



# Institutional set-up for the implementation of the MSFD

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# Responsibilities for implementation

- Overall responsibility for the implementation and for reporting to the EU: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety
- Shared responsibilities for implementation between
  - the coastal states Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Niedersachsen, Schleswig-Holstein for the internal waters and territorial sea (up to 12 nm from the baseline)
  - the federal government for the exclusive economic zone
- Use of the joint federal/Länder cooperation structure on monitoring (BLMP) to facilitate national coordination and cooperation
- BLMP structure currently under review to adjust to MSFD needs



# Involved institutions

- All governmental departments and research institutions with an interest in the MSFD implementation have been involved
- Work is organised through
  - Contributions of individual experts/institutions
  - Expert groups of the established joint federal/Länder cooperation structure on marine monitoring (BLMP)
  - Joint federal/Länder consultation process through which representatives of all federal/Länder governmental bodies and institutions worked together in a temporary "editorial group", specifically set up for the purpose of Art. 8, 9 and 10 MSFD, to achieve a consensus report on the state of the environment, and through the policy bodies of the BLMP
- Regional coordination through involvement in HELCOM projects and working groups



# Involved stakeholders

- One-off stakeholder involvement through a six months public consultation process
- Kick-off conference inviting all interested citizens and organisations
- Around 500 individual comments received through clusters of 15 submissions including: joint submission of green NGOs, various fisheries organisations, port authorities, maritime industry, planning authorities, individuals
- Planned continued dialogue



# Monitoring programme

Work started through the federal/Länder cooperation structure on monitoring (BLMP) with a concept:

- General part – Guidance
- Specific part – extended and revised BLMP online monitoring handbook
- Drafts to be agreed by July 2013
- Start of 6 months public consultation in September 2013

A close-up photograph of a seal's face, showing its eyes, whiskers, and snout. The seal is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is blurred.

# Programmes of measures

- Work started through the federal/Länder cooperation structure on monitoring (BLMP)
- A concept for implementing Art. 13 MSFD is under development
- Structures under review to facilitate inter-institutional and -departmental cooperation
- Procedures under review to facilitate involvement of stakeholders