Marine Litter & Marine Mammals Conservation activities in the Black Sea



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- **Output A** Publishing report entitled "*Marine litter in the Black Sea Region: A review of the problem*";
- **Output B** Incorporated suitable findings and recommendations from the Regional Marine Litter Action Plan, as applicable for the Black Sea region, into the Strategic Action Plan (SAP);
- **Output C** A pilot activity on *Marine Litter and Marine Mammals Conservation in the Black Sea* jointly by BSC/ACCOBAMS/UNEP

ACCOBAMS: Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area

Output A – Marine Litter Report prepared and published (Hard copy as well as at www.blacksea-commission.org)



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Output B – Suitable findings of the Marine Litter Report incorporated into the updated Strategic Action Plan (SAP, to be signed in 2008)



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Output C – A pilot project on "Marine Litter and Marine Mammals Conservation in the Black Sea" jointly by BSC/ACCOBAMS/UNEP







Joint Programme of the BSC PS and ACCOBAMS PS on Marine Litter / Marine Mammals Conservation in the Black Sea

Pilot project

Involvement of Black Sea artisanal fisheries in anti-bycatch and anti-marine litter activities

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RATIONALE

- By-catch, a principal cause of human-induced mortality of Black Sea dolphins.
- Fishery sector contribute to marine litter pollution and additional by-catches by means of so called *ghost fishing* caused by the lost and abandoned fishing nets.
- The extent of these two phenomena are unknown in the region.



OBJECTIVES

cetacean by-catches and marine litter
sea during normal fishing operations

, publish and disseminate in Ukraine
g crews the responsible professional
nd propagandistic leaflets regarding
sues and "ghost fishing"

