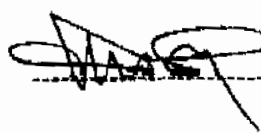


Description

Project in its Phase 2 will continue supporting the Black Sea regional aspects of the Black Sea Partnership for Nutrient Control. It will extend 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 the development of legal instruments and of decision support systems, with important focus on the project to be implemented in the context of 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 local 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, due to funding constraints, a two-phased approach had to be taken for the implementation of the overall strategy. Phasing was based on consideration 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.

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