

Practically implementing ecosystem-based management

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Policy station

- BREAK DOWN THE SILOS in communication, in policies/regulations, in strategies, improve crosssectoral management... Inter-ministerial Cluster Task Force for EBM on National Level
- IMPROVE COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, LITERACY media, additional educators, innovative formats, dialogue (not one way), for policy makers & general public...at universities
- IMPROVE EBM PROCESS: Transparency, Participation, Ownership
- CONNECT EBM TO UPSTREAM / TERRESTRIAL, LAND-SEA INTERACTION: land planners, share expertise
- THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY (AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN) implement EBM on a local level, apply case studies from other regions EBM managers
- **CONSIDER TIMING** policy/election vs. EBM/ecosystems
- **NEED CLEAR GOALS**: design policies, communication... strong role of HELCOM

DIFFICULTY: ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION - SHARED RESPONSIBILITES



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Science station

- Science-practice collaboration needs to be improved!
 - Funding for stakeholder involvement, knowledge co-production, citizen science etc.
 - Engage sectors (including industry) in collecting data and improve knowledge. E.g. strict regulation until shown that activity is not damaging
 - Create collaboration arenas
- Ask for holistic advice!
 - Long-term ecosystem management plans
 - Socioecological scenarios as part of Holas III
 - Assess social and economic impacts of plans and activities, involving social scientists
- We know enough to act!

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Society station

Participation, scales, pilots, awareness, capacity, mandates, powers, limits, ecosystem values, communication HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2021

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- Start implementing a few key actions in BSAP as pilots to implement EBM. On smaller scale, leading to identify structural issues and organizational need
- Develop communication about the benefits of EBM, raising awareness and increasing capacity to be able to include more sectors/agencies as well as highlight source-sea interaction
- Raise the responsibility of EBM and environmental management to the level of prime minister's offices to change power dynamics and strengthen mandates
- Change how funding is channeled to make more participation and EBM process work, plus allow for more outreach work in relation to science



