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Baltic Sea Action Plan

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- HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan is based on ecological objectives which are defined to reflect a common vision of a healthy Baltic Sea
- Key issues requiring action:
 - Eutrophication
 - Hazardous substances
 - Maritime activities
 - Biodiversity





EUTROPHICATION

Finland and Latvia

- reduce the amounts of nutrients entering from diffuse sources**
- reduce nutrient pollution from remaining "hot spots"**
- reduce airborne nutrient pollution**



HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Sweden, Lithuania and Germany

- Prevent the environmentally harmful use of hazardous substances
- further reduce the amounts of hazardous substances entering the sea in rivers and from air
- safely dispose of old stocks of chemicals or equipment containing hazardous substances



MARITIME ACTIVITIES

Russia and Denmark

- further reduce emissions and waste discharges**
- improve maritime safety**
- improve preparedness to respond to any accidents and pollution incidents**





BIODIVERSITY

Estonia and Poland

- set up a representative network of marine and coastal protected areas**
- prevent the introduction of non-native species**
- curb inputs of nutrients and hazardous substances**





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BSAP will focus actions in the four priority areas taken into account the aspect of climate change within each of four priorities

Is it enough to stop pollution to the Baltic Sea

or

is restoration of the Baltic Sea needed ?





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THE BALTIC SEA ACTION PLAN SHOULD:

- *be holistic**
- *include a timetable**
- *ensure active stakeholders**
- *base on good ecological status**





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- *cover the whole catchment area and sources outside**
- *notice the financial activities**
- *be linked to existing and future programmes**
- *include the implementation of existing and planned commitments**





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TIMETABLE

27-28.8/06 Sweden ?

8-9.11/06 Germany

03/07 Seminar for the stakeholders

06/07 Final proposal from working groups

Autumn 07 implementation at HELCOM meeting





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