


Subject	Launching of the Black Sea Case Study 
Date	24-25 February 2014
Place	Trabzon, Turkey
Action	Workshop to test the feasibility of implementing multiannual management plans in the Black Sea of the GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN - Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS)

I. General remarks

The Black Sea case study was launched at the **Workshop to test the feasibility of implementing multiannual management plans in the Black Sea** of the GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN - Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS) (Trabzon, Turkey, 24-25 February 2014) by the case study leader, dr. Gheorghe Radu.

Restore turbot fisheries to more productive levels, considering both the effect of fisheries and the ecosystem change occurred in the last 30 years is the main objective of the **Black Sea case study**. It will increase the knowledge about the Black Sea ecosystem functioning and thereby serve to advice on the rebuilding of the turbot stock. Further this will provide input to the development of a management plan.



II. Place and participants

The Black Sea case study was launched in Trabzon, Turkey, on 24-25 February 2014, during the **Workshop to test the feasibility of implementing multiannual management plans in the Black Sea** of the GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN - Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS).

In addition, a brief outline of the MareFrame Project was delivered by dr. Gheorghe Radu.

The meeting was attended by representatives of riparian Black Sea countries, experts from GFCM member states and GFCM representatives. Among the objectives of this meeting were presenting by GFCM the management plans, fishing capacity and precautionary measures, the status of turbot and small pelagic species fisheries in the Black Sea, which is why it was a suitable event to introduce the Black Sea case study within the MareFrame project.

During this meeting, the following was established for turbot in the Black Sea:

- National/regional management frameworks;
- Structure of the agreement on the common fishery management strategy, which will comprise, among others: the minimal resource management national and/or sub-regional plans; management objectives for a sustainable use of resources; minimum management measures; research priorities.

