

FIFTH MEETING OF THE RAMSAR REGIONAL INITIATIVE BLACKSEAWET TOOK PLACE IN ODESA

Fifth meeting of the Ramsar Regional Initiative BlackSeaWet was held in Odesa (Ukraine) on September 26-27, 2018. The meeting was held within the framework of the Regional Conference on internationally important Azov-Black Sea coastal wetlands by the support of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, the ReedBASE project and the Michael Succow Foundation.



Among the forty conference participants were representatives of environmental ministries and agencies of Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania, Georgia, Ukraine, as well as representatives of the Ramsar Secretariat (Switzerland) and the Michael Succow Foundation (FRG), scientific organizations, local authorities and NGO.

Organizer of Conference is Institute of Market Problems of Economic and Ecological Researches of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine at the with the patronage of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine and assistance of NGO "Agricola".

The meeting was devoted to the review of the condition of Ramsar Sites within the Black Sea basin. Also issue of sustainable use of natural resources, assessment of ecosystem services, main human and climate threats to the ecological character of Ramsar sites was discussed. One of the important issues was the preparation for the 13th Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention and consideration of draft resolutions relevant to the wetlands of the Black Sea Region.



National Focal Points of Ramsar Convention of the Black Sea Basin countries have presented reports about measures for Ramsar sites conservation over the past three years. Perspective aspects of nature conservation cooperation within BlackSeaWet have been considered there.



During the meeting, various approaches to the sustainable use of natural resources of the wetlands of the region were widely discussed. In particular, the ReedBASE project presented the possibility of using the reed as a renewable source of energy and building material.

As a result of the meeting, preliminary Work plan of BlackSeaWet for 2018-2021 has been agreed upon, and joint directions of work and ideas for preparing new projects on the wise use of wetlands and mitigation of climate change in the Azov-Black Sea region have been discussed.

