

Work plan for HELCOM Task Force on migratory fish species (Fish-M) 2017-2018

No.	ACTION	LEAD/ RESPONSIBLE	FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME
Action 1 River and habitat restoration				
1	Best practices on River restoration	Fish-M	Seminar/targeted meeting on river restoration best practices in 2017 Workshop Report/publication on river restoration in the Baltic Sea 2017 If funded, RETROUT project WP on river restoration 2018	summer 2017
Action 2 European eel:				
2	Exchange of information on national eel management in the coastal countries including i.a. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – enforcement/tackling assumed illegal catches (with the aim to assess the scale of the problem and look for solutions for proper enforcement), – traceability/tracking of eel – data gaps and collection methods – links to international eel management (e.g. CMS) – other relevant issues as appropriate <p>The above is carried out with the aim of a Baltic wide stock status assessment and facilitating subsequent action, to be further developed at the appropriate fora.</p>	FISH-M	Seminar/targeted meeting under Fish-M to present national management plans and consider regional collaboration related to the implementation of national management plans on eel, for EU countries in relation to the EC regulation on eel ¹ 2017. Participants should preferably include representatives from management bodies, scientific experts and relevant stakeholders. Workshop Report/publication on eel in the Baltic Sea by 2017	summer 2017
Action 3 Implementation of recommendation 32/33-1 on Salmon and sea trout				
3	Reporting on the implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 32/33-1 and following up on the below activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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, by 2009, – common practices for breeding, rearing and releasing salmon as reintroduction in potential salmon rivers, – investigating needed improvements for stocking practices (e.g. biological and genetic guidelines), as well as – model recommendations for protection and conservation measures such as fish ways for up and down migration, restoration and protection of spawning grounds, fishery regulation for the river and estuaries; 	Fish-M	Updating of 2012 report by May 2017 Evaluation on the status and revision needs of HELCOM Recommendation 32/33-1 based on updated information and EU Salmon management plan developments by 2018	