

Media info sheet



About HELCOM

The Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission – also known as the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM) – is an intergovernmental organization (IGO) and a regional sea convention in the Baltic Sea area, consisting of ten members: the nine Baltic Sea countries Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden, plus the European Union. A platform for environmental policy making at the regional level, HELCOM works for a healthy Baltic Sea. Its mandate stems from a regional treaty, the Helsinki Convention, whose implementation it oversees. The HELCOM Secretariat is located in Helsinki, Finland.



Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

The Helsinki Convention

The Helsinki Convention was signed in 1974 by the Baltic Sea coastal countries to address the increasing environmental challenges from industrialisation and other human activities, which were having a severe impact on the marine environment. The Helsinki Convention was updated in 1992 to take into account the geopolitical changes and emerging environmental concerns in the region.

Our action areas



Where we can provide expert input

<p>Pollution of the sea, oil spills and hazardous substances</p>	<p>Toxic algae, eutrophication and nutrient inputs</p>	<p>Biodiversity of the Baltic Sea, its species and habitats</p>	<p>Shipping, fisheries and other maritime activities</p>
<p>New pressures such as climate change, noise, marine litter</p>	<p>Socioeconomic impacts of our human activities</p>	<p>Regional cooperation on environmental matters</p>	<p>Environmental policies and frameworks in the Baltic Sea</p>

What we work for

“A healthy Baltic Sea environment, with diverse biological components functioning in balance, resulting in a good environmental and ecological status, and supporting a wide range of sustainable human economic and social activities.”

What we can offer to our media partners

<p>Interviews for print, web, radio and TV, in most Baltic Sea languages</p>	<p>Op-eds and articles written by our experts, in most Baltic Sea languages</p>	<p>Background information on all Baltic Sea environmental matters</p>	<p>Maps and data material to illustrate your articles</p>
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