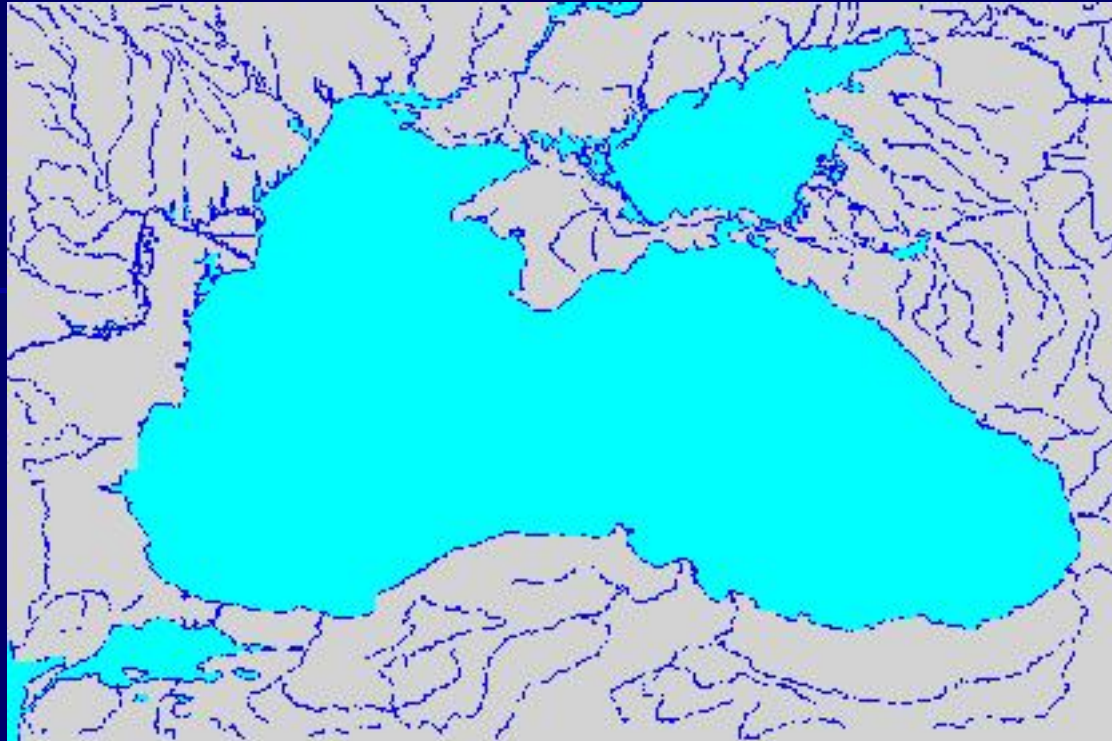


# Marine Protected Areas in Ukraine: Policy and Practice

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## Black Sea

- World largest locked internal sea
- Surface area 423,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Water volume 547,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Maximal depth 2,212 m (average depth 1,240 m)
- Length of the sea shore 4838,1 m (Ukrainian part – 1829,1 m)

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«... To enable the population of the Black Sea region to enjoy a healthy living environment in both urban and rural areas, and to attain a biologically diverse Black Sea ecosystem with viable natural populations of higher organisms, including marine mammals and sturgeons, and which will support livelihoods based on sustainable activities such as fishing, aquaculture and tourism in all Black Sea countries.»

Strategic Action Plan for the Rehabilitation  
and Protection of the Black Sea

Istanbul, 31 October 1996

# MPA in Ukraine: Policy



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- n National Policy Acts
- n National Legislation
- n International Agreements
- n National Programs
- n International Projects and Programs

# MPA in Ukraine: National Policy Acts

- n Conception of Conservation of Biodiversity of Ukraine (Decree of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, 1997)
- n Main Direction of State Policy of Ukraine in the Field of Environmental Protection, Rational Use of Natural Resources, and Ecological Safety (Resolution of Parliament of Ukraine, 1998)
- n Conception of National Environmental Policy of Ukraine until 2020 (Decree of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, 2007)
- n National Environmental Policy of Ukraine: Strategic Assessment and Recommendations (MEP, UNDP, 2007)

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# MPA in Ukraine: National Legislation

