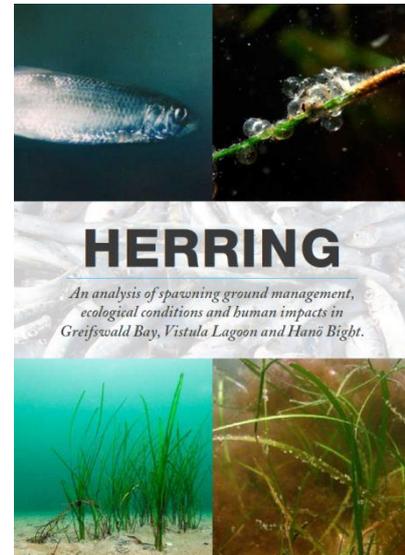


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The HERRING project started in 2012 and recently finished in April 2015. The overall aim of the project was to improve the sustainable management of herring spawning grounds in three different case study areas; Vistula Lagoon (Poland), Greifswald Bay (Germany) and Hanö Bight (Sweden).

The project addressed its overall aim from two different perspectives i) governance structures - analysing how herring spawning grounds currently are managed in the respective case study areas and ii) analysis of human impact and ecological parameters affecting the herring spawning grounds.



During the project two reports per case study area were developed with respect to the two perspectives mentioned above. A synthesis of these reports have now been compiled into a **book called “HERRING – An analysis of spawning ground management, ecological conditions and human impacts in Greifswald Bay, Vistula Lagoon and Hanö Bight”**.

The book is divided into four main chapters; Spawning areas and populations, Ecological environment, Human activities and spatial uses and Governance structure. Each chapter provides an analysis of the given subject in each country and case study area, except for the first one which give a general introduction to spawning areas and populations. The book ends with a concluding chapter where the main findings from each case study area are presented with respect to the ecological situation and governance structure. The main intended target group of the book is civil servants and politicians in the three case study areas but also the same categories on regional and national level.

The book is a result of a common effort among several people from the four participating partners in the HERRING project i.e. EUCC- The Coastal Union Germany, National Marine Fisheries Research Institute in Poland, Thuenen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries in Rostock, Germany and World Maritime University in Sweden.

The book is available as pdf on the project homepage, www.baltic-herring.eu/reports.html , but also as a hard copy at any of the project partners listed above.

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