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HELCOM Recommendation 15/5 on the establishment of a system of Baltic Sea Protected Areas (BSPA) 1994

RECOMMENDS to the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention:

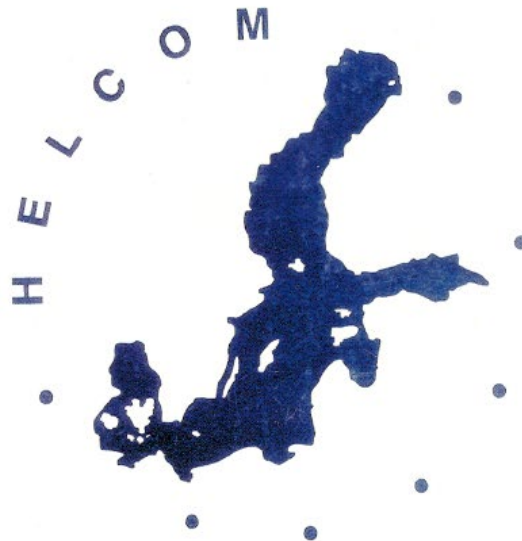
- a) that the Contracting Parties take all appropriate measures to establish a system of Coastal and Marine Baltic Sea Protected Areas (BSPA). The areas listed in the Attachment, and preliminarily described in Annex 17 to the report of EC 4, are recommended as a first step in establishing such a system. ...
- b) that this system of BSPA's be gradually developed as new knowledge and information becomes available. Special attention shall be paid to including additional coastal terrestrial areas and to including marine areas outside the territorial waters.

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COASTAL AND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION



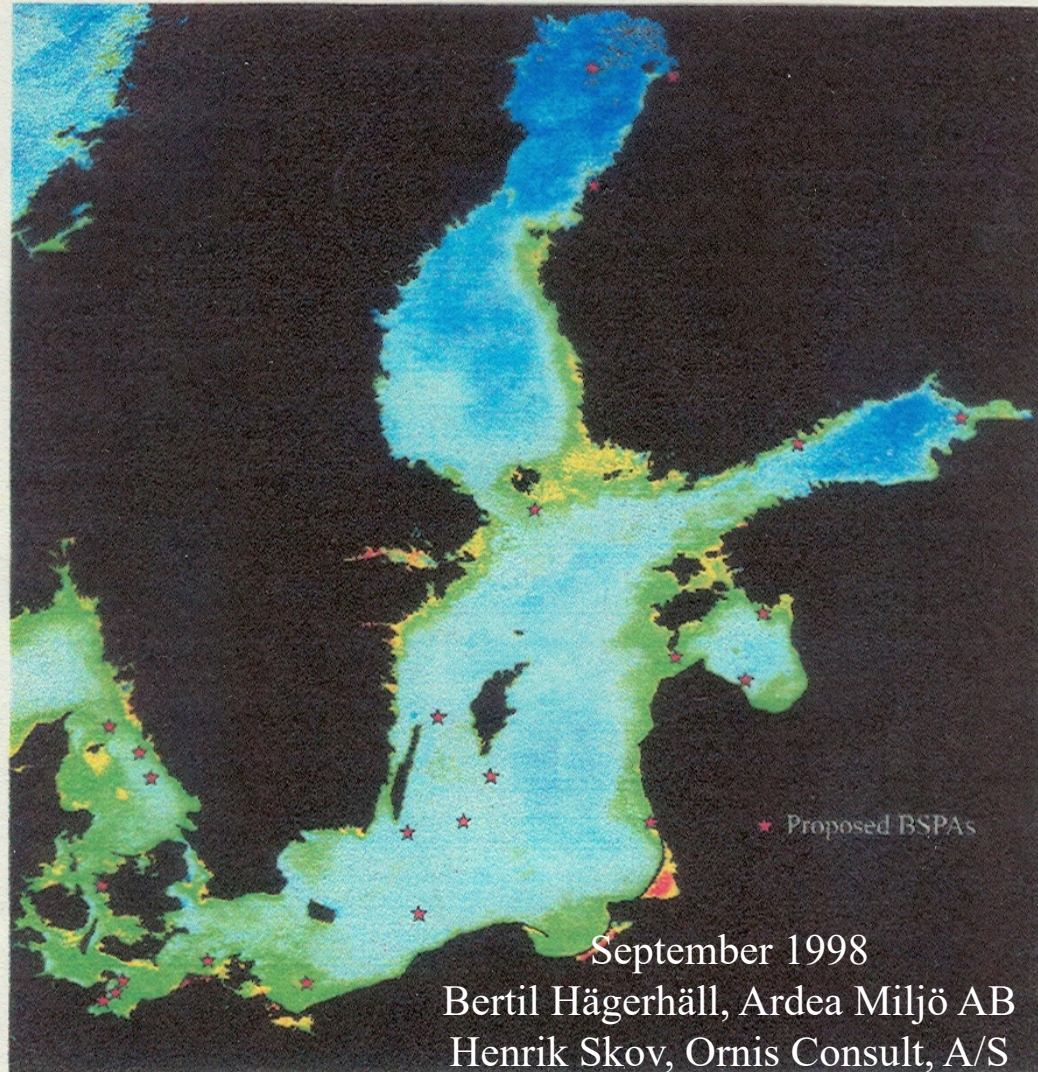
HELSINKI COMMISSION
Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

1996



Proposal for offshore Baltic Sea Protected Areas (BSPAs)

