

Strategic actions and flagships to protect biodiversity

- HELCOM BSAP, Biodiversity Segment
- EU BSS Priority Area 2 (*To preserve Natural Zones and biodiversity, including fisheries*)

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Setting the scene

- in facts and figures (examples):
 - none of the habitats/biotopes assessed by HELCOM can be considered as being in a favourable conservation status
 - fish communities out of balance in several areas of the Baltic Sea
 - 59 species are considered as threatened or declining
 - Population of harbour porpoise, especially in the Baltic Proper, is in a precarious state/continues to decline

Setting the scene

- in terms of policy instruments
 - HELCOM BSAP, adopted 2007
 - EU BSS, adopted 2009

*EU BSS Strategic Action:
„Implement the HELCOM Baltic Sea
Action Plan“*

specific reference to

- the **Biodiversity** and

Nature Conservation **segment**

as well as

- on-going **HELCOM activities**

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specific reference to

- [the **Maritime Activities segment**, incl. the Ballast Water Road Map (2004 IMO BWMC)]
- - closely related to implementation and development of **EU regulations and policies**, including the Common Fisheries' Policy and the EU Maritime Policy;

*EU BSS Strategic Action:
“Reduce the negative effects of
fishing
on the Baltic ecosystem”*

- additional national measures (territorial waters and fishing vessels flying ,their' flag)
 - fisheries directly impacting fish diversity
 - fisheries affecting other aquatic species (sea birds, marine mammals (especially the critically endangered **Baltic harbour porpoise** population

Flagship Project I

“Create marine protected areas”

- **Basics:**
 - EC Directives (Birds' / Habitats')
 - HELCOM Rec. 15/5 on BSPAs
- **Needs:**
 - management plans
 - involvement of MSP aspects

Flagship Project III

“Establish measures to facilitate migration and reproduction of migratory fish species”

- **Basics:**
 - classification/inventory of rivers with respective fish species (e.g eel , salmon => BSAP request)
- **Needs:**
 - application of measures to protect aquatic fauna and flora (=> rehabilitation of inland waters)
 - national eel management plans (=> BSAP)