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D Y f \ % Z k \ Y f \ ] g Y k Y d Y [ l a n a j k [ Y f ' ' Yn ] ' h j g ' g n f \ ] ' ^ ] [ k g f ' ] ' e Y % j a f ] ] f n a j g e ] f l \$ ] & & l ' j g m \_ ' j n f % g ' a g ' h g d h a f \_ k m Z k Y f [ ] k \$ e a f ] j Y d ] p h d a Y l a g f \$ Y f \ ] ' j g m \_ ' ] ' e Y f Y \_ ] e ] f l ' g ' a n ] j k Y f \ ] Y l [ ' e ] f l k ' l ' Y l Yj ] ' a e h g j ] Y f l Y k f m j k a f \_ Yj ] Yk ' g j ' e Y f q ' p k ' k h ] [ a k & = M E ] e Z ] j ' K I Y ] k Yj ] j i n a j \ ] g \ ] n ] d h Y f \ ' a e h d e ] f l Y f ' A ] \_ ] Y ] \ ] : g Y k Y d R g f ] ' E Y f Y \_ ] e ] f l Z a R E ! ' k j Y l ] \_ q & L ' a k a Y f ] p [ ] d f l m f \ ] j Y l Y c a f \_ \$ o ' a ' ] ' o g m d ' ] f k m j ] Y e g j ] ' g d k l a ' Y h h j g Y [ ' l g ] ' ] ' e Y f Y \_ ] e ] f l ' g ' e Yj a f ] j ] k g n j [ ] k Y f \ ] g m d ' h d q Y k a f a p [ Y f l j g d ' a f ' ] j ] k l a m t a g f ' g ' l ] ' = n j g h ] Yf ' [ g Y k Y d Yj ] Yk Y f \ ' p k ' k l g ] c k &

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TM: In 2005, the European Commission proposed a Marine Strategy Directive, which would see regions implementing measures to achieve “good environmental status of the EU’s marine waters by 2021”. How will “good environmental status” be defined and which elements should be considered?

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TC: HELCOM has achieved significant reductions in the discharge of polluting substances into the Baltic Sea. How did you reach this?

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TC: What are the most important actions that should be taken in order to secure sustainable fish stocks, and thus the fishing industry, in the Baltic Sea?

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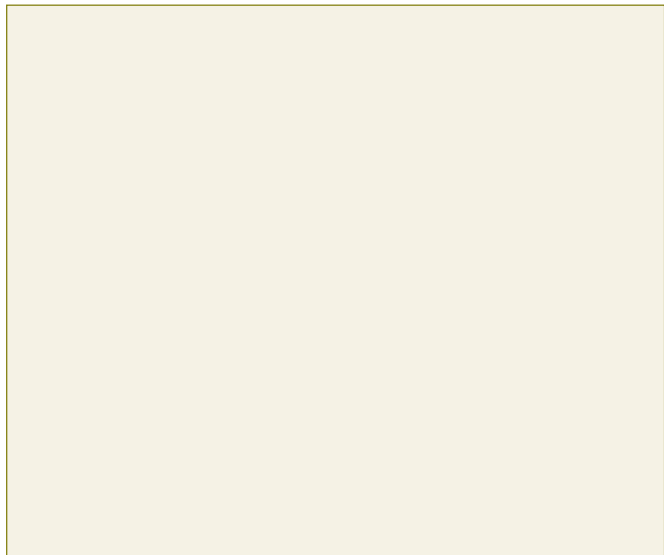
TC: The Baltic Sea, except for the Russian part, is governed by EU legislation. What is the added value of HELCOM, and how do you see your role vis-à-vis the European institutions?

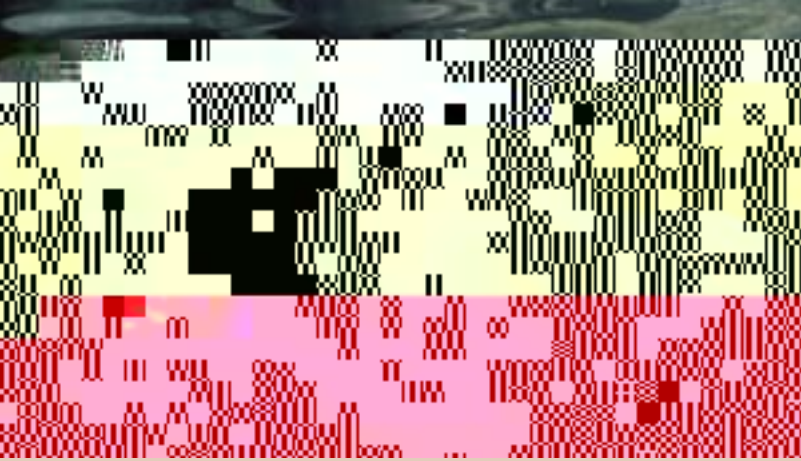
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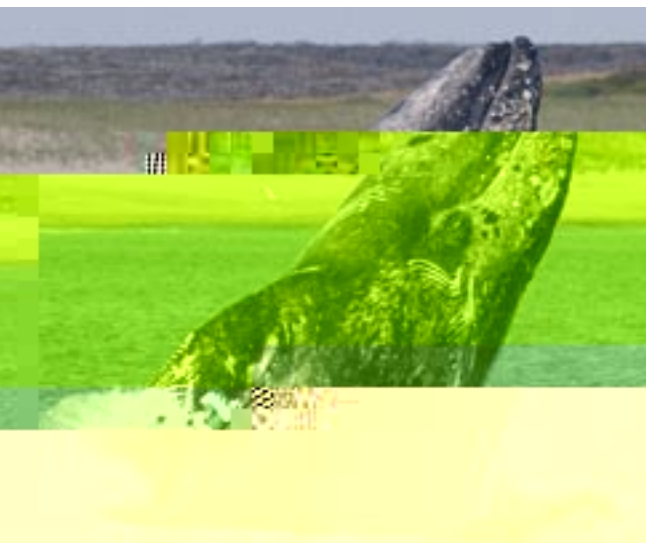








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# Conservation of Critically Endangered western Pacific gray whales

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The western Pacific gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*) is a critically endangered whale species. It is found in the western Pacific Ocean, where it breeds in shallow bays and lagoons. The population has declined significantly due to whaling in the 19th and 20th centuries. Conservation efforts are ongoing to protect the remaining individuals and their habitats.

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## Building bridges between industry, governments and conservationists

Conservation efforts for the western Pacific gray whale require collaboration between industry, governments, and conservationists. This involves monitoring whale populations, protecting breeding grounds, and addressing threats such as climate change and marine pollution. Successful conservation programs have been implemented in other parts of the world, providing valuable lessons for the gray whale.

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