

# Local governments and the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - HELCOM

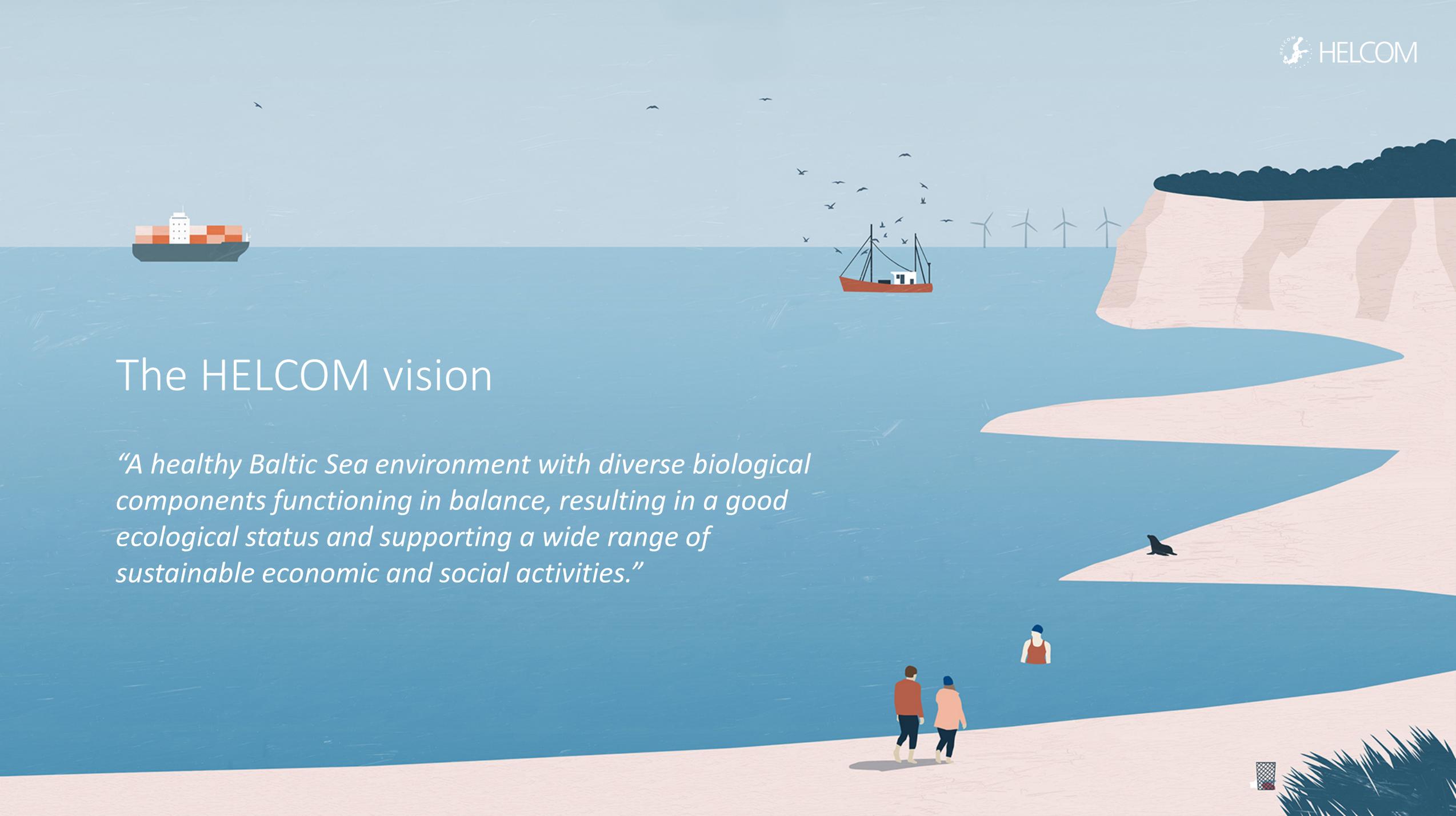
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## The HELCOM vision

*“A healthy Baltic Sea environment with diverse biological components functioning in balance, resulting in a good ecological status and supporting a wide range of sustainable economic and social activities.”*



# HELCOM is a regional...



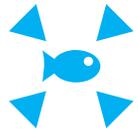
**environmental  
policy maker**  
*e.g. Baltic Sea  
Action Plan*



