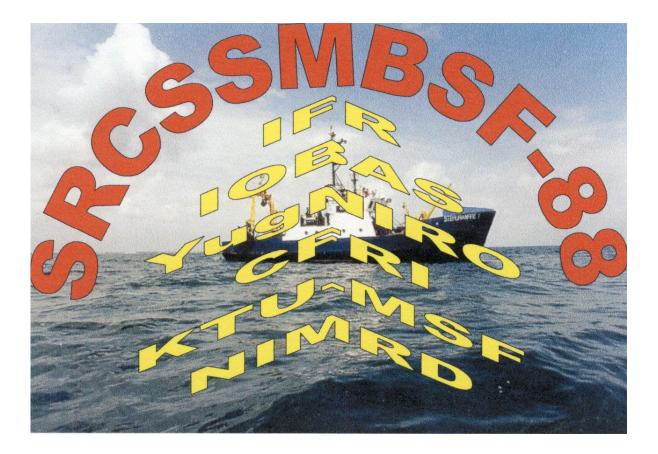


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## REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING/KICK OFF MEETING

PROJECT:

STRENGTHENING THE REGIONAL CAPACITY TO SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE BLACK SEA FISHERIES (SRCSSMBSF)- 88



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The steering committee meeting/kick off meeting took place at NIMRD "Grigore Antipa" headquarters, Constanta, ROMANIA in the period 20 - 21 December 2011, being a part of the GROUP OF ACTIVITIES 5 - Project management and coordination activities.

**Responsible** for this activity was the applicant: National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa", Constanta, Romania (NIMRD).

**Aim and purpose :** It provides a preliminary delineation of roles and responsibilities, outlines the project objectives, identifies the main stakeholders, and defines the authority of the project manager. It serves as a reference of authority for the future of the project.

**Expected outputs** Meeting of the steering committee, two days in Constanta. The role, tasks, rights and obligations of the partners, main responsibilities within the Project.

At this meeting have participated the project coordinator, financial manager, scientific coordinator, scientific responsible from partners, project team from NIMRD Constanta and official person from Romanian National Agency for Fishery and Aquaculture (NAFA) (see the List of participants-Annex).

In accordance with the agenda (see the Annex), project manager, Dr. Simon Nicolaev addressed a word of welcome participants, stressing the importance of the project at national / regional level. Was highlighted the role of the project to develop methods for joint-regional stock assessment for the Black Sea that will ultimately enable researchers to determine the condition of stocks and advice on management strategies. The specificity of the project consists in the standardization at regional level and in conformity with the international practice of the methods and tools for sampling, processing, analyzing and interpreting the data and information as well as the fish stock assessment, in view of obtaining the competitive and comparable data, scientific support of marine fishery management which must to be economically efficient, socially responsible and healthy for environment.

After presentation of the participants, have been established that in the first day to be discussed the project activities and work plan and, in second day to be discussed the financial aspects.

The scientific responsible of the project, Dr. Gheorghe RADU, made a review of the project objectives and actions, PowerPoint presentation (see in Annex).

In common were established the work plan and timing of activities (see in Annex, Timing of activities and Summary of activities and tasks of each partner).

In the second day of workshop, Mrs. Ionela Morosanu has presented the economic aspects of project (see in Annex, Economic data of the project SRCSSMBSF).

Was agreed that, for any questions from partners mainly through scientific responsible from each country, NIMRD must consult JTS (if it is the case), and then gives an official response to the partner who wanted clarification.

Project manager,

Dr. Simion Nicolaev

Scientific responsible,

Dr. Gheorghe RADU