

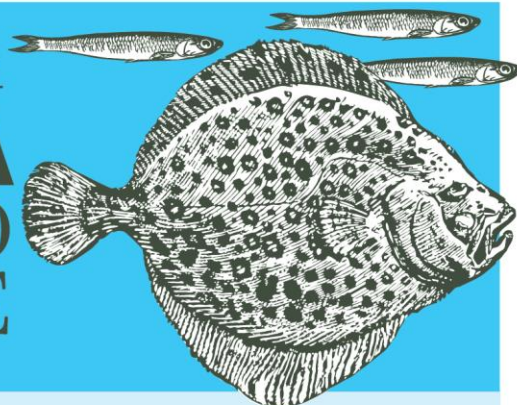


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# High-level conference on **BLACK SEA** FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

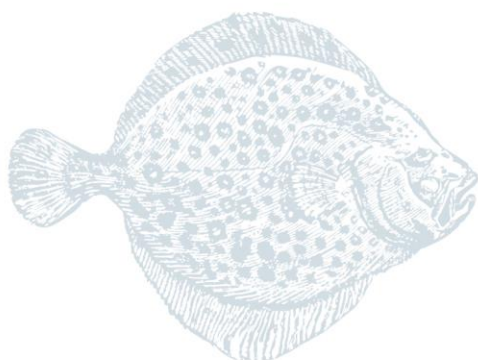


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## Expert meeting on Black Sea priorities in fisheries and aquaculture

Wednesday, 6 June 2018

*12.30 – 14.00 hours*

### **Participant registration**

*14.00 – 14.30 hours*

### **Opening and arrangements of the Expert meeting – by Mr Geoff Meade, Moderator**

#### **Welcome addresses**

- Mr Ivaylo Simeonov, Director, Common Fisheries Policy Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Bulgaria
- Ms Victoria Chomo, Senior Fishery and Aquaculture Officer, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, FAO
- Ms Veronika Veits, Director, Directorate D – Fisheries Policy Mediterranean and Black Sea, European Commission

*14.30 – 16.45 hours*

### **Session 1 – Two major challenges: science and the fight against IUU fishing**

General introduction of Session 1 by Mr Bayram Öztürk, Professor, Istanbul University

#### **A. Key contribution of marine scientific research to Black Sea fisheries management and improvement of scientific advice**

- The BlackSea4Fish Project research network – by the GFCM Secretariat
- Status and future priorities of scientific research in support of Black Sea fisheries management Summary by Mr Ali Cemal Gücü, BlackSea4Fish Project Coordinator, and interventions from select national institutes of riparian countries
- Roundtable “Towards the GFCM Forum on Fisheries Science: involving Black Sea universities and academia” Coordinated by Ms Tamara Shiganova, Professor, P. P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology of the Russian Academy of Sciences (SIO RAS)
  - Mr Kirill Kolonchin, Director, Russian Federal Research Institute of Fisheries & Oceanography (TBC)
  - Ms Iryna Makarenko, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Black Sea Commission
  - Ms Snejana Moncheva, Director, Institute of Oceanology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
  - Mr Alexei Nistorean, Executive Manager, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
  - Ms Nilufer Oral, Professor, Law Faculty, Istanbul Bilgi University

#### **B. Implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for the fight against IUU fishing (RPOA-IUU)**

- Putting in place the RPOA-IUU: What next – by the GFCM Secretariat
- Needs of the riparian countries – by representatives of national authorities
- Pilot project for a joint inspection scheme – by Mr Pascal Savouret, Executive Director, European Fisheries Control Agency, European Commission
- Screening of the GFCM video “Together to eradicate IUU fishing in the Black Sea”

### **Conclusions and closure of Session 1 – by the Moderator**

-----Coffee break-----

*17.00 – 17.45 hours*

**Session 2 – Furthering aquaculture sustainability: the key role of Aquaculture Demonstrative Centres (ADC)**

General introduction of Session 2 by Mr İlhan Aydın, Director, Trabzon Central Fisheries Research Institute

- Screening of the GFCM video “Promoting sustainable aquaculture in the Black Sea”
- Open discussion on the role of the ADC in fostering sustainable aquaculture development in the Black Sea (background, priorities, expectations, opportunities)
  - Mr Archil Guchmanidze, Head, Fisheries and Black Sea Monitoring Service, Georgian National Environmental Agency
  - Mr Galin Nikolov, Deputy Executive Director, Bulgarian Executive Agency of Fisheries and Aquaculture
  - Mr Victor Nita, Scientific Researcher, Romanian National Institute for Marine Research and Development
  - Ms Tetiana Yakovlieva, Deputy Head, Department of Fisheries Organization, Ukraine State Agency of Fisheries

**Conclusions and closure of Session 2 – by the Moderator**

*17.45 – 18.30 hours*

**Session 3 – Towards an action plan for sustainable small-scale fisheries: involving Black Sea stakeholders in the GFCM decision-making process through national platforms**

General introduction of Session 3 by Mr Marian Sorinel Manaila, Chairman, Black Sea Advisory Council

- Towards the first High-level Conference on small-scale fisheries with a focus on the role of fisher platforms – by the GFCM Secretariat
- Roundtable “The voice of fisher platforms in Black Sea riparian countries”
  - Mr Ertuğ Düzgünes, Researcher, Karadeniz Technical University
  - Mr Yordan Gospodinov, Secretary General, Black Sea Advisory Council
  - Mr Ilie Jeciu, President, Pescados Association, Romania
  - Ms Irine Lomashvili, Chief Specialist, Georgian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture
  - Mr Nelko Yordanov, Manager, Fisheries Local Action Group Shabla–Kavarna–Balchik
  - Mr Pavlo Zabroda, Head of Laboratory, Ukrainian Institute of Fisheries and Marine Ecology

**Conclusions and closure of Session 3 – by the Moderator**

**Closure of the Expert meeting**

# High-level conference on Black Sea fisheries and aquaculture

Thursday, 7 June 2018

8.30 – 9.15 hours

## Participant registration

9.15 – 10.15 hours

## GFCM video “Not closed, not black but a living sea”

### Opening statements

- H.E. Mr Rumen Porodzanov, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Bulgaria
- Mr Audun Lem, Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO
- H.E. Mr Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

### Progress in fostering cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture across the Black Sea

- Progress in the implementation of the Bucharest Declaration and celebration of the first international day for the fight against IUU fishing – by Mr Abdellah Srouf, GFCM Executive Secretary

-----Coffee break-----

10.45 – 12.15 hours

### Speeches by high-level representatives

- H.E. Mr Petre Daea, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Romania
- H.E. Mr Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- H.E. Mr Roland Kristo, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Albania
- H.E. Mr Nodar Kereselidze, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia
- H.E. Mr Ilya Shestakov, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Head of the Federal Agency for Fishery, Russian Federation
- H.E. Mr Mehmet Danış, Deputy Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Republic of Turkey
- H.E. Mr Charalambos Kasimis, General Secretary of Agricultural Policy and Management of European Funds, Ministry of Rural Development and Food, Greece
- H.E. Mr Victor Galusca, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Republic of Moldova
- H.E. Mr Velimir Stanojevic, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Republic of Serbia
- H.E. Mr Michael Christides, Secretary General, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
- Statements by other high-level representatives (TBC)

12.15 – 12.45 hours

### Signing ceremony of the Sofia Declaration

12.45 hours

### Closure of the High-level conference, official photos

12.45 – 13.15 hours

### Press conference

-----Light lunch-----