

Joint HELCOM/OSPAR TG Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC) and Biofouling (JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING)
Work Plan 2021-2022 (as approved by MARITIME 21-2021)

WP	Actions from ToR	Activity	Timing	Task leader
1	Meetings organisation	Arrange meetings and documentation	JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2021 and 2022	HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
2	Updates of the JHP	Carry out updates of the JHP based on lessons learnt	Continuous	Contracting Parties
3	Port surveys	Port Survey Testing in the Baltic Sea	Continuous	National Initiatives
3	Port surveys	Port Survey Testing in the North East Atlantic	Continuous	National Initiatives
3	Port surveys	Consider potential synergies with additional strategies, developments and commitments relevant for NIS monitoring	Continuous	JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING and other HELCOM/OSPAR groups
3	Port surveys	Generate a list of surveyed ports according to JHP protocol	Information to be submitted to JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING meetings	Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
3	Port surveys	Generate a list of ports surveyed under other methods	Information to be submitted to JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING meetings	Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
4	Target Species	Review of HELCOM target species List	Continuous	HELCOM Correspondence Group on target species
4	Target Species	Review of OSPAR target species List	Continuous	OSPAR NIS Expert Group

4	Target Species	HELCOM/OSPAR cooperation on target species list	Continuous	Joint OSPAR/HELCOM Expert Group on Non-Indigenous Species (JEGNIS) ¹
5	Data storage and decision support tool	Update online decision support tool	Continuous	HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
5	Data storage and decision support tool	Early warning system	According to COMPLETE extended time plan (tentatively March 2021).	HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
6	Same Risk Area	Consider issues related to Same Risk Area	Continuous	Contracting Parties
7	Compliance control and enforcement of the BWMC	Support and exchange experiences on the matter	Continuous	Contracting Parties
8	Biofouling	Develop common interpretation of the IMO evaluation guidance and a uniform approach to the evaluation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines for all ships (MEPC.207(62), including the evaluation of the Guidance for recreational craft (Resolution MEPC.1/Circ.792)	By JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2022	Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
8	Biofouling	Align with and contribute to the process of evaluation of the guidelines within the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) and further steps that could be decided within the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)	Continuous	Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
8	Biofouling	Develop a common OSPAR/HELCOM biofouling	By JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2024	Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats

¹ Please note that STATE&CONSERVATION 15-2021 are to consider the draft ToR and 3-year Work Programme of the JEGNIS for 2021-2024 ([document 3J-8](#)) which, if supported, will be submitted to HOD 61-2021 for approval. In case the new joint group is not approved, then these tasks would be led by the OSPAR NIS Expert Group and HELCOM Correspondence Group on target species.

		management strategy for the implementation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines		
8	Biofouling	Collection and sharing of relevant data and information about best practices (cleaning methods and waste management), research, regulations, legal aspects, risk assessment, awareness and training	Continuous	Contracting Parties
8	Biofouling	Identify knowledge gaps, needed expertise and knowledge exchanges on biofouling	Continuous	Contracting Parties