

HELCOM work on economic and social analyses

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Why regional economic and social analyses?

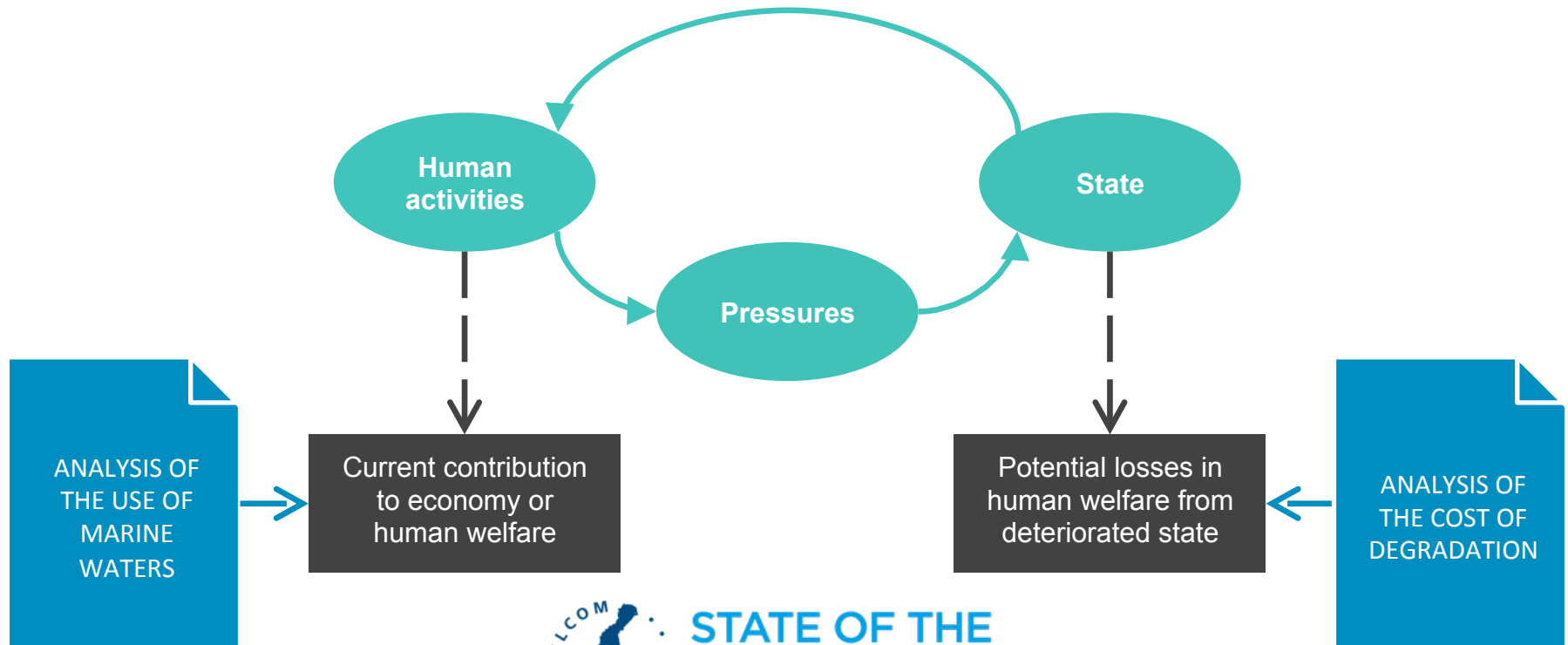
- Importance of the Baltic Sea marine environment to society
 1. How human activities contribute to national and regional economies
 2. How the state of the marine environment contributes to the well-being of current and future generations
- Coherent and comparable information across countries

Work strains

- General development of economic and social analyses
 - HELCOM expert network on economic and social analyses
- 2nd holistic assessment of ecosystem health and the 'State of the Baltic Sea' report
 - Direct links to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
 - EU co-funded projects and regional workshops
- SPICE project in 2017
- Marine spatial planning
 - 'SCOPE II' project application



Role of economic and social analyses in the holistic assessment / 'State of the Baltic Sea' report



Contribution from the use of marine waters to economy in the Baltic Sea region annually (draft results)

- Selected sectors
- Monetary, employment and quantitative indicators

FISH & SHELLFISH HARVESTING

Value of landings:
220 million €
Employment:
9500 people

MARINE & COASTAL RECREATION

Value to citizens:
15 billion €

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

No. of ports:
200
Total port traffic:
840 million tonnes
No. of passengers, all ports:
100 million

FINFISH AQUACULTURE

Gross value added:
14 million €



Annual welfare losses for citizens if good environmental status is not reached (draft results)

- Cost of degradation
- Selected degradation themes and ecosystem services

Losses from eutrophication:
3800 – 4000
million €

Losses of recreation values:
1000 – 2200
million €

Losses from degradation of perennial vegetation and fish stocks:
1800 – 2700
million €



Economic and social analyses in the 'SCOPE II' project application

- Exchange and review of knowledge on social/cultural and economic aspects in MSP in the BSR, including valuation of ecosystem services
- Enhancing understanding on economic and social analyses for the purposes of MSP
- Recommendations on a framework and further work needed to incorporate social and economic perspectives in MSP
- Two workshops

Thank you!

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