**body for developing  
regional  
recommendations**  
*e.g. HELCOM  
Recommendations and  
regional Guidelines*



**coordinating body**  
*e.g. HELCOM  
Response & BALEX  
DELTA exercises*



**environmental  
focal point** *e.g.*  
*holistic  
assessments of  
the state of the  
sea*

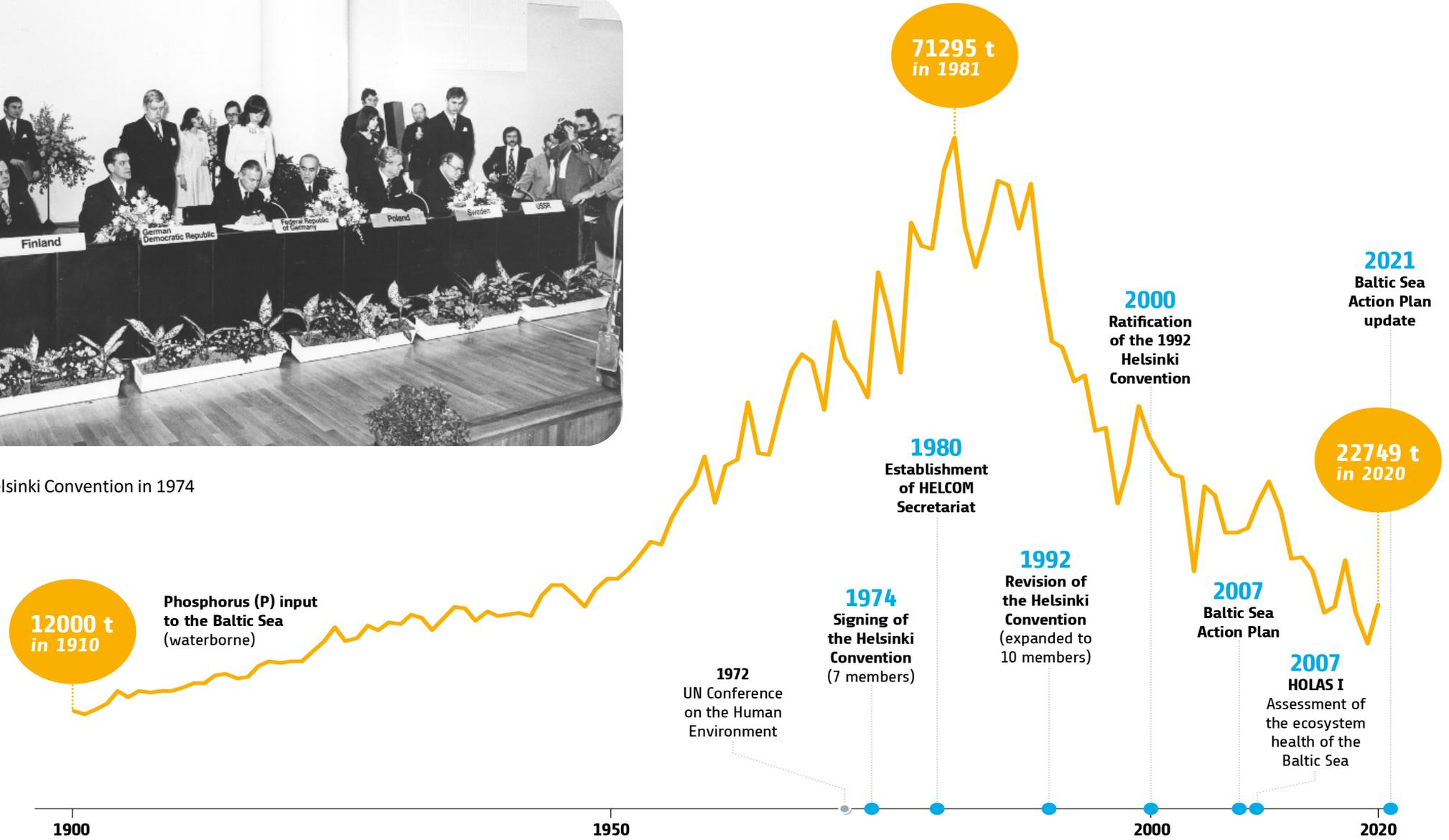


**supervisory  
body**  
*e.g. nutrient  
reduction  
scheme with  
MAI and NIC*





▲ Signing of the Helsinki Convention in 1974



# Implementation of the 2021 BSAP

- The actions have:



individual  
target years



been identified  
as supporting  
action or  
measure



been linked to  
relevant  
pressures and  
activities



been assigned one or  
several HELCOM  
bodies responsible for  
taking the work on the  
action forward



been dedicated  
criteria for  
achievement

...and the level of implementation of each action has been identified as  
**national** or **joint**.