

Workplan for JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2023-2024 (approved by HELCOM Maritime on 9 December 2022 through a correspondence procedure and by OSPAR EIHA in March 2023)

WP	Actions from ToR	Activity	Timing	Task leader
1	Meetings organisation	Arrange meetings and documentation	JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2023 and 2024	HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
1	Meeting organization	HELCOM/OSPAR cooperation on ballast water and biofouling matters in accordance with the HELCOM 2021 Baltic Sea Action Plan and the North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy 2030	Continuous	Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING
2	Updates of the JHP	Carry out updates of the JHP based on lessons learnt	Continuous	Contracting Parties
3	Port surveys	Port Surveys in the Baltic Sea	Continuous	National Initiatives
3	Port surveys	Port Surveys in the North-East Atlantic	Continuous	National Initiatives
3	Port surveys	Sharing information about the application of the port survey protocol in the JHP and review it, as appropriate	Continuous	Contracting Parties JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING
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	Annually update 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 and OSPAR Target Species Lists	Annually	Informal Correspondence Group on target species

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	Continuous	Contracting Parties, in particular those involved in the pilot implementation of the Early Warning System (Denmark, Finland, Latvia and Lithuania)
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8	Biofouling	Develop a common OSPAR/HELCOM biofouling draft guidance for recreational boating, taking into account IMO activities	By JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2023	Germany to lead with support from Finland, the Netherlands and Spain and other interested parties
8	Biofouling	Develop a common OSPAR/HELCOM biofouling management strategy for the implementation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines	By JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2024, pending adoption of revised IMO Biofouling Guidelines	Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats
8	Biofouling	Collection and sharing of relevant data and information about best practices (in-water cleaning, cleaning methods, anti-fouling systems 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