

# HELCOM Metadata catalogue

## HELCOM MPAs

This dataset contains borders of the HELCOM MPAs (former Baltic Sea Protected Areas (BSPAs)). The dataset has been compiled from data submitted by HELCOM Contracting Parties. It includes the borders of designated HELCOM MPAs stored in the <http://mpas.helcom.fi>. The designation is based on the HELCOM Recommendation 15/5 (1994).

The dataset displays all designated or managed MPAs as officially reported to HELCOM by the respective Contracting Party. The latest related HELCOM publication based on MPA related data is <http://www.helcom.fi/Lists/Publications/BSEP148.pdf>

The dataset contains the following information:

MPA\_ID: Unique ID of the MPA as used in HELCOM Marine Protected Areas database

Name: Name of the MPA

Country: Country where MPA is located

Site\_link: Direct link to site's fact sheet in the <http://mpas.helcom.fi> where additional information is available

MPA\_status: Management status of the MPA

Date\_est: Establishment date of the MPA

Year\_est: Establishment year of the MPA

## Simple

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GEMET - INSPIRE themes, version 1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Protected sites</li></ul>
Keywords	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MADS</li></ul>
Use constraints	Other restrictions
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Access constraints	Other restrictions
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Spatial representation type	Vector
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Unique resource identifier	<a href="#">EPSG:3035</a>
Distribution format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ESRI Shapefile ( 1.0 )</li></ul>
OnLine resource	<a href="#">Download dataset</a> ( WWW:LINK-1.0-http--link )
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Hierarchy level	Dataset

Conformance result

Date (Publication)	2010-12-08
Statement	<p>This dataset is compiled from data submitted by HELCOM Contracting States. It includes the borders of designated HELCOM MPAs.</p> <p>The dataset was updated in May 2023 to update Status of German MPAs: "Fehmarnbelt", "Kadetrinne" and "Pommersche Bucht-Rönnebank"</p> <p>The dataset was updated December 2022 to update new MPAs reported by Germany (MPA_IDs 593-600).</p> <p>The dataset was updated June 2022 to update 3 new MPAs by Sweden and modifying extent of MPA_ID=118 (Fladen).</p> <p>The dataset was updated October 2019 to accommodate updated status of management plans.</p> <p>The dataset was updated April 2019 by HELCOM Secretariat to add a new MPA (MPA ID:522 - Södra Sandbäck) as designated by Finland, and to include new areas to 2 existing MPAs (MPA ID: 143 - Saaristomeri /Archipelago Sea and MPA ID: 157 - Tulliniemen linnustonsuojelualue/ Tulliniemi bird protection area) as designated by Finland. In addition the whole Finnish MPA network was re-projected to remove the shift in the features that occurred before. Also the spatial delineation of following Finnish MPAs were revised to remove islands and water areas that are not included in the MPA IDs: 161, 159 and 144.</p> <p>The dataset was updated in January 2019 by HELCOM Secretariat in order to update MPA establishment dates for Germany based on corrected information.</p> <p>The dataset was updated in February 2018 by HELCOM Secretariat in order to update attribute table content (management plan status) according to updates carried out by Contracting Parties to HELCOM MPA database.</p>

In March 2017 two new MPAs were included (MPA\_ID:533 - Sambija plynaukšte Biosphere Polygon and MPA\_ID:532 - Klaipeda-Ventpilis plynaukšte Biosphere Polygon) as designated by Lithuania.

Following changes has been made until april 2016: Removed attributes "Location\_S", "AreaTot\_Ha", "AreaMar\_Ha", "N2K\_Site", changed following attributes names: "BSPA\_ID" to "MPA\_ID", "BSAPLink" to "Site\_link" and added attribute "Date\_est" according to new <http://mpas.helcom.fi>.

Following changes has been made until August 2015: Modified HELCOM MPA: Küstenlandschaft Bottsand - Marzkamp u. vorgelagerte Flachgründe, Östlichen Kieler Bucht

Following changes has been made until February 2015: Added HELCOM MPAs: Luodematalat (February 2015) Länsileton alue (February 2015) Sandkallanin eteläpuolinen merialue (February 2015) Hangon itäinen selkä (February 2015) Merikallat (February 2015) Björkör (February 2015) Boxö (February 2015) Långör - Östra Sundskär (February 2015) Signilskär - Märket (February 2015) Lågskär (February 2015) Bogskär (February 2015)

Following changes has been made until July 2013: Removed BSPAs: 1 Finnish BSPA, BSPA\_ID: 146 (Åland Area: Signilskär/Märket) (June 2012) 2 Polish BSPAs, BSPA\_ID: 87, 182 1 Russian BSPAs, BSPA\_ID: 162 (Ingermanlandskiy) 4 Swedish BSPAs, BSPA\_ID: 114-121 5 Latvian BSPAs, BSPA\_ID: 96-100 (June 2012, April 2013) 1 Danish BSPA, BSPA\_ID: 290 (July 2013) Added BSPAs: 4 Swedish (ID 297-300 (May 2011) 7 Latvian BSPAs, ID: 303-309 (April 2013) 2 Lithuanian BSPAs, ID: 310-311 (july 2013) Modied BSPA areas: 2 Danish BSPA:s, ID 244, 249 (July 2013) 2 Russian BSPA:s, ID 163-164, (July 2013).

During 2009-2010 the data was updated within a project to analyse the ecological coherence of the HELCOM protected areas network. Results are published in "HELCOM 2010. Towards an ecologically coherent network of well-managed Marine Protected Areas – Implementation report on the status and ecological coherence of the HELCOM BSPA network. Balt. Sea Environ. Proc. No. 124B." Available online at <http://http://www.helcom.fi/Lists/Publications/BSEP124B.pdf>

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