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Work Program of the Black Sea Advisory Council - BISAC

Year 2022

General Guidelines:

In 2022, the BISAC will continue working on the topics set out in the Work Program for 2021 with regard to the Common Fisheries Policy, including its external dimension namely within the GFCM. In addition, BISAC will contribute to the priorities and goals set out in the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea, namely on synergies towards sustainable fisheries in the Black Sea.

The Working program is based on:

- the Common Fishery Policy – CFP'
- The GFCM instruments, notably the Strategy 2030, the Regional Plans of Action on small-scale fisheries and on eliminating IUU fishing, and GFCM Recommendations on conservation, fisheries management, bycatches of vulnerable species, monitoring control and surveillance;
- the 2016 Bucharest Declaration and the 2018 Sofia Ministerial Declaration;
- the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea adopted in February 2020;
- The Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter adopted by the Black Sea Commission.

General Principles of Action

The BISAC will act as a forum for dialogue and discussion with stakeholders and will facilitate regionalization and cooperation between Member States, while continuing to work closely with the European Commission. The BISAC will follow the work of the EU and the GFCM and will participate in key meetings in 2022.

The BISAC will continue its cooperation with other Advisory Councils and take benefit of sharing knowledge and experience in other sea basins.

Following the experience from previous years, BISAC will enhance the cooperation between Member States administrations in terms of BISAC involvement in planning and decision-

making processes for the establishment of management plans and measures related to Black Sea fisheries.

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to fisheries are a key issue to be addressed due to the restrictive measures taken in the EU and in the globe. The BISAC will monitor the evolving situation and possible effects to Member States' fishing sectors, collect data and relevant information and provide feedback and suggestions.

Priorities for 2022

Healthy marine and coastal ecosystems

1. COVID-19 pandemic and impacts to fisheries, monitoring of impacts
2. Implementation of landing obligation, discard plans, cases of sprat, turbot and piked dogfish and possible weaknesses identified recommendations;
3. Fight against IUU fishing in the Black Sea;
4. Vulnerable marine ecosystems in the Black Sea;
5. Interactions with the marine ecosystem, protection of sensitive habitats and vulnerable species including cetaceans and sturgeons, improvement of selectivity of gears and mitigation of by-catches technical measures, recommendations;
6. Further work on fisheries management following ecosystem approach;
7. Multiannual management Plans (MAPs), implementation of turbot MAP, new MAPs for other Black Sea fisheries, recommendations.
8. Small-scale fisheries, specificities of the Black Sea and implementation of the GFCM RPoA-SSF;
9. Species of conservation concern, i.e. piked dogfish, state of play, targeted fisheries and incidental catches, catches and evolution of catches, fishing fleets, fishing gears, landing obligation, fisheries restricted areas, recommendations;
10. Recreational fisheries, state of play, fish stocks, fishing gears/techniques, legal framework, national licencing regimes, interaction with commercial fisheries, recommendations.
11. Cooperation with the Black Sea Commission (BSC) and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC)
12. Management of *Rapana venosa*, and fisheries related measures of this invasive species from the Black Sea ecosystem.
13. Participation of all stakeholders, especially fishermen, in the debate on the adoption or modification of management plans for marine protected areas.
14. Traditional fishing with high selectivity equipment in certain areas.
15. In the context of the maritime spatial planning plan consultations will be launched with the scientific community, the administration, the economic sector, civil society, etc, to complete and modify the provisions for the activities foreseen in the Maritime Spatial Plan. To this end, any modification of a marine protected area will be in line with the provisions of European, Bulgarian and Romanian legislation, including planning and management.

A competitive, innovative and sustainable blue economy for the Black Sea:

- Socioeconomic assessment of turbot, white mussels, sprat, dogfish, red mullet and rapana fisheries in Member States

Therefore, the BISAC will implement the following:

Working Groups

- WG 1 – Selectivity of fishing gears
- WG 2 – Climate change effects in fisheries
- WG 3 - Aquaculture
- WG 4 – Fisheries and marine spatial planning
- WG 5 - Recreational fisheries
- WG 6 - Working conditions in fisheries

Focus Groups

- FG 1- Small scale fisheries
- FG 2- Piked dogfish fisheries
- FG 3 - Rapana fisheries
- FG 4 – By catch of vulnerable species
- FG 5 - Conservation of birds, species and habitats of EU interest in the context of fisheries.
- FG 6 - Marine litter - fishing nets abandoned, discarded or lost at sea

Other issues of importance to the Black Sea Advisory Council:

1. Interinstitutional cooperation

The BISAC shall maintain close cooperation and continue to work jointly with the Commission, the European Parliament, GFCM, EFCA, EU Advisory Councils, Scientific Committees and Advisory Boards of the EU and of both Member States, Member States' Authorities, national scientific research institutes, and related projects.

2. Collaboration with scientific and research Institutes

Furthermore, the BISAC shall closely cooperate with the scientific community, on issues related to discards and landing obligation, on technical measures and improvement of selectivity on bycatches of vulnerable species. BISAC will also facilitate on its capacity the BlackSea4Fish project.

The Black Sea Advisory Council shall continue its efforts to play an active role within the Common Fisheries Policy.

The BISAC shall focus on these issues within its planned meetings and shall build up on the achievements of the working groups.

BISAC 2022- PROVISIONNAL PLANNING*

Meeting	Date	Place	Topics - Agenda
Inter AC Meeting	19 January 2022	Videoconference	
WG 6 - Work conditions in fishery FG 1- Small scale fishery	23 February	Constanta Romania	
ExCom	24 February	Constanta Romania	Approval on documents, preparation of GA, analysis of 2021 WG activities, statute changes proposals
WG 2 - Climate change effects in fisheries FG 2- Piked dogfish fisheries	15 March	Varna Bulgaria	
GA	14 April	Varna Bulgaria	Approval on 2021 audit, final activity report, updated list of members.
FG 3 - Rapana fisheries	10 May	Romania	
WG 5 - Recreational fisheries	11 May	Romania	
FG 6 - Marine litter - fishing nets abandoned, discarded or lost at sea	12 May	Romania	
European Maritime day	19-20 May	Ravena, Italy	
WG 3 - Aquaculture	23 June	Varna Bulgaria	Legislative framework, interactions with fisheries, investments, species.
WG 4 - Fisheries spatial planning	24 June	Varna, Bulgaria	
FG 5 - Conservation of birds, species and habitats of Community interest in the context of fisheries and aquaculture.	27 September	Varna, Bulgaria	
ExCom	28 September	Varna, Bulgaria	Preparation of GA, presentation of activities in 2022, Proposals for 2023
Inter ACs Meeting	October/ November	Brussels Belgium	
45th GFCM annual session	November	GFCM	

WG 1 – Selectivity of the fishing gear	23 November	Constanta, Romania	
FG 4 – By catch of vulnerable species			
High Level Conference on Black Sea fisheries	Tbc (October)	Georgia	Follow-up of 2018 Sofia Ministerial Declaration
GA	24 November	Constanta, Romania	Adoption of the WP for 2023, adoption of the budget proposal for 2023

* Management meetings, if needed (priority should be given to the Executive Committees), non-exhaustive list