

The Baltic Sea as a time machine for the future coastal ocean

Multi-stakeholder dialogue/capacity building partnership event
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Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area

CONVENTION
ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT
OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA, 1992
(HELSINKI CONVENTION)



The 1992 Helsinki Convention entered into force on 17 January 2000.
This issue includes the amendments to its Annexes adopted by the Helsinki Commission
in 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2007. These amendments are listed on page 43.

November 2008

- Signed originally 1974 (in force 1980), Revised 1992 (in force 2000)
- Ratified by all nine Baltic Sea coastal states and the EU
- HELCOM governing body
- Over 50 official HELCOM Observers

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STATE OF THE BAL TIC SEA

- HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT -



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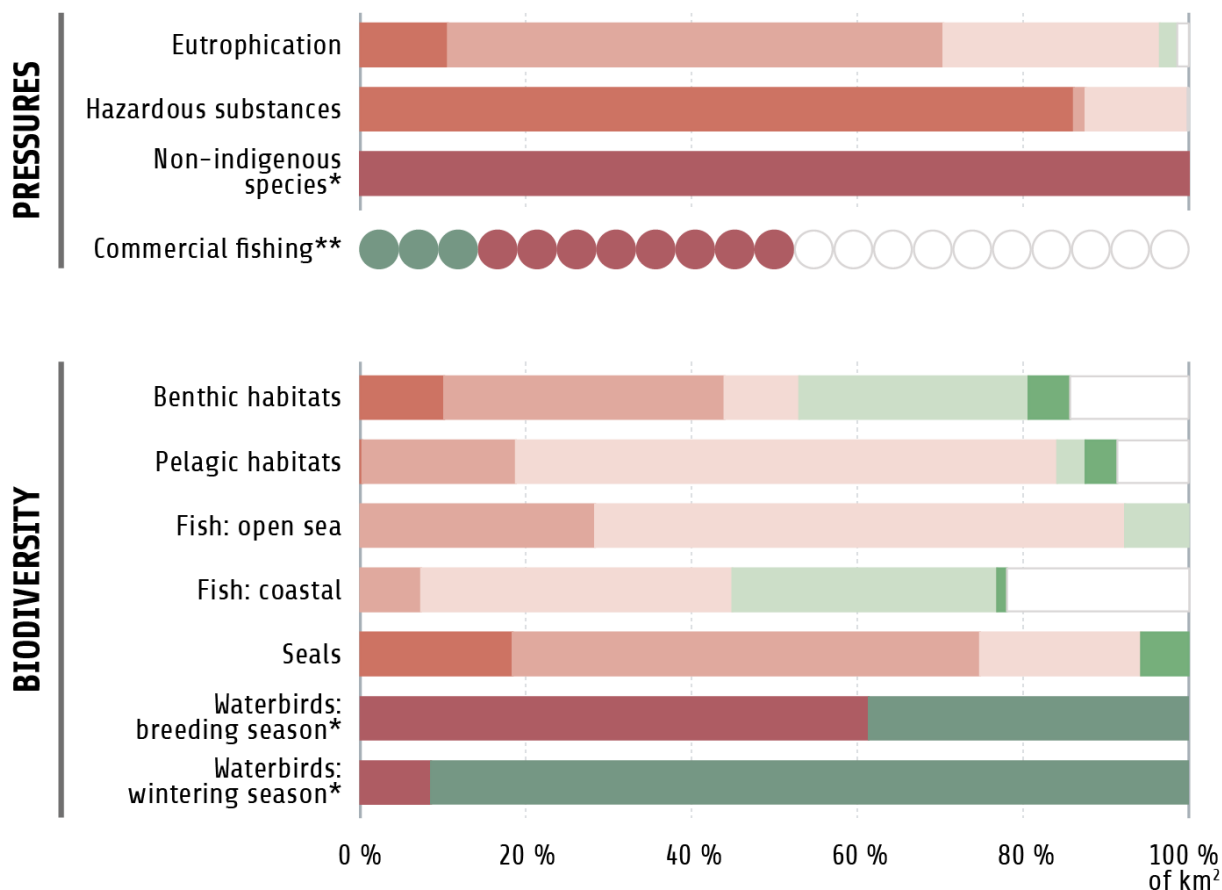


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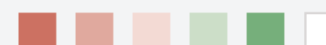
Integrated assessments

State of Baltic Sea pressures and biodiversity 2011–2016



INTEGRATED ASSESSMENTS

Not good Good Not assessed



*INDICATORS



**FISH STOCKS



The following pressures were assessed descriptively:

- Marine litter
- Underwater noise
- Seabed loss and disturbance
- Hunting of seals and waterbirds
- Pharmaceuticals
- Incidental bycatch in fishing gear

Results of socio-economic analysis



** Travel cost method
Source: State of the Baltic Sea report, Second HELCOM Holistic Assessment

Regional level cooperation offers a platform for the coastal countries

- to do assessments jointly and to pool national resources and build expert capacities over time
- to jointly follow-up on global commitments and translate them into national level implementation
- to make a direct contribution to the work on the global level such under the Regular Process and WOA II



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1. Take new action to meet the Sustainable Development Goals in the Baltic Sea
2. Strengthen the implementation of the Baltic Sea Action Plan by 2021
3. Update the Baltic Sea Action Plan

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“The Baltic Sea as a time machine for the future coastal ocean”
by Reusch et al., Science Advances 2018; 4: eaar8195

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