



Black Sea Basin Directorate



MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

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Water management in Bulgaria - at the national and basin level.

- Directive 2000/60/EC is transposed to the Bulgarian Water act
- 4 River Basin Districts are designated in Bulgaria



- 4 River Basin Directorates are established as a water management bodies at basin level.
- The Basin directorates are regional structures of the Ministry of Environment and Water and their operation is coordinated and controlled by the Ministry.



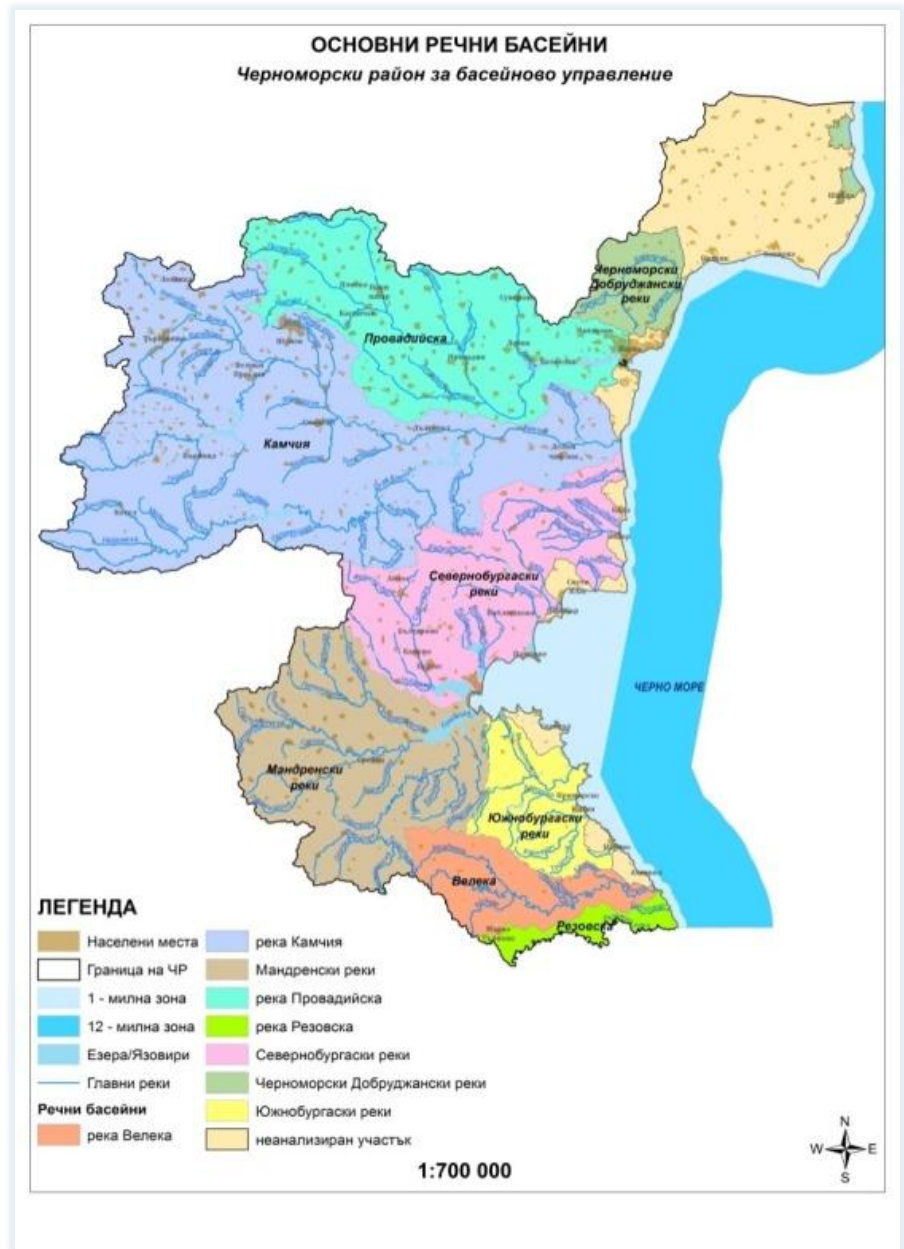
4 River Basin Districts for water management at regional level:

- **Daube River Basin Directorate** with the center in Pleven;
- **Black Sea Basin Directorate** with the center in Varna;
- **East Aegean Basin Directorate** with the center in Plovdiv;
- **West Aegean Basin Directorate** with the center in Blagoevgrad.



