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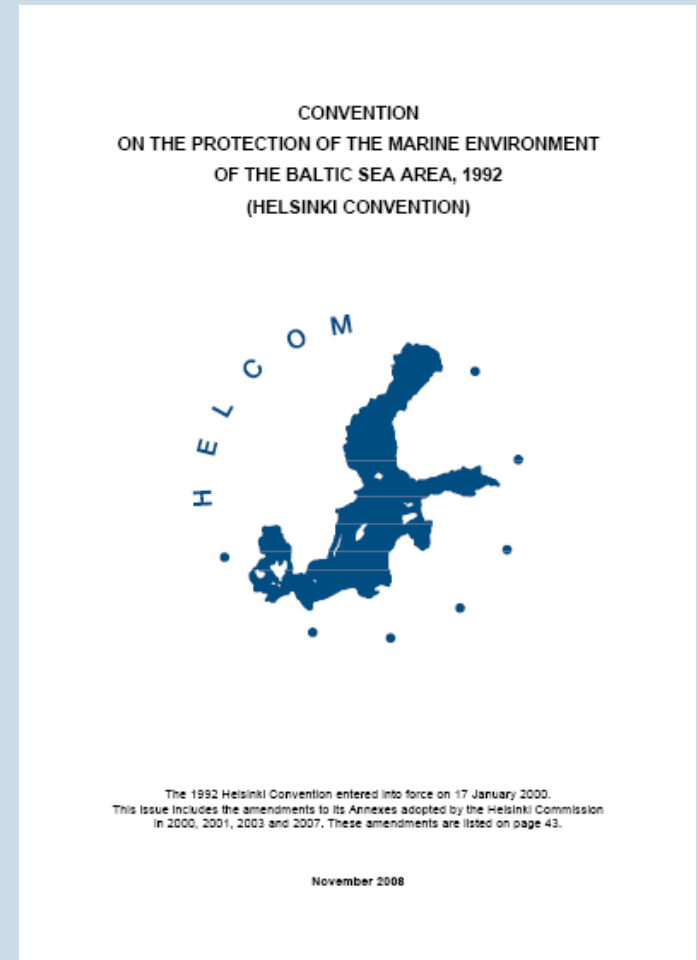
Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

The Convention

- The Governments of the Baltic Sea countries and the EU:

“shall individually or jointly take all appropriate **legislative, administrative or other relevant measures** to prevent and eliminate pollution in order to promote ecological restoration of the Baltic Sea area”

- *Prevention of Pollution from ships (Articles 8, 9 & Annex IV)*
- *Response to pollution accidents (Articles 13, 14 & Annex VII)*



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...HELCOM – Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

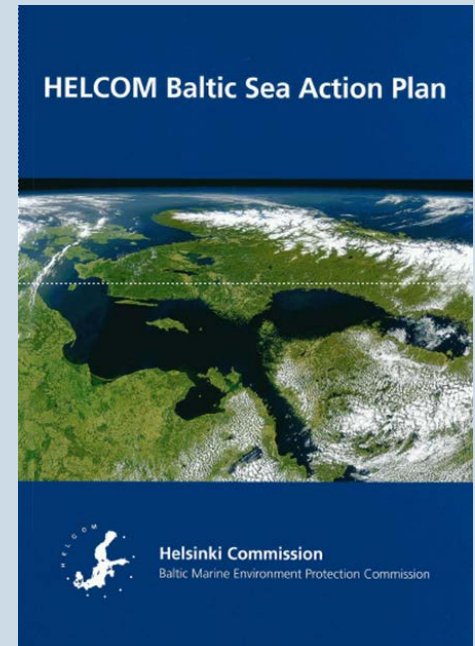
- HELCOM - executive body
- Rotating chairmanship (for two years): DK, upcoming EE
- HELCOM meets once per year, and on ministerial level every three years
- Science as foundation of policy-making
- Stakeholders / sectors are involved e.g. ca. 50 Observers



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HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan

- Adopted by all the coastal nations and EU in 2007
- Goal is to reach Good Environmental Status of the Baltic Sea by 2021
- Programme of concrete measures to address major environmental problems
 - Fight eutrophication
 - Reduce inputs of hazardous substances
 - Halt degradation of biodiversity
 - Ensure safety of navigation and adequate response to pollution accidents



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better
after



HELCOM 1974–2014

Seven coastal nations signed a historical agreement on Friday 22 March 1974, to protect the Baltic marine environment – the Helsinki Convention.



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HELCON MINISTERIAL MEETING COPENHAGEN
3 OCTOBER 2013

Committing to do more for the Baltic Sea

HELCOM MARITIME group (1976-)

- Based on Helsinki Convention (1974, 1992) Article 8: “Article 8: Prevention of pollution from ships”
- Baltic Sea countries (Ministries of transport, environment), EMSA, EU COM +observers
- Implementing IMO and regional initiatives
- Current subgroups:
 - HELCOM/OSPAR Task Group BALLAST,
 - HELCOM SAFE NAV Expert Working Group,
 - HELCOM Automatic Identification System EWG,

HELCOM MARITIME work

- Port reception facilities
 - Sewage from passenger ships (MARPOL Annex IV)
- Ballast water
 - E.g. HELCOM/OSPAR guidelines for IMO Ballast Water Management Convention (reg. A-4)
- Airborne pollution
 - Alternative fuels and Green technology Platform
 - Work on MARPOL Annex VI (emissions)
- Safety of Navigation
 - Re-surveying major routes (with IHO BSHC)
 - Overviews and new measures (AIS, accident data)

Baltic Sea Shipping visualised

- <http://goo.gl/EXZ8Qg>

HELCOM AIS data

Date: 3 October 2012. Time: 22:03 hrs

WATCH THE VIDEO!