- n Law on Environmental Protection, 1991 ( 25.06.1991 1264-XII )
- n Law on Natural Protection Fund, 1992 ( 16.06.1992 2456-XII - )
- n Law on Flora, 1999 ( 591-XIV ) 09.04.1999
- n Law on Fauna, 2001 ( 2894-III ) 13.12.2001
- n Law on Red Book of Ukraine, 2002 ( 07.02.2002 3055-III )

# MPA in Ukraine: International Agreements

n **Convention on Biodiversity, 1992** ( 1992 , 29 , 1994 . )

n **Bern Convention on the Protection of Wild Species of Plants and Animals and their Habitat in Europe, 1979** ( 1979 , 19 , 1979 . )

n **Bonn Convention on the Protection of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, 1979** ( 1979 , 23 . )

n **Agreement on Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS, 1996)** ( 1996 , 24 . )

n **Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, 1971** ( 1971 , 2 . )

n **Strategic Action Plan for the Rehabilitation and Protection Of the Black Sea, 1996**

n **Black Sea Biodiversity and Landscape Conservation Protocol (2002) to the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution (1992)**

# MPA in Ukraine: National Programs

- n Program of Long-range Development of Protected Areas in Ukraine, 1994 ( 22.09.1994 177/94- )
- n State Program National Environmental Network Development in Ukraine for 200-2015 ( 1989-III , 21.09.2000 2000 - 2015 )
- n National Program for the Protection and Rehabilitation of the Azov and Black Seas, 2001 ( 22.03.2001 2333-III )

# MPA in Ukraine: International Projects and Programs

- n UNDP-GEF Black Sea Environmental Program, 1993-1998: BS TDA, BS SAP, ISZM Regional Strategy, Biodiversity Activity Centers
- n UNDP-GEF Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project, 2003-2008: new BS TDA, updated BS SAP, LBSA Protocol
- n TACIS / EuropeAid Projects (incl. Environmental Collaboration for the Black Sea Project, 2007-2009): ICZM Methodology, MPA Guidelines, MPA Management Plan

## MPA in Ukraine: Practice

- n Establishment of the Network of Protected Areas combining Land and Water Territories
- n Enlargement of the Network of PAs
- n Establishment of Marine PAs
- n PAs Management
- n International Projects and Programs

# MPA in Ukraine: Practice



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## Network of Protected Areas:

- n Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve
- n Low Dnister National Natural Park
- n ...
- n Black Sea Biosphere Reserve
- n Dzharylgach PA (Zakaznik)
- n Karkinitzky Bay PA (Zakaznik)
- n Swan Islands (Branch of Crimea Natural Reserve)
- n Cape Martian Natural Reserve
- n Karadag Natural Reserve
- n Opuk Natural Reserve
- n Kazantip Natural Reserve
- n Azov-Sivash National Natural Park
- n ...
- n Meotida Regional Landscape Park

# MPA in Ukraine: Practice

Recently Enlarged Territories of

- n Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve

- n Black Sea Biosphere Reserve

# MPA in Ukraine: Practice

## Planned Establishment:

- n Azov National Natural Park
- n Meotida National Natural Park
- n Sivash National Natural Park
- n Dzharylgach National Natural Park
- n Kinburn Spit National Natural Park
- n Saky National Natural Park

## MPA in Ukraine: Practice

First Marine Protected Area in the Black Sea has been established!

- n Large Philophora Field Botanical Zakaznik is established by the Decree of President of Ukraine (November, 2008)
- n Small Philophora Field Botanical Zakaznik (Karkinitsky Bay) is under consideration

# MPA in Ukraine: Practice

## Issues and Barriers

- n Lack of international coordination and harmonization of approaches in establishment of connected PAs (different approaches in setting up marine borders of Danube Biosphere Reserve by Ukraine and Romania)
- n Lack of assessments and justification of economic value of protected areas

# MPA in Ukraine: Practice

## Issues and Barriers

- n Lack of resources in general and lack of effective mechanisms of use of available resources for implementation of adequate management tools in protected areas
- n Intersectoral contradictions between environmental and economic sectors due to misunderstanding of real value of protected areas and domination of short-term economic priorities

# MPA in Ukraine: Practice

## Issues and Barriers

- n Economic value of land is changed
- n Unfavorable political climate in the state resulting in legal nihilism and hindering the Environmental Network development

Thank you very much for your  
attention!

