



ICES/HELCOM/EUSBSR Stakeholder Conference

Sustainable fisheries for a healthier Sea: *How can fisheries management contribute to achieving conservation objectives of marine protected areas?*

25-26 March 2013, ICES Headquarters, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 44, Copenhagen, Denmark

Provisional Agenda

Chair: Hans Lassen, ICES

25 March, Monday

10:00-10:15 **Welcome/opening**

Session I *Setting the scene and objectives*

10:15-10:40 **Management of Marine Protected Areas in the Baltic Sea**

History, legal regime, management limitations, conservation objectives, sub-regional differences, new challenges (CFP, MSFD, HD, BSAP etc.).

10:40-11:05 **Fisheries within MPAs**

Examples of fisheries: objects, gear types, potential/known impacts, sub-regional differences, EMPAS/FIMPAS experience

11:05-11:15 **Managing Fisheries in Baltic Marine Protected Areas (BALTFIMPA)**

Overview: state of the project, background, objectives, expected way forward

11:15-11:40 **Assessing impacts of fisheries on marine Natura 2000 sites**

A proposal for common methodology

Chair/Moderator conclusions on a session

11:40-12:00 **Coffee break**

Session II *Assessment/measuring impacts, presentation of the Generic Tool*

12:00-12:20 **Decision-support tool for management of fisheries within MPAs**

Draft BALTFIMPA Generic Tool - Overview

12:20-12:40 **Matrix of potential impacts of fisheries on conservation objectives**

Draft BALTFIMPA Generic Tool – Detailed and Technical level

12:40-13:00 **Commentary by**

- *Science: Initial results of ICES review of the Generic Tool*
- *Fisheries: regulating fisheries management, application of new gears*
- *Management, resolving conflicts in management of fisheries within N2K sites*

- 13:00-14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30-15:00 **Discussion**
[How to measure / estimate fisheries impacts?]
- Chair/Moderator conclusions on a session*
- Session III Building up on available knowledge, contributing to BALTFIMPA process**
- 15:00-15:25 **Bird by-catch in gillnets**
Seabird by-catch mitigation and measures
- 15:25-15:50 **Reducing impact of fisheries on MPAs and protected species, case Eastern Baltic Sea coast**
Addressing coastal fisheries, inputs to MPA planning
- 15:50-16:10 **Coffee**
- 16:10-16:35 **Protection of bubble reefs in the Kattegat from bottom contacting gear**
Involvement of stakeholders into MPA management process
- 16:35-17:00 **New approach in monitoring small cetaceans within SAMBAH project**
Utilization of new knowledge in assessment of impacts
- 17:00-17.30 **Discussion**
[How to ensure that relevant knowledge and expertise is applied?]
- Chair/Moderator wrapping up for the 1st day*

26 March, Tuesday

- Session III Building up on available knowledge, contributing to BALTFIMPA process**
- 09:00-09:25 **Development of sustainable fishing gear**
- 09:25-09:50 **Rescuing ringed seals in the Eastern Gulf of Finland: transboundary management and seal-safe fishing gear**
- 09:50-10:15 **Managing/regulating fisheries in newly established MPAs**
- 10:15-10:45 **Discussion**
[How the Generic Tool will contribute to development of sustainable / selective / environmentally sound / less-impacting fisheries gear?]
- Chair/Moderator conclusions on a session*
- 10:45-11:00 **Coffee break**
- Session V Recommendations for further work**
- 11:00-12:00 **Panel discussion**
[Questions to the panelists to be further developed]
- 12:00-12:30 *Chair/Moderator conclusions and closing of the Conference*