

# CCB views and comments on the HELCOM BSAP

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# Baltic Sea Action Plan

## Four segments with Actions

- *Eutrophication – towards a Baltic Sea unaffected by eutrophication*
- *Maritime activities*
- *Hazardous substances*
- *Nature Conservation – towards Baltic Sea biodiversity in favourable status*

## ***Eutrophication – towards a Baltic Sea unaffected by eutrophication***

- High political ambitions for Reduction of nutrient load -
  - Support for Nutrient country quota system, in sub-basins of the Baltic Sea
- National nutrient reductions-preliminary, updated 2010
  - strategy/indications in what sector the goals will be reached
- Support actions for earlier implementation of EU UWWD for municipal wastewater treatment above 10 000 pe, in new Baltic EU member countries
- Proposed/support for requirements for same high standards for wastewater management for all small agglomerations below 10 000 pe, and for single-family homes

## **Eutrophication - continued**

- Develop nutrient Hot Spots concepts for Industrial Animal Farms (CCB presented proposal for criteria)
- CCB proposal: Same requirements for Industrial Animal Farms, as municipal wastewater (1 pig produce 4 times more nutrients, compared to a human)
- Germany & CCB-proposal: Whole Baltic Sea catchment appointed as a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (EU Nitrate Directive)
- Ban(substitution) on Phosphorus in detergents (relate to EU process on Detergent Directive, to be decided on in 2007)

## ***-Maritime activities***

- \* Minimum air pollution from ships
  - Use of economic incentives systems to minimize emissions of SOx and NOx
  
- \* No introductions of aquatic alien species from ships
  - Mandatory reporting on area of origin for all ships with ballast water entering the Baltic Sea (via Danish Sounds, or Russian/German rivers and canals)
  
  - Survey of number and type of ships from Russian rivers/canals entering the Baltic, to estimate potential risks for alien introductions, and possible actions to mitigate risks
  
- \* Mandatory/voluntary pilotage for winter navigation under ice conditions in sensitive areas , e g Gulf of Finland

## ***Hazardous substances***

**Focus on Dioxins in the Baltic ecosystem**

**Remove dioxins from the ecosystem, via fisheries**

**Actions:**

**-No discard of fish and fish-waste (e g cod-liver) into the Baltic Sea**

## ***-Nature Conservation – towards Baltic Sea biodiversity in favourable status***

- Safeguarding cod populations
  - guarantee, via introduction of fisheries management measures, Baltic cod stocks reaching its natural distribution area in Baltic proper (up to Aaland Sea)
- Safeguarding Baltic harbour porpoises populations
  - introduce fisheries management measures on restrictions in areas and seasons, e.g. for bottom-set gill-nets, to minimise by-catch of porpoises in fishing gear

- For long-term safeguarding of wild Baltic salmon
  - By 2009 ,to safeguard at least 10 weak wild salmon river populations, and to reintroduce salmon in 4 potential salmon rivers
  - Improved control of landing reports for salmon and sea-trout that distinguish between these species
  - ecological release and restocking methods for salmon to guarantee genetic variability of wild salmon, by introduction of a EC-permission procedure for salmon artificial restocking and transplantation in Baltic Sea



## ***Potential available funds***

**Norwegian Environmental Fund –  
Eastern Europe (Maria S, PKE)**

**EU LIFE+ ,one priority “Biodiversity”  
(approx 50 %)**

**National Funds as Matching funds?  
(EC Fisheries Fund, Rural Development  
Prog, etc)**

**EU Water Initiative for EECCA-  
countries(e g Rus, Belarus, Ukr)**

## ***Planned CCB-activities in 2008***

### ***Sustainable Wastewater management activities :***

- Training Eco-sanitation (Rus,Bel,Ukr), Vilnius, autumn 2008**
- CCB water publication in Ukr**
- Construction of Eco-toilet demonstrations (Rus, Bel, Ukr)**
- Eco-sanitation conference,Brussels, 29 Jan 2008**
- National Eco-sanitation seminars with GWP CEE in 2008(Est,Lat,Lit,Pol,Ukr)**

# *Planned CCB activities in 2008*

## *RiverWatch – River Basin Management*

- CCB-supp RiverWatch proj (Rus, Bel)
- International CCB RiverWatch camp in Belarus 2008

# ***Planned CCB activities in 2008***

## ***Water protection-Agriculture***

- Agri proj activities Poland (PKE)**
- IPPC Industrial Farms requirements, Poland (GF Gaja)**
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## ***Potential CCB projects in 2008***

- Inventories of IPPC Ind. Farms – not fulfilling requirements (also Rus, Bel, Ukr)**
- Baltic salmon project – Helcom action- active protection of at least 10 weak wild salmon river populations & reintroduction of salmon in at least 4 potential rivers**
- Water protection-nutrient run-off reduction in rural areas/agri run-off**

# ***Goal of CCB Water seminar***

- \* Present info on important actions in Helcom BSAP**
- \* Info of Baltic Sea eutrophication**
  - Pollution sources & loads**
  - Impact of eutrophication on Baltic ecosystem & biodiversity**
- \* Describe problems with water management & nutrient pollution, and potential solutions**
- \* Discuss CCB-partners role-for solutions**
- \* Develop potential CCB international partnership projects**