilize the outcomes of the BSAP UP WS-BIO to endorse proposed new actions for submission to HOD 59-2020;
- identify possible gaps in the set of measures for the updated BSAP and propose measures to fill the gaps, as well as agree on a process for assessing the newly proposed measures in a similar manner to those submitted through the synopses;
- take note that further work on the proposed new actions will take place in DG BSAP and HOD meetings, in line with the BSAP updated workplan.