

ICZM Policies and Strategies for the Black Sea Region

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Abstract

The paper presents the findings of the National Black Sea ICZM Policies and Strategies for Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russian Federation, Georgia and Turkey, and of the Regional Black Sea ICZM Policies and Strategies, prepared during the 1997-8 period, within the GEF Black Sea Environment Programme (GEF BSEP). The author has been involved in the preparation and implementation of the action as the responsible international consultant. The action has been implemented within the BSEP ICZM component, co-supported by the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS). The documents on ICZM Policies and Strategies were formulated on the basis of results achieved previously by that component.

The document briefly illustrates the hitherto achievements of the ICZM related activities, the institutional and organizational framework of the action and the methodology and procedure applied.

Main elements of the Regional ICZM Policies and Strategies, elaborated by the BS ICZM Activity Center in Krasnodar, Russian Federation, as well as of the 6 National BS ICZM Policies and Strategies, prepared by selected teams of authors, are presented and commented.

Finally, the author presents its comments and opinion on present problems related to the implementation of the ICZM process in the region, and proposals for a successful implementation of ICZM Policies and Strategies adopted.