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**NOTE TO REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS BALTIC AND PELAGIC,
HELCOM CONVENTION, ICES**

**Subject: Invitation to the Marine Natura 2000 Seminar for the Baltic Sea
Region – 23-24 November 2009, Sopot, Poland**

Dear Sirs,

I herewith would like to invite representatives of your organisation to the seminar on the scientific assessment of marine Natura 2000 proposals under the Habitats Directive in the Baltic marine region.

With the kind cooperation from the Government of Poland, the seminar will take place on 23-24 November 2009 in the city of Sopot, Poland.

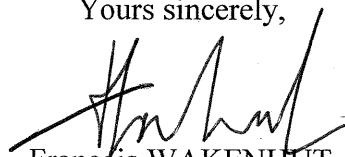
You will receive information separately about the agenda, the exact venue and the logistic arrangements such as travel and hotel bookings. There will also be the possibility for an optional field trip on Wednesday 25 November.

Up to two participants from each organisation will be allowed. The travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed for one participant per organisation. In order to facilitate the discussions the working language of the meeting will be English.

The working documents for the meeting will be made available by the European Topic Centre / Biological Diversity in due time.

In order for my services to be able to have direct contact with all the participants, please make sure that the enclosed registration form is completed for each participant and returned to us, as indicated on the form, by **23 October 2009**.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Unit

Enclosure: Registration form
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REGISTRATION FORM

Natura 2000 Marine Biogeographic Seminar, 23-24 November 2009, Sopot, Poland

Name of participant	
Organisation	
Address	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
E-mail	
Bank address and account number (if relevant, to be used later for reimbursement)	
Function / expertise	
I wish to participate in the excursion on 25 November:	YES / NO
Other	

Date and signature:

Please return this form to Mrs. Susanne Pedersen (European Commission, DG Environment, Unit ENV.B.2, B-1049 Brussels, by fax: +32-2-2990895 or e-mail: susanne.pedersen@ec.europa.eu) before 23 October 2009.