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Minute

BISAC Working Group 1 meeting, held on September 25, 2019

Main topic: Illegal, Unreported and Uncontrolled (IUU) fishing.

On 25.09.2019, in the Ovidiu room of the Ibis hotel in Constanța, starting at 13:30, a meeting of the BISAC Working Group 1 took place according to the following agenda:

1. IUU fishing - EU definition and legislation.
2. Current practices in the Black Sea;
3. Challenges for Romania and Bulgaria;
4. The opinions of scientists and authorities;
5. Comments and discussions;
6. Expected results / Proposals of recommendations to DG MARE, GFCM, Ministries and Institutions of the Member States /.

The goal of the working group: to propose recommendations regarding IUU fishing.

In a presentation on "IUU fishing in the European Union", Mrs. Mihaela Mirea Candea, the group's Chair, presented the definition of IUU, the European legislative framework and some aspects related to how IUU fishing affects the management of resources in the EU. It was mentioned that IUU fishing affects both EU and non-EU countries with which import-export activities are carried out.

Discussion and comments:

Mr. Yordan Gospodinov: I have a number of proposals regarding the labeling and packaging of fish after the first sale, in factories or in other units of origin, to identify very clearly where the goods come from and what quantity was placed on the market. The labeling should include information about the lot, origin, storage temperature, etc. The sale should be made only to controlled locations, so that the quantities placed on the market can be verified.

Mrs. Mihaela Mirea: These aspects are extremely important and relate to the marketing of catches. What could be done, however, for the prevention of IUU until the moment of commercialization?

Mr. Aleksander Trapchev: The small-scale fishermen report the catch and are authorized very difficult because they have to travel to larger cities and the procedure is quite complicated. So far, fishermen with boats up to 10m report on paper, once a month. I propose to simplify the reporting procedure and this can be done either online or via sms.

Mr. Yordan Gospodinov: The regulation of first-sale centers is important. In Bulgaria you can fish 20 kg / day without requiring control or reporting. That means for a boat almost 2 tons / year. Out of the 1800 boats in Bulgaria, only 1200 reported catches. The monitoring and control of fishing activity needs to be improved.

Mrs. Mihaela Mirea: I will summarize the recommendations from today's discussions:

1. The first sale centers should be mobile and have labeling and packaging, with complete details related to the origin of the goods, lot, storage temperature, etc.
2. Landing points / ports should be implemented for better monitoring and better control of catches
3. Facilitate catch reporting by introducing online and SMS options, especially for small-scale fishermen
4. Improvement of monitoring and control
5. Allowing a catch of only 3kg / boat for own consumption
6. Transparency and traceability of the resource from the sea to the table

Finally, the meeting was declared closed.

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