



HELCOM  
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Conference  
2021



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# Practically implementing ecosystem-based management

Thursday, 11 March 2021  
online



## About HSC2021

In a bid to advance the implementation of ecosystem-based management in the Baltic Sea region, HELCOM has teamed up with Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB) and the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM) to organize the HELCOM Stakeholder Conference 2021 “Practically Implementing Ecosystem-Based Management” (HSC2021) that will be held on **11 March 2021** in the format of a one-day online workshop. The HSC2021 is open to all but due to a limited number of seats (90), registration will be on a first-come-first-serve basis and close when the maximum number of participants will have been reached. Registration will close on 26 February 2021.

## Programme

**10:30–10:40** Welcome by Rüdiger Stempel (HELCOM)  
**10:40–10:50** Keynote by Mark Dickey-Collas (ICES)  
**10:50–11:00** Conference instructions and icebreaker  
**11:00–12:30** Session 1 (Station 1+2+3)  
**12:30–13:30** Lunch break  
**13:30–15:00** Session 2 (Station 1+2+3)  
**15:00–15:15** Break  
**15:15–16:45** Session 3 (Station 1+2+3)  
**16:45–17:00** Break  
**17:00–17:30** Closing plenary session

*Timings are EET/Helsinki time and may change slightly on the day of the event*

More infos: [helcom.fi/hsc2021](https://helcom.fi/hsc2021)

## HSC2021 objectives

What are the basic principles of the Ecosystem Approach (EA) and Ecosystem-based management (EBM): What is the ecosystem approach, and how can ecosystem-based management best be implemented? **The conference will seek to agree on a shared understanding between various sectors**, narrowing down the EA concept to some key basic principles in order to facilitate its regional implementation through a common regional understanding and subsequent adherence and integration in the work of various Baltic Sea stakeholders.

**What are the bottlenecks to and opportunities for the implementation of ecosystem-based management?** What could be concrete actions for a successful implementation, and what could be possible pilot areas and concrete use cases where implementation could be tested?

**The results of the conference may be used to support the drafting and implementation of the updated HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP).** In addition to various stakeholders across the Baltic Sea region, the outcomes of the conference, in form of concrete action suggestions, will be presented to the relevant HELCOM bodies.

## Three stations



### 1. Policy

What is the policy relevance of the ecosystem approach (EA), and how can ecosystem-based management (EBM) be incorporated into policies and implemented more easily? What are the barriers and opportunities? In particular, what should be considered for the BSAP update process, and what should possibly be included in the final updated BSAP?



### 2. Science

What are the core principles of EA that are most relevant in the regional Baltic Sea context? How can science contribute to implementing EBM, how can EA concepts be applied to our sea-based activities, notably in maritime spatial planning? What new scientific questions need to be asked and priorities must be set, notably to advance effective EBM implementation?



### 3. Society

Where are the opportunities for successful implementation of EBM, what possible organisational changes are needed to further ecosystem-based management? How can EBM be best applied across multiple sectors, and what are possible ways to increase actual implementation of EBM in the Baltic Sea region? Who are potential drivers for EBM implementation?

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