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The Danube Sturgeon Task Force was established in January 2012 with the support of EUSDR PA 06. It aims to foster synergy between the existing organizations; and to support conservation of highly endangered native sturgeon species in the Danube River Basin and Black Sea, by promoting the implementation of the Program “Sturgeon 2020”.

Sturgeon 2020

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Project description

Part of the natural, social, cultural and economic heritage of the region, sturgeons are flagship species of the Danube Basin. Although they once supported Danube community residents' livelihood, today they are on the verge of extinction. So, the program Sturgeon 2020 wants to support their preservation through an integrative approach, combining environmental protection with social and economic measures aiming not only to benefit sturgeons, but also to improve the economic situation of local stakeholders (e.g. by stimulating the development of small business, local markets, aquaculture and eco-tourism; and reducing illegal fishing).

Project goal

The project is comprised of six interconnected topics, including key measures such as habitat protection, migration route restoration, supportive stocking programs, economic alternatives to sturgeon fishery, fighting illegal fishing, the caviar black market, and ecological education.

Beneficiaries and target groups

- Local communities
- Fishery stakeholders
- Local authorities
- Ministries and governmental bodies
- Environmental and sociological NGOs
- Research, education and labour market

Constraints and risk appraisal

Major risks are linked to habitat destruction through infrastructure projects, illegal fishing, and trade of sturgeon products. Therefore, monitoring programs, identification of sturgeon products' origins, and enhancement of controls against illegal fishing are all urgently needed.

Type of financial product searching for

- Grant
- Other

Sectors

- Transport, Infrastructure and Energy
- Culture and tourism
- Environment and green business
- Innovative technologies, agriculture and rural areas

Countries engaged in the project

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Germany
- Hungary
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Ukraine