

HELCOM SALAR project 2010

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Overview of the state of salmon and sea trout populations in rivers flowing to the Baltic Sea

1. Aims of the project

- Produce an overview and classification of the state of salmon (*Salmo salar*) and sea trout (*Salmo trutta*) populations in rivers flowing to the Baltic Sea, including the status of their habitat
- The project is co-financed by the European Commission and HELCOM



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2. Implementation of relevant actions in the HELCOM BSAP

- Classification and inventorying of rivers with historic and existing migratory fish species
- The development of restoration plans in suitable rivers to reinstate migratory fish species
- The active conservation of at least ten endangered/threatened wild salmon river populations in the Baltic Sea region as well as the reintroduction of native Baltic Sea salmon in at least four potential salmon rivers



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3. Deliveries of the project

- Creation of a HELCOM salmonid database available for research, aim in yearly updating
- GIS-maps and photographs
- Final report
 - Overview, inventory, classification, prioritisation and recommendations
 - Covers both the salmonid fish and their river environment as well as the passage in the rivers



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4. Use of the project results

- The Member States of HELCOM will use the results as a basis when implementing the relevant actions of the HELCOM BSAP concerning salmonids
- The EU Member States will use the results when nationally implementing the foreseen EU salmon management plan and other actions for the recovery and development of salmon and sea trout populations



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5. Project outcomes designed for effective implementation

- The recommendations of the project will identify the targeted and priority measures needed for the recovery and development of salmon and sea trout
- The analysis and recommendations will cover both the salmonids, their passage to reproduction areas and the riverine aquatic environment
- The identification of priority actions will allow for the development of international and national funding programs for their systematic realization



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6. The timeframe of the project

- Start-up January 2010
- Nominated experts kick off meeting 28-29.1.2010
- Main productive phase started in February, data compilation, analyzing and reporting by experts
- Consultation of the Fisheries and Environmental Forum and other HELCOM bodies
- Project deliveries for end of November 2010

