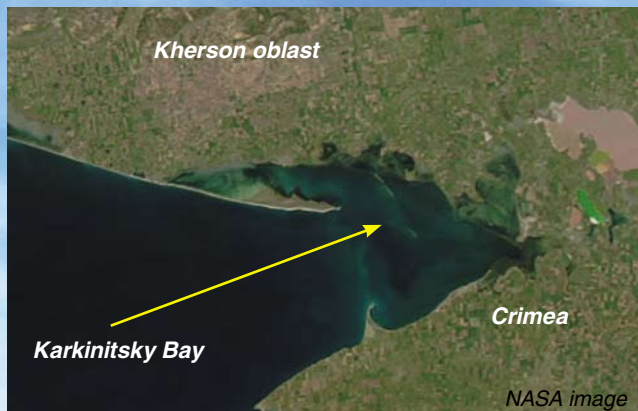


One component of the ECBSea project is developing a Draft Policy Document on the establishment of **marine reserves in the Black Sea**. The policy will be tested in a pilot project on establishment of a marine protected area (MPA) in Karkinitzky Bay, located between northwest Crimea and Kherson oblast. The main uses of the bay are for fishing, hunting, recreation and waterborne transport.

Threats to the Bay include pollution from agriculture and industry, uncontrolled hunting, fishing, tourism, and sand extraction and dredging.



The project will prepare, according to procedures provided by Ukrainian legislation, draft documents on establishing the nature reserve “Small Phyllophora Field” (approx. 87 000 ha) located in Karkinitzky Bay. The documents will include a draft Resolution containing the scientific substantiation, the draft document on establishing the marine reserve and the management plan.

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION OF THE BLACK SEA and its main contributing rivers evokes major concerns in the basin countries and the wider international community.

An EU research project on European Lifestyles and Marine Ecosystems, involving more than 100 scientists from 15 nations, listed the Black Sea as one of several seas in “a serious state of decline” as a result of the accelerated pace of coastal development, overfishing and pollution from agriculture.

The recovery and conservation of this unique ecosystem require adequate institutional capacity and financial resources. Towards this end the EU continues to provide support in the region.



**ENVIRONMENTAL
COLLABORATION FOR THE
BLACK SEA
EU FUNDED PROJECT**

One recent project initiated by the EU through the European Commission is **Environmental Collaboration for the Black Sea**, now being implemented in three countries of the Black Sea region: **Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine**. The Project, with a Euro 2.2 million budget, was launched in March 2007 and will be completed within 30 months.

The **Project partners and beneficiaries** are: Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources in Georgia, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in Moldova, Ministry of Environmental Protection in Ukraine, and the Permanent Secretariat of the Black Sea Commission (BSC) which was added as a Project beneficiary after project initiation. The final beneficiaries are the urban and rural populations living within the coastal areas and river basins.

The **Project aims to** strengthen regional co-operation, improve the main regional agreement, the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (**the Bucharest Convention**) and national capacities to implement the Convention. Documents and laws being developed under the Project take into account convergence with EU water and environmental legislation, in particular the EU Water Framework Directive and the EU Marine Strategy.

The Project team pursues a policy of **openness and transparency** by widely disseminating information on the Black Sea environment and Project activities amongst stakeholders.



*Project Public Outreach Conference
December 2007, Kyiv, Ukraine*

Environmental Collaboration for the Black Sea

In Ukraine

drafting of the Law on Coastal Zone and related secondary legislation is underway, as well as pilot project activities on the establishment of a marine protected area in Karkinitzky Bay.

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One of the major Project goals is to prepare proposals on technical amendments to the Bucharest Convention. The amendments will be discussed at the Meeting of the Contracting Parties in October 2008 in Kyiv. The Project helps the BSC Permanent Secretariat and the Ministry of Environmental Protection in Ukraine on preparation for the Meeting.



In Moldova

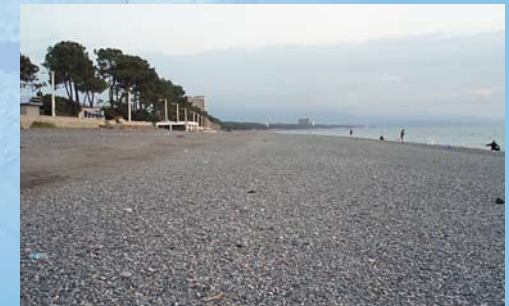
the Project experts are helping to improve national water legislation, particularly the Draft Water Law and relevant secondary legislation, bringing it in line with the EU Water Framework Directive and preparing a relevant regulatory assessment, implementation plan and cost analysis.



*Meeting of the legal and institutional working group
March 2008, Chisinau, Moldova*

In Georgia

pilot projects on integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) were launched to develop a National ICZM Strategy and Territorial Plan for sustainable coastal community development in Tskhaltsminda village, Guria Region. Work has been started on approximation with EU water requirements.



*Tskaltsminda village, Kobuleti beach area,
Georgia, autumn 2008*