

**MARMONI Final Conference:**  
**“Innovative indicators, methods, monitoring & assessment of marine biodiversity in the  
 Baltic Sea”**

**January 27-28, 2015**

“Baltic Beach Hotel”

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**Agenda**

Tuesday, January 27 MARMONI Final Conference	
12:00	<b>Registration and light lunch</b>
13:00	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction</b>            Žaneta Mikosa, Deputy State secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia</p> <p><b>The LIFE programme and its importance protecting the Marine Environment</b>            Angelo Salsi, DG ENV, LIFE Unit</p> <p><b>The LIFE MARMONI project</b>            Heidrun Fammler, Baltic Environmental Forum, MARMONI project manager</p>
14:00	<p><b>Innovative marine biodiversity indicators &amp; survey methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The MARMONI Indicator development concept and its results</i> (Georg Martin, Estonian Marine Institute)</li> <li>• <i>The HELCOM CORESET Indicator concept and its current state of development</i> (Lena Avellan, HELCOM)</li> <li>• <i>MARMONI &amp; CORESET common grounds and way forward</i> (Georg Martin, Estonian Marine Institute)</li> </ul>
15:15	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
15:45	<p><b>Innovative marine biodiversity indicators &amp; survey methods (cont.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The MARMONI innovative monitoring methods for biodiversity monitoring</i> (Nicklas Wijkmark, Aquabiota Water Research)</li> </ul> <p><i>MARMONI findings and recommendations on indicators &amp; survey methods</i></p>
16:30	<p><b>A spatial approach to marine monitoring &amp; management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Importance of using spatial biological data for marine management. Examples on mapping, scenarios and ocean zoning useful for marine management and planning</i> (Martin Isaeus, Aquabiota Water Research)</li> <li>• <i>The spatial dimension of seabirds data and its implication for (biodiversity) monitoring</i> (Ainars Auninš, Latvian Fund for Nature)</li> </ul> <p><i>MARMONI findings and recommendations on spatial dimension and visualisation</i></p>
17:30	<p><b>Assessment of costs for building a compliant marine monitoring programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Economic analysis of marine biodiversity monitoring programme: factors determining the cost effectiveness of indicators</i> (Kristina Veidemane, Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia)</li> </ul> <p><i>MARMONI findings and recommendations on cost implications when developing monitoring programmes</i></p>
18:15	<p><b>Wrap up of day 1</b>            (Heidrun Fammler, Baltic Environmental Forum, MARMONI project manager)</p>
19:00	<b>Reception with Edgars Tavars, Parliamentarian State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia</b>

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9:00	<p><b>Marine biodiversity assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Assessment of conservation status of species and habitats of community importance and indicator based marine biodiversity assessment – results from both assessments and a joint evaluation</i> (Ainars Aunins, LFN &amp; Georg Martin, EMI)</li> <li>• <i>Linking integrated marine biodiversity assessment and site evaluation: lessons from LIFE+ DENOFLIT project</i> (Darius Daunys, Klaipeda University)</li> </ul> <p><i>MARMONI findings and recommendations on biodiversity assessment: how many indicators are needed for a good assessment of marine biodiversity?</i></p>
10:30	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Favourable Conservations Status versus Good Environmental Status and how to integrate the two concepts - policy</i> (Anna Karasszon, European Commission, DG ENV)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity assessment according MSFD versus Favorable Conservation Status assessment: how to bridge it or is it the same? If GES shall be equal to FCS for the sea, how practically to handle it?</li> </ul>
12:40	<p><b>HELCOM HOLAS – Holistic Assessment of the Baltic Sea Environment 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>(CORESET) Indicator based, Biodiversity Assessment Tool based – the concept and vision of HELCOM for MSFD compliance and beyond</i> (Lena Bergström, HELCOM)</li> </ul>
13:00	<p><b>MARMONI overall conclusions – the way forward</b> (Heidrun Fammler, Baltic Environmental Forum, MARMONI project manager)</p>
13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>End of MARMONI Final Conference</b>	

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