

## Presentation of PSSA areas on Baltic Sea nautical charts

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### Introduction

IMO has approved Baltic Sea (except Russian waters) as Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA) areas. [RESOLUTION MEPC 136(53), DESIGNATION OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA AS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA, Adopted on 22 July 2005].

The chart specifications for PSSA areas are in M-4 B-437.6. [Edition 3.003, August 2006].

In S-57 Ed.3.1.1 PSSA areas can be coded as attribute Category of restricted area (CATREA) value 28: Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA).

### Proposal

Finland proposes that the BSHC decides on common recommendations how these areas should be shown on Baltic Sea nautical charts and publications, e.g. as follows:

1. **On printed charts:** Because the entire Baltic Sea (except Russian waters) is PSSA area, it is probably not feasible to show these areas with symbols. It may be enough to have a note on the chart legend. On general charts, perhaps also on coastal charts.
2. **On Notices to Mariners:** There may be a notice in the first edition for each year.
3. **In ENC:** The use of the PSSA attribute may be feasible on overview, general or coastal user bands.

### Actions required from the BSHC 12<sup>th</sup> Conference:

The BSHC 12<sup>th</sup> Conference is requested to consider this proposal and to take appropriate actions.

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