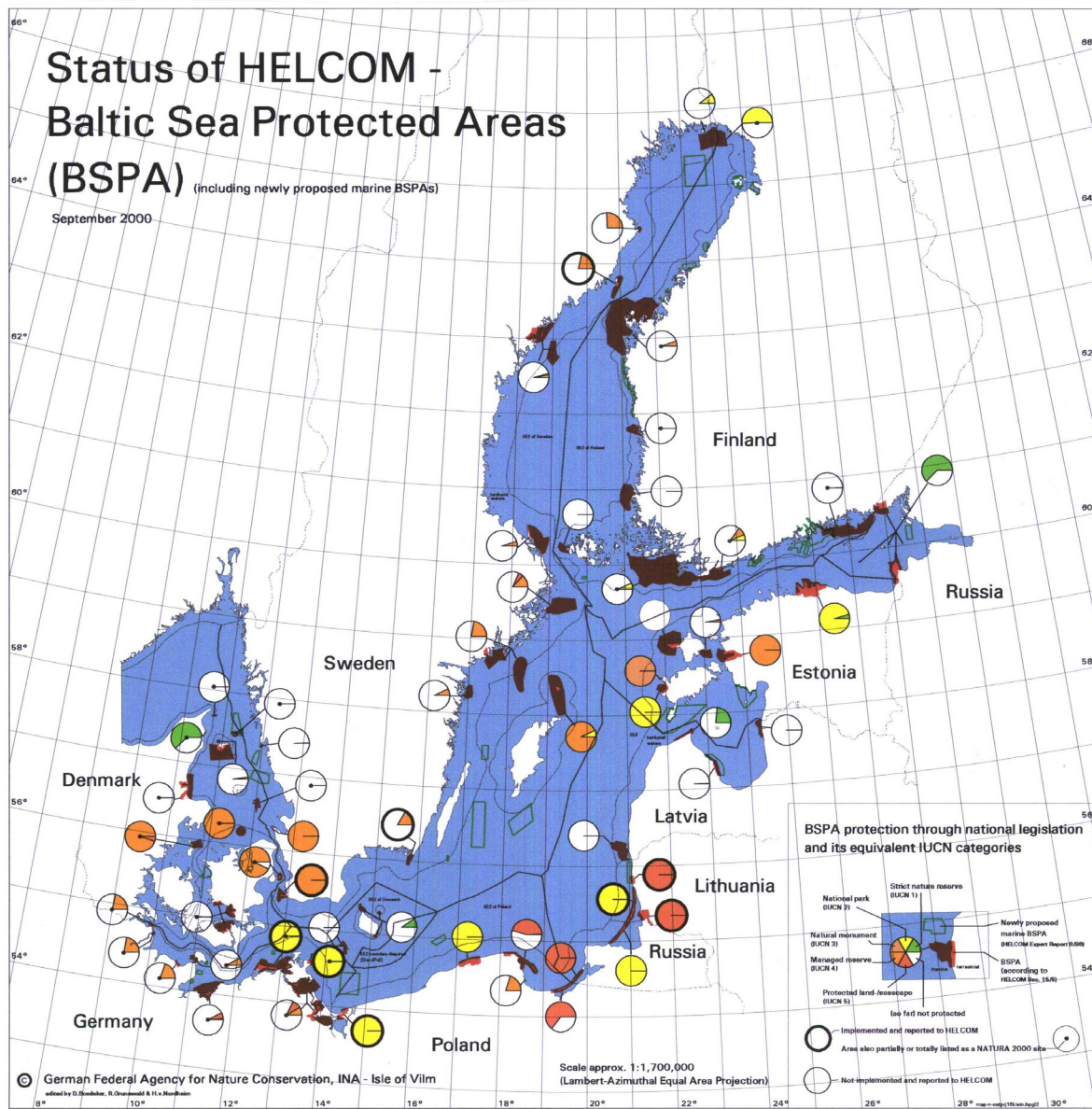
Expert-Report to HELCOM EC-Nature





Status of HELCOM - Baltic Sea Protected Areas (BSPA) (including newly proposed marine BSPAs)

September 2000



HELCOM

Joint Ministerial Meeting in Bremen, June 2003

OSPAR/HELCOM Minister Declaration

Joint OSPAR/HELCOM work programme on MPAs



OSPAR Commission

for the Protection of the Marine Environment
of the North-East Atlantic

Conclusions and outlook

Networks of well managed marine protected areas are probably most effective to protect ecologically valuable areas of the marine environment against human impacts.

But protected areas are not the only instrument when it comes to the protection of marine biodiversity, they need to be complemented by guiding principles outside MPAs. The most important principles are:

The precautionary principle

The "polluter pays" principle

Best Environmental Practices (BEP)

Best Available Technologies (BAT).

HELCOM and OSPAR have agreed on an ecosystem approach for the management of human activities by the application of these principles.



Presentations

- 09:10 **Application of the Blue Corridors concept in the Baltic Sea**
Georg Martin, Estonian Marine Institute, Estonia
- 09:30 **Ecological coherence**
Henna Piekäinen, The Finnish Environment Institute and Samuli Korpinen, WWF Finland, Finland
- 09:50 **Modelling of Blue Corridors in the Kattegat and Baltic Sea**
Jørgen Hansen & Johan Söderkvist, The National Environmental Research Institute, Denmark
- 10:10 **Systematic selection of a representative MPA network**
Anna-Sara Liman, WWF Sweden, Sweden
- 10:30 **Synthesis**
Åsa Andersson, WWF Sweden
- 10:50 **General discussion**