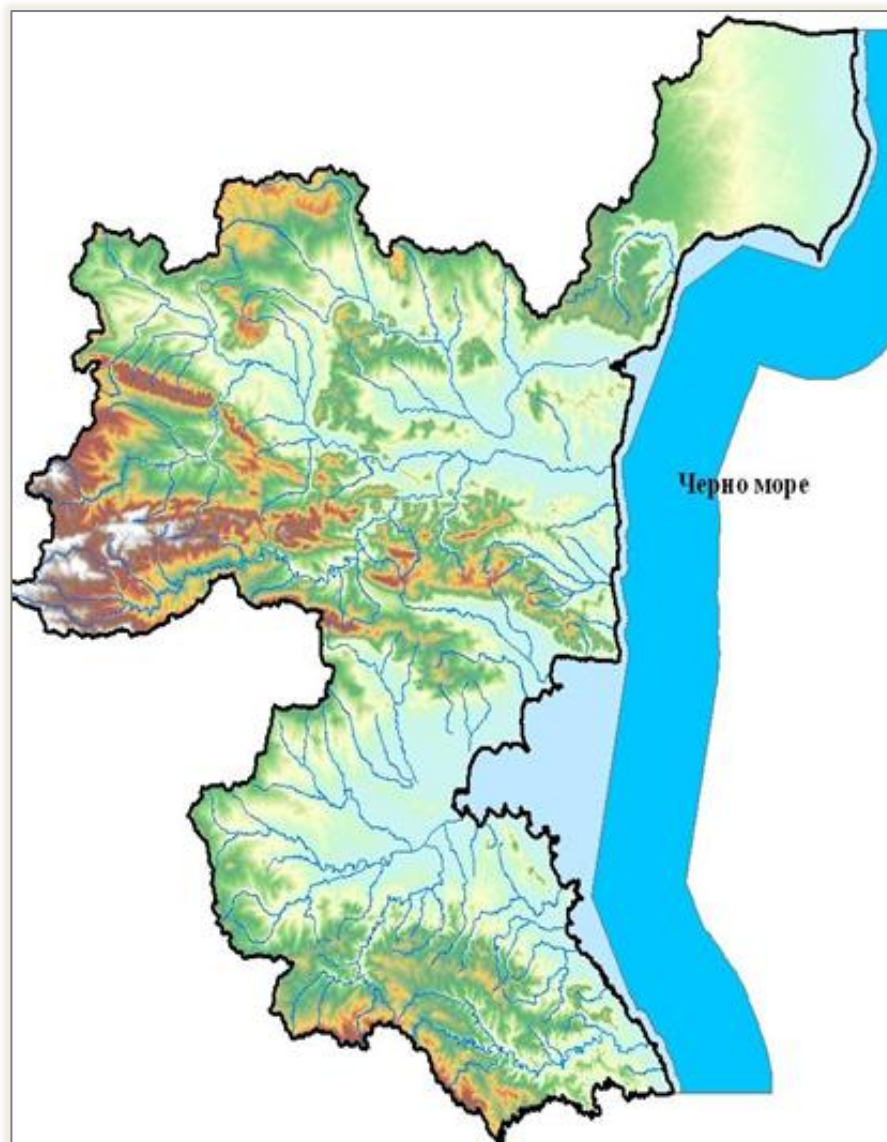


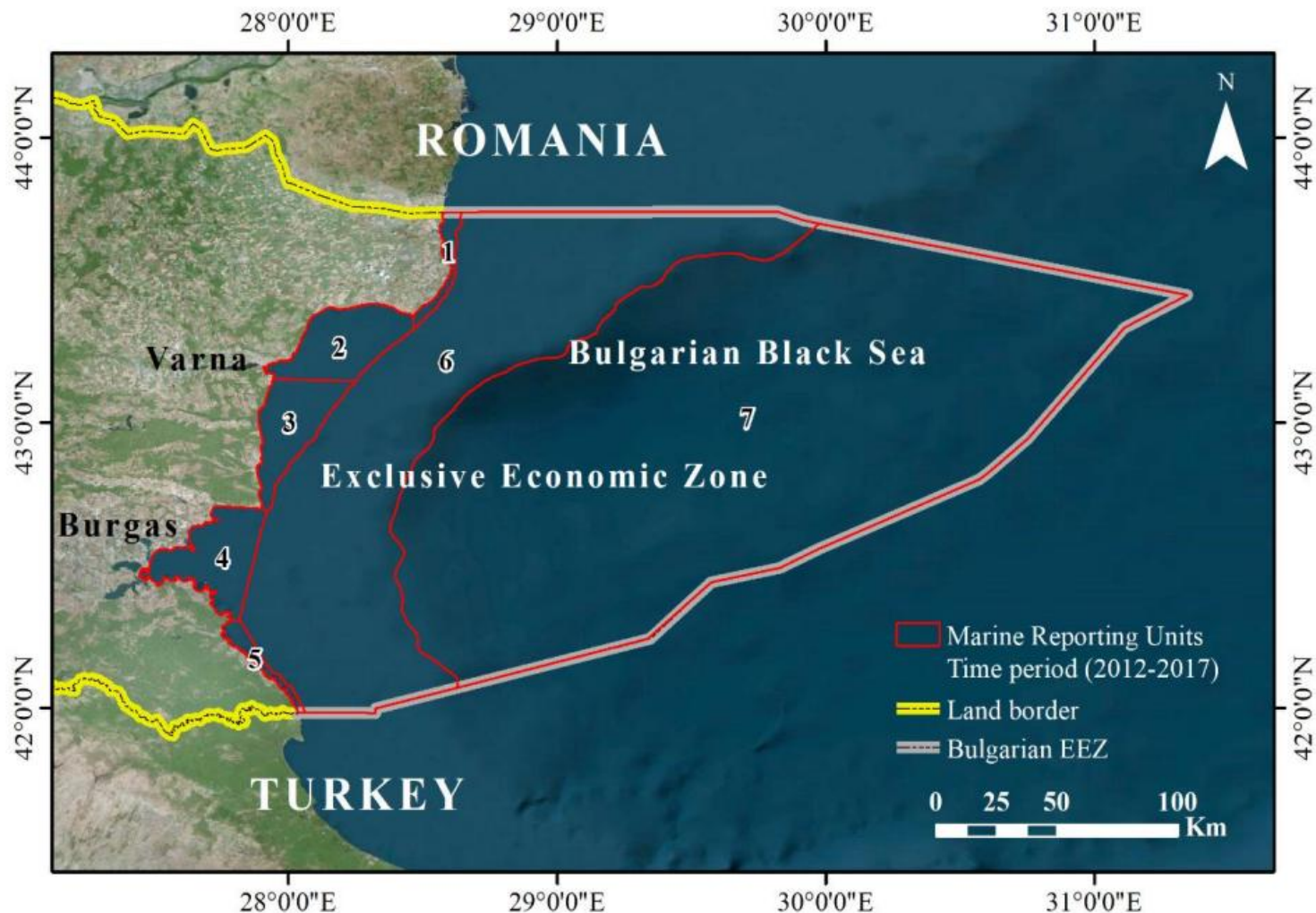
- The **Black Sea Basin District** covers the territory of the catchment areas of the rivers **flowing into the Black Sea** from the northern to the southern border of Bulgaria, including internal sea waters and the territorial sea
- **Territory - 16,570 km² (14.9% of the land territory of the Republic of Bulgaria)**
- **Water area – 6,358 km² (100% of marine water area)**
- The territorial sea (12-mile zone) of the Republic of Bulgaria along the 378 km border;
- **Regions - 8 units, Municipalities - 47 units, Settlements - 627 units.**
- **Population - 1,130 million inhabitants (15.5% of the total for the country)**





- **Functions and responsibilities** of the Black Sea Basin Directorate are defined in the Water Act and in the Regulations for its activity.
 - **The main functions performed** BSBD Management – water management plans;
 - **Regulatory** – regulation of water abstraction and water use;
 - **Controlling** – control of the conditions set by the permits;
 - **Informative** - providing information to the public and stakeholders
 - Due to the extent of the territory: BSBD has 2 in **Shumen and Burgas**.





- BSBD as legal authority is responsible for implementation of integrated water management – **WFD**, 2000/60/EC and **Floods Directive**.
- For BSBD including Bulgarian part of the Black sea according to Marine Strategy Framework Directive , **MSFD**2008/56/EO;



Permit regime in marine waters



Every use of a surface water body for aquaculture or other activities is carried out after a permit in accordance with the requirements of the water act from the BSBD.

- In the process of issuing the permit, the competent authority requires information on:
- Project – with location and description of the cultivation technology (cages, lines, reef)
- Type of fish or other marine organisms, their purpose (propagation, fettering, consumption)
- Information on the intended food, pharmaceutical and veterinary products
- Technical parameters of facilities, equipment, technical justification of the required production area.
- An official statement from Bulgarian Navy and Executive Agency of the Maritime Administration, when the activity is carried out in the coastal waters or the territorial sea .





