

### Minister Ek visits the BONUS offices: "BONUS a good example of successful cooperation"

"BONUS is a good example of how Baltic Sea research cooperation can be done successfully. The coordination of the BONUS programme serves as a good role model for organising international cooperation", said the Minister of Environment of Sweden, Lena Ek. Minister Ek visited the Secretariat of the Joint Baltic Sea research and development programme BONUS in Helsinki on Wednesday 11.1.2012.



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### Trainee to join the BONUS Secretariat

The BONUS EEIG is seeking for a trainee for a period of 3 months. The task of the trainee would be to

- assist the Secretariat in summarising the final reports of the [16 research projects](#) funded by BONUS during 2009-2011 and in preparation of the annual report of 2011

- perform other tasks to be specified later

The deadline for applications is 27 January 2012.

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### Seminar on 9 February 2012 in Stockholm: Good or bad for Baltic salmon gene pools?

Releases of millions of salmon have been carried out for decades in the Baltic Sea. The releases compensate for lost natural reproduction due to power plant constructions in many rivers. They are considered necessary to maintain numbers of salmon in the Baltic. But scientists have warned about possible negative effects of releases on remaining native populations.

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### ESA Call for Proposals addressing Coastal Surveillance in the Baltic

The European Space Agency (ESA) [[www.esa.int](http://www.esa.int)] will be issuing an Invitation to Tender (ITT) to investigate the feasibility to improve Coastal Surveillance and Water Quality Monitoring in the Baltic Sea, using the functionality of satellites.

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### ESA Call for Proposals addressing Maritime Safety in the Baltic

The European Space Agency (ESA) [[www.esa.int](http://www.esa.int)] will be issuing an Invitation to Tender (ITT) to investigate the feasibility to improve maritime safety in the Baltic through enhanced situational awareness, using the functionality of satellites.

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### BONUS thematic call 2012 preparations underway

The preparations for the first BONUS thematic call, to be announced during the first half of this year, continue. Further updates will be made available via the BONUS website and the e-bulletin. [Subscribe to e-bulletin](#) and ensure the reception of news updates first hand.

### BONUS+ project in the spotlight:

#### BAZOOCA

#### BALTic ZOOplankton CASCades

BAZOOCA team's results on the BALTic ZOOplankton CASCades indicate that the earlier concerns regarding American comb jelly *Mnemiopsis* feeding on cod eggs are unsupported and that it constitutes no threat to the Baltic cod population. Low salinity in the Baltic prevents explosive outbreaks, but adaptation to low salinity by *Mnemiopsis* may change this in the future.



Sprat and herring are still the main predators on zooplankton and because of that, fisheries continues to be the largest regulatory factor for the pelagic food web in the Baltic. The fishery policy thus remains the key tool for the management of the Baltic from higher trophic levels. Eutrophication and inflow of salty water continues to be the main factors determining the trophic state of the Baltic Sea.

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