

Ramsar Regional Initiative on the Black and Azov Seas Coastal Wetlands (BlackSeaWet)

1. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2019

objectives	activities	results/outputs	indicators
1. Managing the activity of the Coordination Unit of BlackSeaWet.	1.1 Expenditure directly related with functioning of the BlackSeaWet, website, bank account. etc.	1.1.1 Organization of the 6th Meeting of the Management Body of BlackSeaWet.	Consultations were held on postponing the Meeting.
		1.1.2 Asking Romania to facilitate the restoration of the BlackSeaWet website.	Restoration of the BlackSeaWet website is impossible. It is suggested to start pages on social networks.
	1.2 Taking measures to update the membership of the BlackSeaWet.	1.2.1 Enhancing the work of the Initiative, in particular through the exchange of information via e-mail, joint conferences and events.	Information on relevant events was spread. Representatives of scientific institutions participated in the events.
	1.3 Establishing a management body for BlackSeaWet.	1.3.1 Exploring the possibility of establishing a management body for BlackSeaWet.	The issue of delegation of management authority of BlackSeaWet to the Black Sea Commission was studied.
		1.3.2 Work on the renewal of the existing management body of BlackSeaWet, the transition of the right of chairmanship.	Issues are postponed until the next personal meeting of the Management Body
2. Exchange and distribution of information and raising awareness of the issues.	2.1 Raising public awareness.	2.1.1 Facilitating the exchange of information and joint activities on World Wetland Day	Information and materials were distributed. Many awareness-raising activities have been carried out for students and locals along the Black Sea coast in all countries.
		2.1.2 Dissemination of	Information and materials were distributed

		the information about the state of the Black Sea ecosystem and main threats for it developed jointly by EMBLAS-Plus and the Cousteau society	http://emblasproject.org/visibility
		2.1.3 Measures to raise awareness in the fight against marine litter.	Awareness-raising, garbage collection and sorting activities were organized in the national parks and biosphere reserves of the region. http://emblasproject.org/archives/3463 http://emblasproject.org/archives/3547
	2.2 Exchange of information and technologies for conservation of wetlands and their wise use.	2.2.1 Working out a joint database on the main characteristics of the wetlands of the region.	Execution of the planned postponed until the site restoration. A national wetlands inventory for Turkey has been constructed. saybis.tarimorman.gov.tr
		2.2.2 To take action on the exchange of information and the spreading of developed techniques and experience in evaluating and mapping ecosystem services of wetlands.	The first measures to assess ecosystem services were conducted in Ukraine and Moldova. https://dniester-commission.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Ecosystem-services-in-Dniester-wetlands_Final_ENG-Final.pdf A national wetlands inventory for Turkey has been constructed. The inventory holds the data on ecosystem services of registered wetlands. saybis.tarimorman.gov.tr
		2.2.3 Restoration of hydrological regime and ecological character of wetlands.	Restoration activities and conservation measures from action plans for waterfowl, limitation of the biogenic inflow and succession processes were carried for various wetlands and Ramsar sites (Kartal Lake, Kiliiske Mouth, Tyligulskyi Liman, Molochnyi Liman in Ukraine; Avlan Lake, Akgöl Lake in Turkey; Srebarna, Belene Islands Complex, Shabla Lake, Durankulak Lake, Complex Ropotamo, Vaya Lake, Site Poda in Bulgaria). The Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria has started direct award procedure “Implementation of priority measures in wetlands”, under priority Axis 3 of Operational Programme Environment 2014-2020.

			https://rewildingeurope.com/areas/danube-delta/
		2.2.4 To take measures to exchange information on the spread of invasive alien species and to make joint decisions on combating such species.	The first steps have been made to establish official lists of invasive species in Ukraine. Turkey has started two projects on invasive alien species (IAS). i) IPA funded IAS project on terrestrial areas and inland waters (TerIAS), https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/DKMP/Haber/92/Karasal-Ortamda-Ve-Ic-Sularda-Istilaci-Yabanci-Turlerin-Olusturdugu-Tehditlerin-Degerlendirilmesi-Projesi-terias - Acilis-Toplantisi-Yapildi ii) GEF funded IAS project on marine areas and coastal wetlands (MarIAS) https://www.tr.undp.org/content/turkey/en/home/presscenter/articles/2018/11/tuerkiye-nin-denizlerindeki-stilac-yabanc-tuerlerle-muecadele-ba.html
3. Elaboration and promotion of the project proposals on the coastal wetlands of Black and Azov Seas.	3.1 Working meetings for the elaboration of project proposals and submission.	3.1.1 Project proposals.	Negotiations were underway to prepare the application with the participation of the Michael Succow Foundation and NGOs
	3.2 Coordination and participation in project implementation	3.2.1 Restoring the Danube Delta Wetlands and Steppe (2018-2023)	A series of wetland restoration activities in the Danube Delta during the first year https://rewildingeurope.com/tag/rewilding-ukraine/

