

Draft Agenda

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

13-15 November 2018, Bucharest, Romania

Opening remarks: Host country, FAO, EIFAAC, EUROFISH

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Role of Inland fisheries for food security, livelihoods and rural rejuvenation

Victoria Chomo, Secretary of EIFAAC

FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Budapest, Hungary

Moderator: Steve Chaid, ORF Stars, Austria

I. VALUING INLAND FISHERIES RESOURCES

- **Ecosystem approach to inland fisheries**
John Jorgensen, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Socio-economic valuation of inland fisheries of Ireland**
Cathal Gallagher, Research and Development for Inland Fisheries, Ireland/EIFAAC
- **An overview of the European trade focusing on the Danube species**
Ekaterina Tribilustova, International Organisation for the Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Europe (EUROFISH)

Round up and conclusions

II. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

- **Endangered freshwater fish species and measures for their conservation**
Jorg Freyhof, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- **Sturgeon 2020 – a program for the restoration of Danube flagship species**
Cristina Sandu, Danube Sturgeon Task Force (DSTF)
- **Danube Sturgeon: Strategies and actions towards their conservation**
Ivan Zavadsky, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
- **Eels habitat and combatting IUU fishing**
Reinhold Hanel, Institute of Fisheries Ecology, Germany/EIFAAC
- **Management of invasive alien freshwater fish species**
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
- **Adaptation to climate change in the Danube Region**
Roswitha Stolz, Ludwig Maximilien University, Germany

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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
- **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) support to inland fisheries**
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 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**
Mr. Bela Halasi-Kovacs, Research Institute for Fisheries and Aquaculture, HAKI, Hungary

V. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **European inland fisheries: long-term perspectives and solutions**
Ivan Zavadsky, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
Pao Fernandez Garrido, World Fish Migration Foundation
FAO, EUROFISH, Romania and other Danube governments

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3rd day: Field visit - hosted by the Government of Romania