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Please find attached the presentation by Ms. Violeta Velikova, the Black Sea Commission delivered at the Plenary Session 4 – Protecting the environment and enhancing co-operation, First Preparatory Conference to the 16th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum “Maritime and inland waterways co-operation in the OSCE area: Increasing Security and protecting the environment” held in Helsinki, 10 - 11 September 2007.



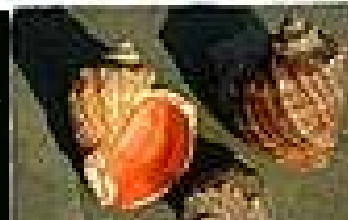
Protecting the Environment and enhancing Cooperation in the Black Sea region

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Current Environmental Concerns/Priorities (TDA 2007)



- **Eutrophication/Nutrient Enrichment**
- **Chemical Pollution, including Oil**
- **Changes in Marine Living Resources: Overfishing**
- **Biodiversity Changes/Habitats Loss, including Alien Species Introduction**
- **Climate Change**



ACTIVITIES and MEASURES



The BSC facilitates:

**1. Policy and legal documents development;
Adoption and ratification, enforcement and
monitoring of implementation of these
documents;**

Addresses issues related to:

**2. Attracting donor financing; Investment projects
development;**

**3. Supports scientific research, capacity building,
public involvement development**

Aimed at:

- **a) eutrophication and pollution reduction**
- **b) conservation of biodiversity and marine living
resources**
- **c) sustainable development of coastal zone**



Cooperation in the region



- **Regional - BS states;**

The BSC observes or participates to international projects: Black Sea GOOS, PHARE, ARENA, IASON, Black Sea SCENE, SESAME, PLANCOAST, MATRA, etc.

- **GEF/UNDP Black Sea Environmental Program and BSERP: 1993-1996, BSERP 2002-2004; 2004-2007;**
- **TACIS /EUROAID 1995/1996, 1996/1997, 2002-2004, 2005-2007;**

Feedback



COOPERATION: receiving assistance and sharing experience with similar Conventions; Programs, organizations and scientific Institutions with related aims of activities.



EEC DG Environment

- **Gap analysis of the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on the Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution**
- **DABLAS Task Force**

ICPDR

- **Joint efforts in safeguarding the Black Sea from further deterioration under the influence of excessive nutrients and hazardous substances input.**

EEA

- **In developing monitoring and reporting framework**
- **Combating habitats destruction through designation of MPA**
- **Indicator-based assessments of the Black Sea Environment**



COOPERATION



UNEP

- ➔ Marine Litter
- ➔ LBS Protocol Revision
- ➔ MPAs
- ➔ Joint BSC/UNEP Action Against Marine Litter



ACCOBAMS (Cetacean Conservation Plan)

Accord sur la Conservation des Cétacés de la Mer Noire, de la Méditerranée et de la zone Atlantique adjacente



Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic Area

**IAEA, BSEC, ESP00 Convention,
Convention on Conservation of
Biodiversity,**

**Individual governments,
International NGOs.**



COOPERATION



European Maritime Safety Agency



With

IMO

EMSA

HELCOM, SIDA

in

- **Development and implementation of a Black Sea Strategy for port reception facilities for ship-generated wastes.**
- **Strengthening the capability to detect illegal oil discharges**
- **Enhancing preparedness to effectively respond to medium and major accidents resulting in oil pollution at sea**
- **Development of AIS data exchange network to increase safety of navigation**
- **Facilitation of implementation and ratification of the BWM Convention (2004) by the Black Sea countries and preparation of a road map for the Black Sea**

Wider Cooperation and Activities with UNDP/GEF BSERP in 2006-2007



Black Sea Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis 2007

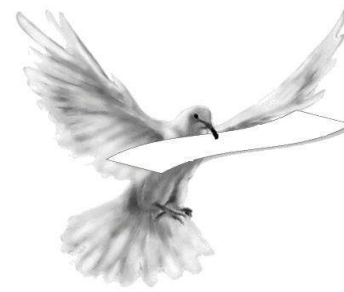
Black Sea Strategic Action Plan revision

Revision of the LBS Protocol

Small Grants Program: pilot projects in ICZM, diffuse sources assessment, nutrient reduction program, VTOPIS (vessel traffic observation and pollution information system), etc.