2. Financial report for Year 2018

activities	planned expenditures	real expenditures (CHF)
1.1 Elaborate the project proposal for the assessment and management of the impact of climate changes on the coastal wetlands of Black and Azov Seas.	15,000.00 CHF - Ramsar core budget	No information
1.2 The 6 th Meeting of the Management Body of the BlackSeaWet.	10,000.00 CHF - Ramsar core budget	Meeting are postponed
1.3 Development the cooperation with MedWet.	5,000.00 CHF - Ramsar core budget	No information
4. Manage the activity of	5,000.00 CHF - Ramsar	No expenditures

Coordination Unit of BlackSeaWet.	core budget and DDBRA in kind contribution	
5. Support of awareness-raising and cleaning campaigns in Ukraine and Georgia	-	12,000
total		

sources of income (donors)	income received
donor name	amount (CHF)
the EU / UNDP project “Improving Environmental Monitoring of the Black Sea: selected measures” (EMBLAS-Plus)	12,000
total	

Financial balance on 31 December of Year 2019: 12,000 CHF

3. Work and activities planned for Year 2020

objectives	activities	results/outputs	indicators
1. Managing the activity of the Coordination Unit of BlackSeaWet.	1.1 Expenditure directly related with functioning of the BlackSeaWet, website, bank account. etc.	1.1.1 Organization of the 6th Meeting of the Management Body of BlackSeaWet.	A number of experts and national focal points participating, reports of the meetings.
		1.1.2 Creation of the BlackSea web-resources.	Web-resource information.
	1.2 Taking measures to update the membership of the BlackSeaWet.	1.2.1 Enhancing the work of the Initiative, in particular through the exchange of information via e-mail, joint conferences and events.	A number of joint activities.
		1.3 Establishing a management body for BlackSeaWet.	1.3.1 Work on the renewal of the existing management body of BlackSeaWet, the transition of the right of chairmanship.
2. Exchange and distribution on of information and raising awareness of the issues.	2.1 Raising public awareness.	2.1.1 Facilitating the exchange of information and joint activities on World Wetland Day	Distribution of information between partners. Information available on the web-resources..
		2.3 Public awareness activities on other relevant topics	Distribution of information between partners, number of events and their

			participants.
	2.2 Exchange of information and technologies for conservation of wetlands and their wise use.	2.2.1 Working out a joint database on the main characteristics of the wetlands of the region.	Distribution of information between partners. Information available on the web-resources.
		2.2.2 To take action on the exchange of information and the spreading of developed techniques and experience in evaluating and mapping ecosystem services of wetlands, particularly on cultural values of wetlands	Distribution of information between partners. Information available on the web-resources.
		2.2.3 Identification and prioritization of invasive alien species and pathways of their introduction and expansion in wetlands from the region.	List of invasive alien species of wetlands from the region. Distribution of information between partners.
3. Elaboration and coordination of the project on the coastal wetlands of Black and Azov Seas.	3.1 Working meetings for the elaboration of project proposals and submission.	3.1.1 Project proposals elaboration.	Project proposals prepared for submission.
	3.2 Advocacy and inclusion of issues related to the conservation and wise use of wetlands to environmental projects in the region.	3.2.1 Investigating various aspects and developing management plans for the conservation and wise use of wetlands.	Project drafts prepared for submission.
	3.3 Implement joint cross-border projects.	3.3.1 Restoring the Danube Delta.	Number of actions, reports.
5. Wetlands inventory, conservation, restoration and maintenance	4.1 Inventory of wetland habitats and species;	4.1.1 Consultations on wetlands inventory needs and their role in supporting sustainable and climate-resilient water management	Exchange of information between partners
		4.1.2 Identification of databases of habitats and species	Exchange of information between partners
	4.2 Identification of priorities for common actions and for wetlands restoration to be jointly undertaken in the Region	4.2.1 Draft wetland restoration strategy/ policy in a country, data on barriers	Report on activities; agreements on transborder cooperation
		4.2.2 Restoration	Report on

		activities and conservation measures from action plans for waterfowl, limitation of the biogenic inflow and succession processes were carried for various wetlands and Ramsar sites	activities
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4. Financial plan for the year 2020

Financial balance on 01.01.2020, amount left to be carried over on Year 2019: 35,000.00 CHF

Total available budget for year 2019: 35,000.00 CHF

activities	planned expenditures (CHF)	expected income and source (CHF)
1.1 Elaborate the project proposal for the assessment and management of the impact of climate changes on the coastal wetlands of Black and Azov Seas.	15,000.00 CHF	15,000.00 CHF - Ramsar core budget
1.2 The 6 th Meeting of the Management Body of the BlackSeaWet.	10,000.00 CHF	10,000.00 CHF - Ramsar core budget
1.3 Development the cooperation with MedWet.	5,000.00 CHF	5,000.00 CHF - Ramsar core budget
4. Manage the activity of Coordination Unit of BlackSeaWet.	5,000.00 CHF	5,000.00 CHF - Ramsar core budget and DDBRA in kind contribution
total	35,000.00 CHF	Ramsar core budget

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