



## Definitions of HELCOM indicators

### Pre-core indicator

Pre-core indicators have been identified as necessary by the HELCOM Contracting Parties for BSAP and MSFD purposes. The indicator has not been agreed as a core indicator, typically because some aspect of the indicator is under-developed, i.e. all criteria of a fully operational core indicator are not met, and/or agreement on the indicator among the Contracting Parties of HELCOM may not have reached a full consensus. Contracting Parties of HELCOM should aim to monitor the parameters relevant for the pre-core indicator, with the understanding that the pre-core indicators can be based on compilations of data from sources other than coordinated HELCOM monitoring data.

### Candidate indicator

Candidate indicators include indicators on which there is not yet a common understanding on the concept but a need for the indicator has been identified to cover gaps in the requirements of the BSAP or the MSFD. The stage of development of the content of the indicator is completely or severely lacking and/or there is no common agreement on the indicator among the CP's. The candidate indicator list is a living document, and should be considered as expert level proposals for new core indicators.