

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
 Regional Project with participation from the governments of:
Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine

Project Budget Number:
 RER/01/G33/A/1G/31

Project Title:
 Control of eutrophication, hazardous substances and related measures for rehabilitating the Black Sea ecosystem: Phase 2

Project Short Title:
 Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project

Executing Agent:
 UNOPS

Implementing Agent:
 UNOPS

GEF Implementing Agency:
 UNDP

GEF Focal area:
 International Waters

GEF Operational Program:
 OP8

Project site:
 Istanbul, Turkey

Estimated Start Date:
 July 2004

Summary of UNDP and Cost-Sharing

UNDP:	Current	Previous	Change
TRAC (1&2)			
TRAC (3)			
Other (GEF)	\$6,000,000		
Regional Program			
Cost Sharing:			
Government			
Financial Inst.			
Sub Total:	\$6,000,000		
Parallel Financing:	\$5,332,106		
GRAND TOTAL	\$11,332,106		

GEF Strategic Priority:
 IW-1

Beneficiary Countries:
 Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine

Estimated End Date (Phase 2):
 June 2007

Classification Information	
ACC sector & sub-sector	Primary type of intervention
0400 - Natural resources	
0410 - Water resources planning and development	
DCAS sector & sub-sector	Secondary type of intervention
Primary area of focus/ sub-focus	Primary target beneficiaries
Secondary area of focus/ sub-focus	Secondary target beneficiaries

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Brief Description

The project in its Phase 2 will continue supporting the Black Sea regional aspects of the Black Sea Partnership for Nutrient Control. It will assist and strengthen the role of the Black Sea Commission (of the Bucharest Convention for the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution) and ensure the provision of a suite of harmonised legal and policy instruments for tackling the problem of eutrophication, and release of certain hazardous substances, and to facilitate ecosystem recovery. An important feature of the project is its encouragement of broad stakeholder participation. This will be achieved by inter-sectoral co-ordination, the provision of small grants to local initiatives and support for public information and environmental education. The project will also enable a new suite of indicators for monitoring the effectiveness of the measures taken by the Partnership. These indicators, together with targeted scientific studies, will help to set new regional nutrient control targets within the concept of adaptive management. The PDF-B study has revealed that making a remarkable progress in the attainment of these objectives would require at least a five years of concerted action at the wider basin level. Unfortunately, owing to funding constraints, a two-phased approach had to be taken for the implementation of the overall strategy. Phasing was based on a reconsideration of the relative priorities of achieving certain targets and evaluation of the need for earlier delivery of certain project Outputs which will be essential inputs for the implementation of other activities envisaged for the 5 years integrated project. The current project will be part of the broader multi-donor Black Sea Environmental Programme and clear mechanisms will be established for donor co-ordination and for co-ordination and the sharing of objectives with the Danube and Dnipro GEF Projects.

<u>On behalf of the Governments of:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Bulgaria	-----	-----	-----
Georgia	Ol. mpson	26.01.05	Tamar Lebanidze
Romania	-----	-----	-----
Russian Federation	-----	-----	-----
Republic of Turkey	-----	-----	-----
Ukraine	-----	-----	-----
<u>On Behalf of:</u>			
UNDP	-----	-----	-----
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SUMMARY

1. IDENTIFIERS

PROJECT NUMBER: RER/01/G33/A/1G/31

PROJECT NAME Control of eutrophication, hazardous substances and related measures for rehabilitating the Black Sea ecosystem (Tranche 2)

DURATION 3 years (July 2004 – June 2007)

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY UNDP

EXECUTING AGENCY UNOPS

REQUESTING COUNTRIES Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine

ELIGIBILITY Eligible under paragraph 9(b) of GEF Instrument

GEF FOCAL AREA International Waters

GEF PROGRAMMING FRAMEWORK GEF Operational Strategy for International Waters/
Waterbody-Based Operational Programme (#8)

2. SUMMARY

The long-term development objective of the proposed Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project (BSERP) is to contribute to sustainable human development in the Black Sea area through reinforcing the cooperation and the capacities of the Black Sea countries to take effective measures in reducing nutrients and other hazardous substances to such levels necessary to permit Black Sea ecosystems to recover to similar conditions as those observed in the 1960s. The overall objective of the project is to ensure (i) that all of the Black Sea countries take concrete measures (including investment activities) in the eutrophication causing sectors to reduce load of nutrients and hazardous substances on the Black Sea ecosystem and, (ii) that major findings and recommendations of the project have been incorporated in national policies, strategies and, where possible, in national legislation.

The overall objective of the BSERP is to support participating countries in the development of national policies and legislation and the definition of priority actions to avoid that discharge of nitrogen and phosphorus to the Black Sea exceed those levels as observed in 1997. This will require countries to adopt strategies and measures that permit economic development whilst ensuring the rehabilitation of coastal and marine ecosystems through pollution control and reduction of nutrients and hazardous substances. At the end of the Project Phase II, it is expected

that the institutional mechanism of the Black Sea Commission is reinforced and fully operational ensuring cooperation between all Black Sea countries to efficiently implement joint policies and actions and operate common management and control mechanisms.

Specific objectives of the BSERP from May 2004-April 2007 are (i) to reinforce regional cooperation under the Black Sea Convention, (ii) to set up institutional and legal instruments and to define priority actions at regional and national levels to assure sustainable coastal zone management, (iii) to protect of coastal and marine ecosystems and habitats in order to secure sustainable use of coastal and marine resources. To accomplish these objectives, the project will build up on the results achieved during Phase I. (Jan 2002-April 2004).

3. COSTS AND FINANCING (USD)

		<i>Project Tranche 1</i>	Project Tranche 2
GEF	Project	<i>4,000,000 USD</i>	6 000,000 USD
	PDF-B	<i>350,000 USD</i>	
	<i>Subtotal GEF</i>	<i>4,350,000 USD</i>	6 000,000 USD
Co-Financing	Government/ others	<i>4,052,366 USD</i>	5 332 106 USD
	Total Project Cost	<i>8,402,366 USD</i>	11 332 106 USD

4. ASSOCIATED FINANCING (Appendix F)

- Government: 788,976,676 USD
- UNDP: 16,325,000 USD
- Bilateral, EU and NGO: 17,716,802 USD

Total Baseline Costs: 828,371,588 USD

5. GEF OPERATIONAL FOCAL POINT ENDORSEMENTS (Appendix O)

Bulgaria – 10 Feb 2004
 Georgia - 5 March 2004
 Romania – 9 Feb 2004
 Russian Federation – 12 March 2004
 Turkey - 19 Feb 2004
 Ukraine – 18 Feb 2004

6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY CONTACT

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