Monitoring data

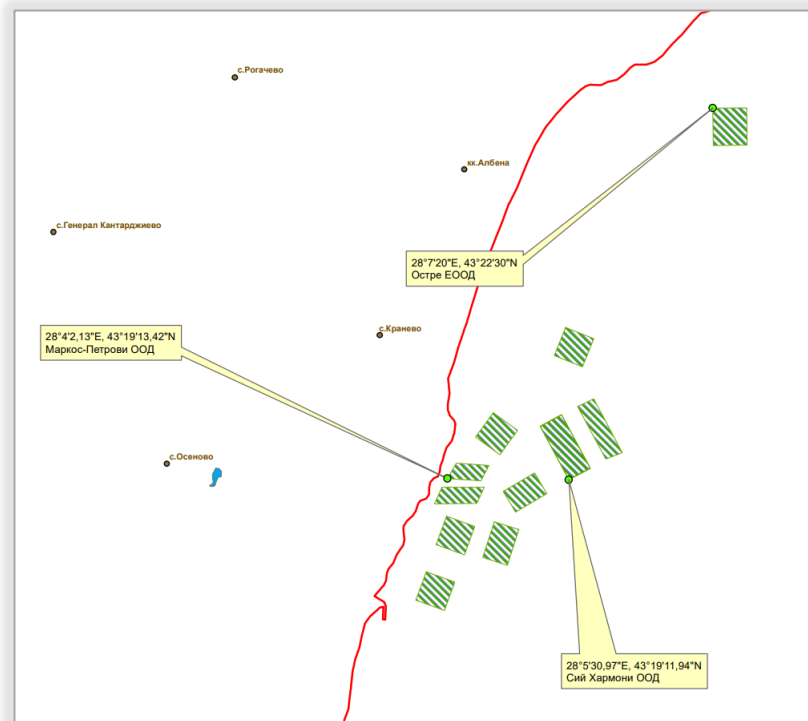
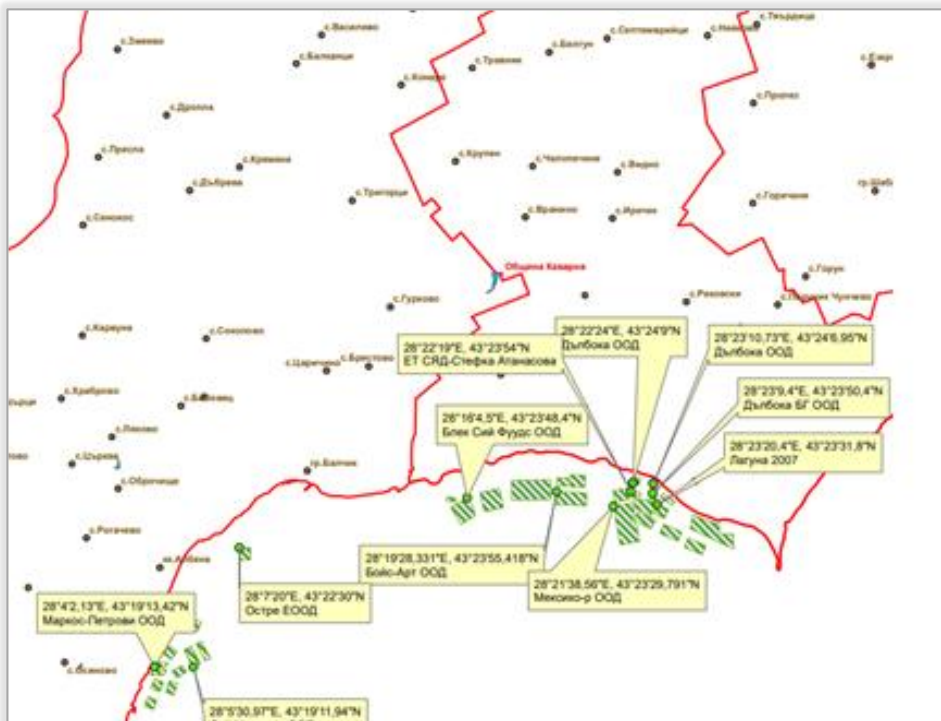


- Self monitoring of water quantity and quality is conducted by the holders of permits for water abstraction and/or use of water bodies
- The user develops a plan for conducting the self monitoring, in accordance with the rules and conditions set in the issued permit
- Information in the plan: location of monitoring points, geographical coordinates, observed indicators frequency of observations.
- Obligation – to present the data to BSBD up to 7 days
- Data base – Geo Information System for Water Management and Reporting
- <https://gwms.eea.government.bg/giswmr/>





Control - BSBD



- Control on the fulfillment of the conditions in the permit and the self monitoring plan is carried out by BSBD
- Inspections are carried out on a documentary basis - at the beginning of the year, regarding submission of the declaration with the fees
- Physically – on site, usually in the summer season
- Number of aquaculture farms - 27 active (mussels, fish, oysters)



Thank you for your attention!



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