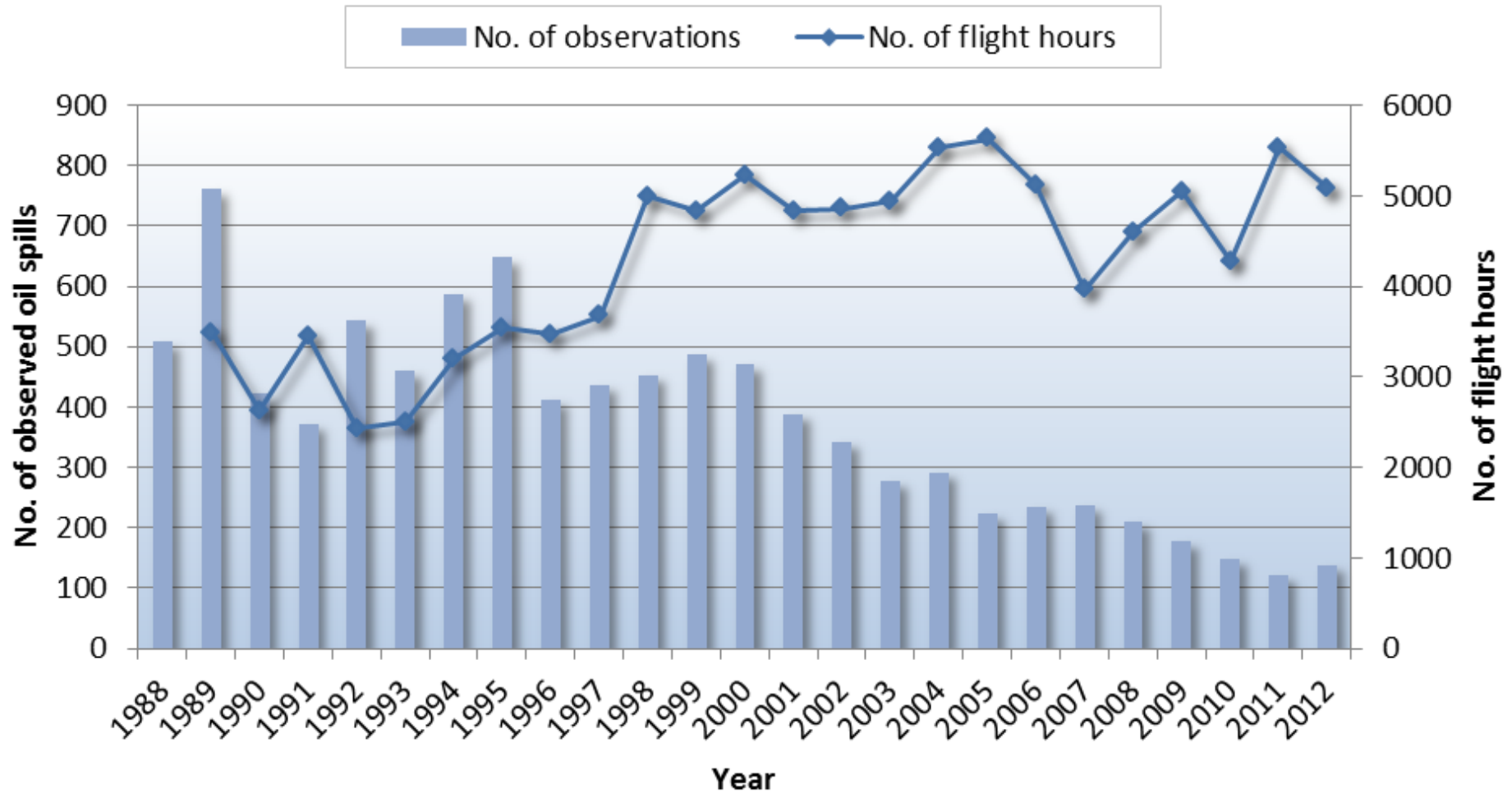
Baltic Sea Shipping Visualized through HELCOM Data

Tankers Passengers Cargo & Others

HELCOM RESPONSE group (1977-)

- Based on Helsinki Convention (1974, 1992)
Article 14: “Cooperation in combatting marine pollution”
- HELCOM Response Manual (Vol. I, II & new III)
- Ministries of defence, interior, transport, environment, EMSA, EU COM + observers
- Current subgroups:
 - Informal Working Group on Aerial Surveillance
 - Shoreline Response Expert Working Group

Total number of flight hours and observed oil spills in the HELCOM area during aerial surveillance, 1988-2012




HELCOM BALEX DELTA annual operational exercise 2014 in Ventspils, Latvia 10-12 June



HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2011/Bornholm, Denmark
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Areas for further cooperation

- Speeding up alternative fuels and greentech
 - New Platform and Roadmap (M/V Grace Jan 2014)
- NOx emissions from traffic (land+sea)
- Economic incentives for good environmental performance for ships (HELCOM Rec. 28E/13)
- Improving Baltic Port Reception Facilities
 - MARPOL Annex IV Sewage & No Special Fee
- Baltic e-navigation solutions (HELCOM Rec. 34E/2)



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