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**Update on the activities of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – Helsinki
Commission (2018) (initial draft) (2018) (The 2018 update)**

HELCOM Ministerial Meeting held in Brussels on 6 March 2018 will be based on scientific knowledge, including on climate change impacts as well as the water and ecosystems of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 14.

In addition to current objectives on eutrophication, biodiversity, maritime activities and fisheries, the updated BSAP will have an increased focus on underwater noise, circular economy, as well as seabed damage and disturbance.

Work for the update has already started in 2018. The new updated BSAP will be

HELCOM/72/73; paragraph 184; 187; 196; 206; 355

“State of the Baltic Sea” report

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¹ gives a holistic data-based assessment at Baltic Sea scale, covering or approaching the main themes to be considered in an ecosystem approach. The report summarizes a significant improvement to regional monitoring and assessment since the implementation of the Baltic Sea

