



Working Group Discussion

Progressing IMO BWM Convention
Implementation in Black Sea Region

Objective

- To identify and recommend appropriate actions and mechanisms at regional level that will accelerate the ratification and implementation of the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention and to provide recommendations how OSCE, IMO, BSC and other organizations could assist the process of addressing the ballast water issues in the region.



Participation

A satellite map of the Black Sea region. The Black Sea is the central dark blue body of water. Surrounding countries are labeled: Ukraine to the north, Russia to the northeast, Georgia to the east, Turkey to the south, Bulgaria to the southwest, Romania to the west, and Moldova to the northwest. The Mediterranean Sea is visible at the bottom left. Numerous red dots are placed along the coastlines of the Black Sea, indicating specific locations of interest or participation points. The word 'Participation' is written in large white text at the top center.

a) Recommend strategies to ensure full participation of key stakeholders in the region and their involvement at an early stage and throughout the whole process of IMO BWM Convention ratification and implementation.

b) How formal and informal gatherings to discuss the ballast water issues and Convention implementation could be facilitated and what mechanisms within the regional frameworks are available to facilitate such gatherings and networks?

Partnerships

- a) Recommend appropriate regional frameworks to ensure partnerships among various states at regional level.
- b) How such a framework could be effectively utilized for accelerating regional agreements with a view to achieve an early implementation of the Convention?



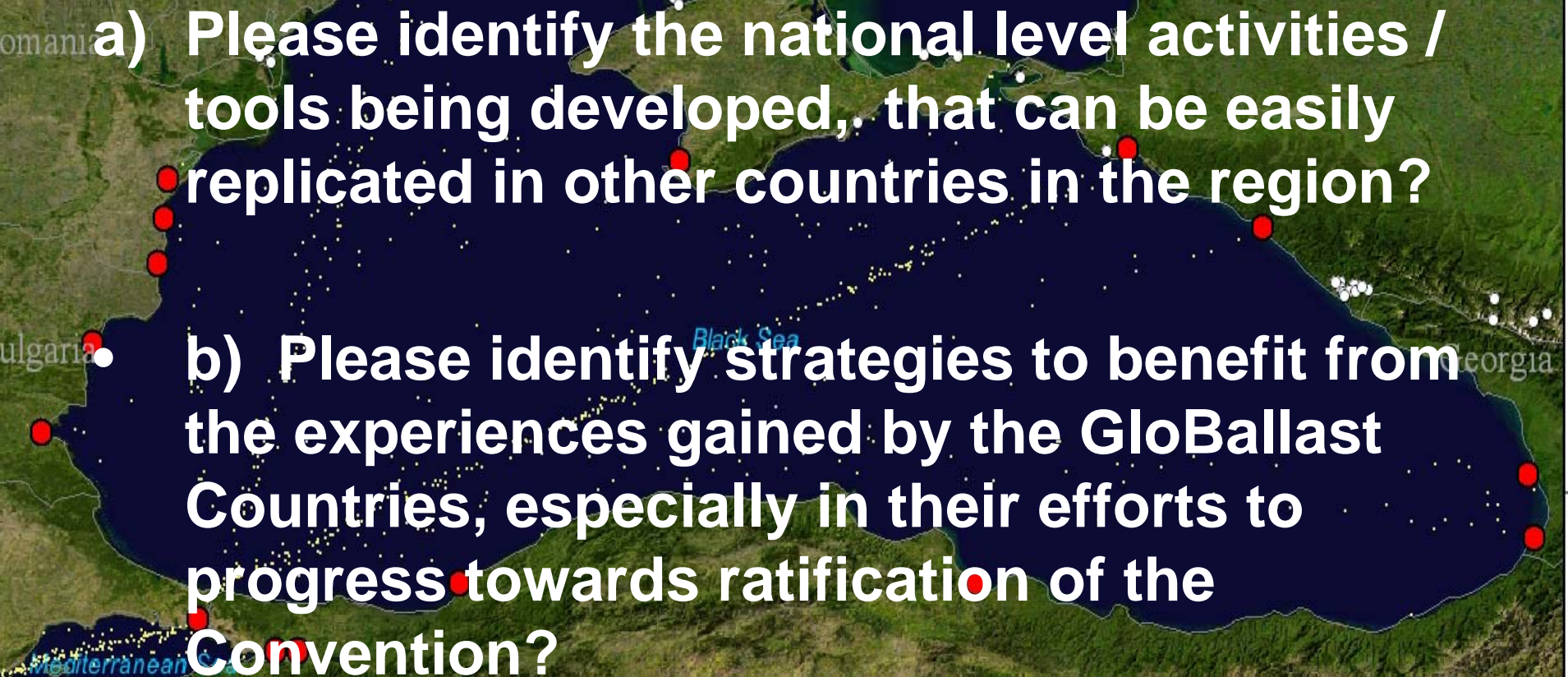
Sharing



discuss the key information requirements that need to be collected and shared at a regional level. How such information collection and sharing could be facilitated?

Sharing tasks at regional level can bring in significant cost-benefits (e.g, regional level risk assessments, inclusion of Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement within current Port State Control MOUs). Please discuss key areas / tasks that can be regionally shared and how this can be facilitated.

Replication.

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- A satellite map of the Black Sea region. Red dots are placed on the coastlines of Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia, and Turkey, as well as in the northern part of the sea. The text of the questions is overlaid on the map.
- a) Please identify the national level activities / tools being developed, that can be easily replicated in other countries in the region?
- b) Please identify strategies to benefit from the experiences gained by the GloBallast Countries, especially in their efforts to progress towards ratification of the Convention?

Integration

- Please discuss and identify ways and means of integrating ballast water issues to broader marine environmental security in BS Region

