



UNDP GEF Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project

Black Sea Commission Institutional Review

The management review was carried out to consider ways to enhance the sustainability of the Commission and to improve its effectiveness in meeting its goals under the Convention and the Black Sea Strategic Action Plan.

Methodology:

A desk review of documentation

- Convention, Protocols and other relevant multilateral instruments
- Internal Rules (Procedure and Financial)
- Meeting agenda and minutes
- Reports
- Budgets and auditor's reports

Interviews with Commissioners, Secretariat staff and stakeholders

- Commissioners
- Secretariat
- BS Commissioners and National Project Coordinators
- Advisory Group Chairs and Members
- Activity Centre Staff
- BSERP Staff & Country Team Leaders
- Other Donor Representatives

Benchmarking information from similar commissions

- Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
- Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR)
- United Nations Environment Programme Mediterranean Action Plan (Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols; Barcelona Convention)(UNEP MED ACTION PLAN)

Development of Recommendations for BSC

Discussion of recommendations at an interactive seminar with BS Commissioners (May 2006)

The review addressed the following questions:

- ⊕ Are the Convention and existing mechanisms for its implementation meeting the expectations of key stakeholders?
- ⊕ Is the present array of legal instruments developed under the Convention sufficient to assist the Black Sea countries to jointly implement pollution abatement strategies?
- ⊕ Are there operational changes that should be considered to make the BSC and its subsidiary bodies more effective?
- ⊕ Are there improvements that should be considered for BSC financial and budgetary systems, especially taking into account the phase out of UNDP / GEF support in 2007?
- ⊕ Are there management lessons from the implementation of international conventions and strategic action plans for other water bodies that should be applied to the Black Sea?

- Specification of data & format
- Collation of information
- Information quality control
- Information analysis: problems & causes
- Presentation & dissemination (internal and external)

