



## Press release

### Artificial reefs, a necessity in the Black Sea

On Wednesday, 10 of December 2014, beginning with 09 o'clock, will take place at IBIS Hotel, a public discussion, part of the project "*Research and REstoration of the Essential Filter of the Sea - REEFS*", under the "Black Sea Basin 2007-2013" (Black Sea Basin Programme) which is an EU funded Programme financed by the ENPI and IPA instruments.

The aim of this discussion is to give opportunity for quick overview of the project results, the problems, but also some worldwide practices. Then, we want to raise the local stakeholders awareness of the potential threats and opportunities for sustainable fishery management.

The debate will be held by Mihaela Căndea, Executive Director of Mare Nostrum NGO and Petko Tzvetkov, Project Manager on behalf of Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation - REEFS Project Lead Partner.

REEFS project partners are: Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation, ILIA State University from Tbilisi, Romanian NGO Mare Nostrum from Constanta, Karadeniz Technical University in Trabzon and Odessa Branch of the Institute for Biology of Southern Seas (OBIBSS).

The activities of the project involve the deployment and monitoring of artificial reefs, the development of an action plan and internal measures to enhance marine resources, sustainable development of fishery in Black Sea.

In the last years took place several international meetings when was established the base of the action plan, focusing mainly on legal issues. Also, the shapes and sizes of the artificial reefs were set and the material.

The aim of this project is to establish long-term partnership platform for scientific, technical, administrative and awareness raising activities in favour of artificial reefes practice as way of active support of the self-restoration of the Black Sea ecosystem, but also, strengthening the joint knowledge and information base neede for application of artificial reefes to address the organic pollution in the marine ecosystem of the Black Sea Basin.

Research and Restoration of the Essential Filters of the Sea (REEFS) is an international pilot project focused on scientific research of artificial reefs environmental impact in Black Sea. The total project budget is 627 650 euro, of which the total Grand amount is 564 885 euro provided by the European Union through the Joint International Programme „Black Sea Basin 2007 - 2013”.

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