

Regional Conference on River habitat restoration for inland fisheries in the Danube River basin and adjacent Black Sea areas

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Opening remarks: Adriana Petcu, State Secretary, Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania
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Role of Inland fisheries for food security, livelihoods and rural rejuvenation
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Moderator: Steve Chaid, ORF Stars, Austria

I. VALUING INLAND FISHERIES RESOURCES

- **Sturgeon 2020 – how can a conservation program bring benefit to local communities?**
Cristina Sandu, Danube Sturgeon Task Force (DSTF), Romania
- **Restoration of river connectivity in Romania**
Gheorghe Constatin, Ministry of Waters and Forests, Romania
- **Non-native crayfish species in the region and their effects on the environment**
Antonín Kouba, Research Faculty, University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic
- **The invasive *Rapana venosa* and alternative fishing methods and species in the Black Sea**
Luchian Florin, Dobrogea North Maritime Fisheries Federation, Romania
- **Restoration of Ireland's valuable inland fisheries resource**
Cathal Gallagher, Research and Development for Inland Fisheries, Ireland / EIFAAC
- **An overview of the European trade focusing on the Danube species**
Ekaterina Tribilustova, EUROFISH, Denmark

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II. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

- **Ecosystem approach to inland fisheries**
John Jorgensen, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Italy
- **Adaptation to climate change in the Danube Region**
Roswitha Stolz, Ludwig Maximilian University, Germany
- **A century of sturgeon fisheries, Danube sturgeon where to?**
Tudor Ionescu, Research and Development Centre for Sturgeon, Aquatic Habitats and Biodiversity, Romania
- **Habitats of sturgeons in the Lower Danube River and the North Western Black Sea: status of knowledge and perspectives for restoration**
Radu Suci, DSTF and IAD, Romania
- **Danube Sturgeon: Strategies and actions towards their conservation**
Ivan Zavadsky, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Austria
- **Eels habitat and combatting IUU fishing**
Reinhold Hanel, Institute of Fisheries Ecology, Germany / EIFAAC

- **Invasive alien freshwater fish species in the Danube – implications for management.**
Marina Piria, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture, Croatia / EIFAAC
- **River habitats restoration experiences at European level**
Christian Wolter, Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, Germany
- **Importance of telemetry in the detection of fish habitats**
Carolyn Rosten, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA), Norway

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2nd day: III. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- **Hydro-morphological alterations versus sustainable management of fish stocks**
Predrag Simonović, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- **Connecting fish, rivers and people. Opening swim-ways around the world from local to global**
Pao Fernandez Garrido, World Fish Migration Foundation, Austria
- **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) support to inland fisheries**
Cristian Badiu, DG Mare, European Commission, Belgium
- **FLAGS: community led development in EU inland waters**
Gilles Van de Walle, European Commission, FARNET Support Unit, Belgium

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IV. SHARED COUNTRY EXPERIENCES

- **Room for the River: river and flood plain restoration along the downstream part of the Rhine in The Netherlands and Germany serving multiple purposes**
Steven Visser, Visser Water Management, The Netherlands
- **Activities and experiences on river restoration in Austria**
Veronika Koller-Kreimel, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Tourism, Austria
- **Status of long distance migratory fish species (sturgeons, shads) in Lower Danube Region**
Mirjana Lenhardt, University of Belgrade, Department of biology and inland waters protection, Serbia
- **German experience in restoration of longitudinal continuity of large rivers**
Marq Redeker, CDM Smith, Germany
- **Possibilities of rehabilitation of indigenous Danube sturgeon species in Hungary**
Bela Halasi-Kovacs, Research Institute for Fisheries and Aquaculture, HAKI, Hungary
- **Rivers as Blue and Green corridors with a focus on the Mura and Sava rivers**
Mitja Bricelj, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- **Lagoon management as the main instrument for their conservation**
Mimoza Cobani, Fisheries and aquaculture expert, Albania
- **Concept and objectives from the Aquaculture Demonstration Center in Constanta**
Victor Nita, National Institute for Marine Research and Development 'Grigore Antipa', Romania

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V. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **River habitat restoration as key measure to strengthen European Inland Fisheries: long-term perspectives and solutions**

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- **Round up, conclusions**
Closure of the conference

3rd day:

Field visit to Nucet Research and Development Station

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