







Result

- Common denominator: 500m grid
- CC-BY-NC license (non-commercial)
- Not for navigation, but for a lot of other exciting application

Challenges

- National differences (legislation, business models)
- · International collaboration between authorities

Outlook

- · Better coverage!
- Higher resolution (already possible for some countries)
- · Commercial use





"The benefit of such a portal is massive! ... The portal will be heavily used."

 Thomas Hammarklint, oceanographer, SMHI "Here at HELCOM we have a map and data service that gathers many Baltic sea related map datasets ... Depth information is also very welcomed"

Joni Kaitaranta, data administrator,
 HELCOM

"I've had a quick look at the web site and the imagery and data looks great!"

> Pauline Weatherall, BODC & GEBCO

"...a very useful navigation/mapping website. ... How can I get the highest resolution bathymetric data?"

Faramarz Nilfouroushan, researcher Uppsala University

"The availability of bathymetric is of great importance when studying geological features as well as when planning new studies and surveys."

Johan Nyberg, marine geologist, SGU

"This information is crucial for studying the effects of a changing climate, including sealevel rise and ocean acidification to name a few."

 Martin Jakobsson, professor, Stockholm University



Helsinki Commission



HELCOM Copenhagen Ministerial Declaration

Taking Further Action to Implement the Baltic Sea Action Plan
- Reaching Good Environmental Status
for a healthy Baltic Sea

14 (M).RECALLING the HELCOM Copenhagen 2001, Krakow 2007 and Moscow 2010 commitments on hydrographic re-survey and COMMENDING WITH APPRECIATION the subsequent substantial progress made in systematic re-surveying of major shipping routes and ports in the region according to the HELCOM-BSHC Re-survey Scheme aimed at ensuring that safety of navigation in the Baltic Sea region is not endangered by inadequate source information;

15 (M).WE AGREE to take actions to ensure the completion of the re-surveys for areas used by navigation (CAT I and II) within the time schedules estimated in the 2013 Re-survey Scheme, to promote wider use of accurate and reliable depth information by e.g. developing existing and/or new products including an enhanced and freely accessible Baltic Sea Depth Model, and to foster CAT III re-surveys of other areas not primarily for safety of navigation purposes, e.g. for environmental protection;

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-- Baltic Sea environmental ministers, Oct 2013











