# workplan for the Joint Task Group for 2023-2024

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| **WP**  | **Actions from ToR**  | **Activity**  | **Timing**  | **Task leader**  |
| 1  | Meetings organisation  | Arrange meetings and documentation  | JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2023 and 2024 | HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats |
| 1 | Meeting organization | HELCOM/OSPAR cooperation on ballast water and biofouling matters in accordance with the HELCOM 2021 Baltic Sea Action Plan and the North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy 2030  | Continuous | Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING  |
| 2 | Updates of the JHP | Carry out updates of the JHP based on lessons learnt | Continuous | Contracting Parties |
| 3  | Port surveys  | Port Surveys in the Baltic Sea  | Continuous  | National Initiatives  |
| 3 | Port surveys  | Port Surveys in the North-East Atlantic  | Continuous  | National Initiatives  |
| 3 | Port surveys | Sharing information about the application of the port survey protocol in the JHP and review it, as appropriate | Continuous | Contracting PartiesJTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING |
| 3 | Port surveys  | Consider potential synergies with additional strategies, developments and commitments relevant for NIS monitoring | Continuous  | JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING and other HELCOM/OSPAR groups |
| 3 | Port surveys | Annually update a list of surveyed ports according to JHP protocol | Information to be submitted to JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING meetings | Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats |
| 3 | Port surveys | Generate a list of ports surveyed under other methods | Information to be submitted to JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING meetings | Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats |
| 4 | Target Species  | Review of HELCOM and OSPAR Target Species Lists  | Annually  | Informal Correspondence Group on target species  |

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| 5 | Data storage and decision support tool  | Update online decision support tool  | Continuous | HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats  |
| 5 | Data storage and decision support tool | Early Warning System |  Continuous | Contracting Parties, in particular those involved in the pilot implementation of the Early Warning System (Denmark, Finland, Latvia and Lithuania) |
| 6 | Same Risk Area | Consider issues related to Same Risk Area | Continuous | Contracting Parties |
| 7 | Compliance control and enforcement of the BWMC | Support and exchange experiences on the matter | Continuous | Contracting Parties |
| 8 | Biofouling | Develop a common OSPAR/HELCOM biofouling draft guidance for recreational boating, taking into account IMO activities | By JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2023 | Germany to lead with support from Finland, the Netherlands and Spain and other interested parties |
| 8 | Biofouling | Develop a common OSPAR/HELCOM biofouling management strategy for the implementation of the IMO Biofouling Guidelines | By JTG BALLAST & BIOFOULING 2024, pending adoption of revised IMO Biofouling Guidelines | Contracting Parties & HELCOM/OSPAR Secretariats |
| 8 | Biofouling | Collection and sharing of relevant data and information about best practices (in-water cleaning, cleaning methods, anti-fouling systems and waste management), research, regulations, legal aspects, risk assessment, awareness and training | Continuous | Contracting Parties |
| 8 | Biofouling | Identify knowledge gaps, needed expertise and knowledge exchanges on biofouling  | Continuous | Contracting Parties  |