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**Of Round Table on „ Sustainable fishing in the Black Sea“  
The Ibis Hotel, Constanta, Romania  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

On 25.06.2019, in Ovidiu Hall at the Ibis Hotel in Constanta, Romania, commencing at 10:30, a round table was organized at the initiative of BISAC, in accordance with the following Agenda:

10.30-10.50 – Registration of the participants;

10.50–11.00 – Official opening and address to the participants:

11.00-11.20 – „Small-scale fisheries in the Black Sea“ – Yordan Gospodinov, Chairman of BISAC;

11.20-11.40 „The fisheries situation in the Black sea“- Dr. Simeon, Director of ‘Grigore Antipa’ National Institute for Marine Research and Development;

11.40-12.00 – „Relationship between dolphins and fishing“ – Michaela Candea, Managing Director of “Mare Nostrum” NGO;

12.00-12.20 – Development of fisheries in the Black Sea in Romania 2016-2018, representative of ANPA Romania;

12.20-12.40 – „The Bulgarian Black Sea fisheries situation“, representatives of the Bulgarian authorities;

12.40-13.00 – Discussions and comments;

13.00-13.20 Conclusions, official closing;

The event was opened by Mrs. Michaela Candea, followed by the Chairman of BISAC, Dr. Yordan Gospodinov, who addressed the attendees. Guests at the meeting were representatives of NGOs from Romania and Bulgaria, representatives of fisheries organizations from the two countries, Associate Professor Violin Raykov from the Institute of Oceanology in Varna, Professor Simeon Nikolaev from 'Grigore Antipa' National Institute for Marine Research and Development, Constana, and Mr. Gabriel Popescu, representative of ANPA Romania. The attendees were also greeted by Assoc. Prof. Galin Nikolov, Executive Manager of EAFA, Bulgaria.

Next, Mr. Yordan Gospodinov made a presentation on: "Small-scale fisheries, a segment of the fisheries sector in Bulgaria and Romania in the Black Sea".

There were discussions and comments as to what exactly small-scale fishing in the Black Sea is. Criteria determining and characterizing small-scale fishing. Mr. Gospodinov presented a series of criteria, and tabled the issue as to which criteria are the most precise for determining what small-scale fishing is, and what values should be applied.

- Length of the fishing vessel;
- Area of operation;
- Duration of fishing;
- Engine capacity;
- Crew;
- Turnover volume;
- Fishing gear that small-scale fisheries are allowed to use;
- Monitoring and surveillance equipment;
- Method of reporting – via a mobile application, text message, log, etc.;
- Control and monitoring of catches;
- Other;

Prof. Simeon Nikolaev and Mr. Gabriel Popescu expressed the opinion that clearly defined criteria should be developed and applied to small-scale fisheries, and these criteria have to be common for Bulgaria and Romania. Small-scale fishing in the Black Sea should be considered different from that in the Mediterranean, and should not be put on equal terms.

As a result of the discussions, a common position began to take shape, and it was decided that a survey card should be prepared and sent by the Secretariat to all the participants in the Round table, as well as to research institutes and other stakeholders-members of BISAC, so that each one of them can have the opportunity to specify parameters on the basis of the specified criteria. In this way, a data base will be created for the accurate determination of the parameters of small-scale fishing in the Black Sea.

A presentation by Prof. Simeon Nikolaev followed. It was on: "Opportunities for sustainable development of Black Sea fishing within maritime spatial planning".

It was followed by a presentation made by Assoc. Prof. Violin Raykov from IO, Varna, on: "Scientific research, management and economy of bio-resources in the Black Sea".

Mrs. Michaela Candea made a presentation on: "Relationship between dolphins and fishing".

It was followed by a presentation made by Mr. Gabriel Popescu, representative of ANPA Romania on: "Evolution of fishing in Romania in the period 2016-2018".

It was followed by a presentation made by Mrs. Dimitrina Kostova, Chairperson of the European Association of Fishermen in the Black Sea, on: "Efficient measures for boosting the productivity of small-scale fisheries".

In the end, the meeting was declared closed.

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