

## 1.1 ACTIVITY CP1: GEF BALTIC SEA REGIONAL PROJECT

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Component 1, “Baltic Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Activities”, managed by ICES.

Component 2, “Land and Coastal Management Activities”, managed by HELCOM in conjunction with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).

Component 3, “Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building”, managed by HELCOM in cooperation with ICES and IBSFC.

Component 4, “Project Management”, managed by HELCOM in cooperation with ICES and IBSFC.

The World Bank approved the release of funds for the first phase of the BSRP in February 2003, and signed the contract with HELCOM in March. The BSRP contract between HELCOM and ICES was signed in July 2003.

Following the submission of CVs from a requested selection of candidates for posts of Coordination Center (CC) Leaders, Local Project Managers for Lead Laboratories (LL) and Technical assistants at both CC:s and LL:s a series of key persons have been appointed and signed or will sign a one-year contract with HELCOM to work within Component 1. The number of these employees within the ICES component will be 34. During the autumn 2004 the Assistant Coordinator Andris Andrushaitis and Jan Thulin have prepared the procurements of instruments and goods for participating institutes and research vessels and the process of purchasing these is nearing completion.

The GEF and the recipient countries in-kind contributions to Component 1 for 2005 is:

GEF contribution	\$1.040 000	DKK 5,938,000
Recipient countries in kind	\$400 000	<u>DKK 2,284,000</u>
Subtotal		DKK 8,222,000

Co-funding (cash, in kind, goods and services) has been negotiated as follows:

Finnish Academy	€600 000	DKK 3,425,000
Danish Institute for Fishery Research		DKK 3,000,000
Institute of Marine Research, Sweden	SEK 2,600,000	DKK 2,129,000
Swedish National Board of Fisheries	SEK 300,000	DKK 245,000
EU BONUS Project	€40,000	DKK 300,000
US NOAA	\$ 250,000	<u>DKK 1,427,000</u>
Total co-funding		DKK 10,526,000
<u>Grand total</u>		<u>DKK 18,748,000</u>

Further information about background activities concerning this project are available in document CM2003/Del:15.

**Activity leader: Jan Thulin**

### OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND

The preparatory phase of this project was carried out during the years 1999-2001 under a contract from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), administered through the auspices of the World Bank. HELCOM was the main contractor; ICES was a sub-contractor for Component 1, "Interrelationships of Living Marine Resources to the Baltic Sea Environment and Ecosystem". The overall objectives of the project are to introduce ecosystem-based assessments to strengthen the management of Baltic Sea coastal and marine environments, to reduce impacts from non-point sources of pollution and to increase sustainable biological production.

The Project has four components and is implemented as an integrated activity co-ordinated by HELCOM, as the principal executive agency.

Component 1, "Baltic Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Activities", is managed by ICES and aims to enable (or facilitate) the following activities: ecosystem-based assessments and management for the Baltic Sea; coordination and integration of the regional monitoring and assessment capacity; further improved management practices to increase and sustain fishery yields and biological productivity of the BSLME; in the long term, improvement of the Baltic marine environment as well as the economic benefits and standard of living of the fishing and coastal communities.

Component 2, "Land and Coastal Management Activities", is managed by HELCOM in conjunction with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), and aims to: increase awareness of environmental issues related to agriculture among farmers and communities; invest in and implement environmentally responsible farm management practices; undertake demonstration coastal zone management activities in priority areas linked with the activities for agriculture; in the long term, improve the economic welfare and standard of living within the farming and coastal communities while reducing non-point source agricultural impacts.

Component 3, "Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building", is managed by HELCOM in cooperation with ICES and IBSFC and aims to: improve the valuation of ecosystem goods and services; strengthen local and regional decision-making and management capacity; achieve a more integrated approach to ecosystem-based management of the BSLME

Component 4, "Project Management", is managed by HELCOM in cooperation with ICES and IBSFC and aims to: successfully implement the BSRP to achieve the stated development objective; provide support for the project management; fulfil accounting, auditing and reporting requirements; perform project monitoring and evaluation for report to the World Bank.

Strengthened regional management and technical capacity will provide a series of beneficial outcomes, not only at the regional level, but also at the national and local levels, and will make a further contribution to sustainable management of the Baltic Sea ecosystem.

Implementation start of this project was 1 June 2003 and the first phase of the project will run to 30 June 2006. The WB budget for Component 1 for the first phase is USD 5.6 million of which the GEF contribution is USD 2.6 million.

The EU-funded project BONUS started 2004 and will run to end 2007. The aim of the project, which has ICES/BSRP as one partner, is to produce an action plan for the creation of a common research programme and researcher courses concerning the environment and management of the Baltic Sea. The ICES budget for the project period is €180 000.

### TASKS AND TARGETS

**Task: Project management of Component 1**

**Target:** Set up and implement procedures for (a) procurement of goods and services for the first phase of the project, (b) disbursement of funds during 2004, (c) provision of report data for transmission to HELCOM and the World Bank.

*Milestone:* Establishment of working procedures in compliance with HELCOM and World Bank requirements.

**Target:** Implement Component 1 and contribute, as appropriate, to the implementation of other Components.

*Milestone:* Achievement of goals in the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) and the Project Procurement Plan (PPP).