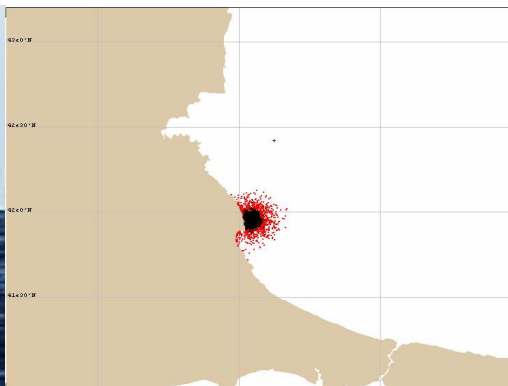


Wider Cooperation and Activities



Private Sector – OSPRI

SULH 2007 DELTA Exercise preparation – Oil Spill Preparedness and SAR in the Black Sea – joint action of UMA/Turkey, BSC and OSPRI



Status Quo



Presently, the Black Sea shows signs of recovery to certain extent due to joint regional effort under the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and due to cooperation with many international organizations. In order to make those signs sustainable and to achieve the purpose of the BSC Convention (to restore and protect the Black Sea) further steps are required in

- **Accurate assessment of basic environmental threats, state of the environment and prize of inactivity,**
- **environmental policy development,**
- **legal documents adoption and ratification,**
- **implementation and enforcement of those legal documents**

through

attracting international and national donors, capacity building and active involvement of public.

Suggestions and follow-up proposals for the OSCE and its participating States



The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) is kindly invited to seek with us and identify environmental threats, such as:

Input of Toxic and Radioactive wastes

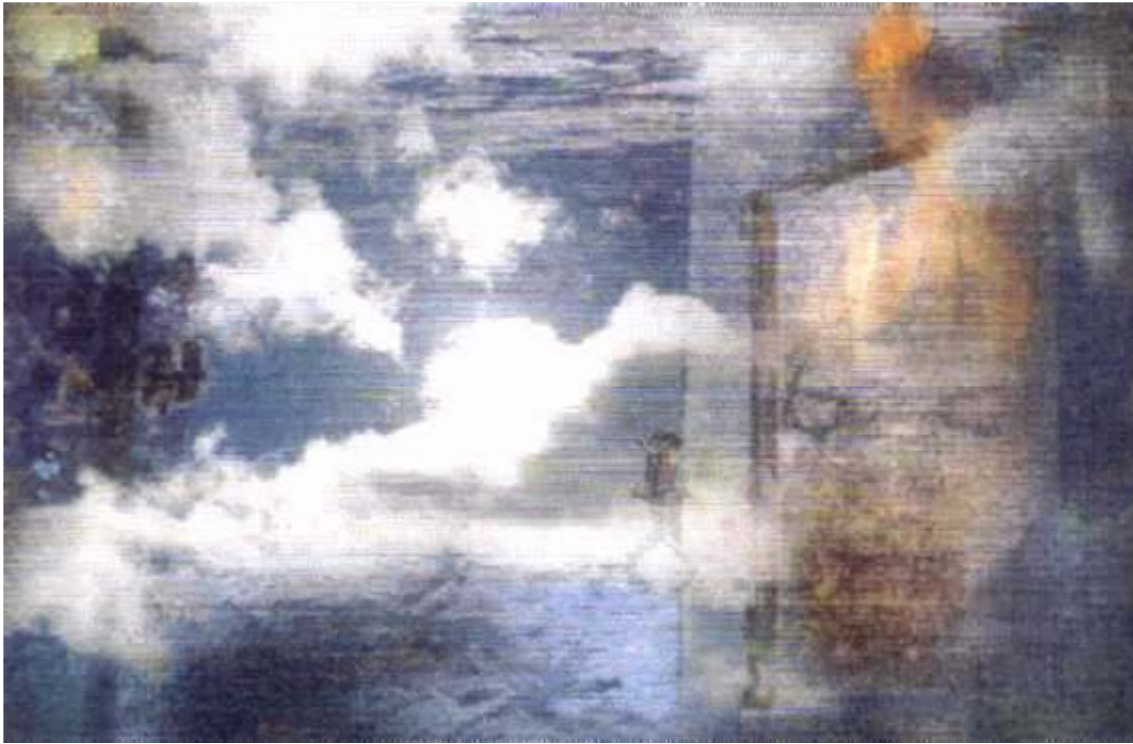
Oil pollution

Diffuse pollution – both from land and atmosphere.

To support the development of environmental policies, legal documents and related initiatives to promote their adoption and implementation in the Black Sea region:

- **Amendments to the Convention for Protection of the BS against Pollution**
- **Revision of the LBSA Protocol**
- **BSSAP update**
- **Contingency Plan: by the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Georgia to be signed;**
- **Biodiversity Protocol: by Russia and Georgia to be signed;**
- **BWM Convention**
- **London Protocol (1996) to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter 1972**
- **Cetacean Action Plan**
- **Legally Binding Document in Fishery**

To participate with us in capacity building and development of public awareness in the Black Sea Region.



**THANK YOU FOR
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