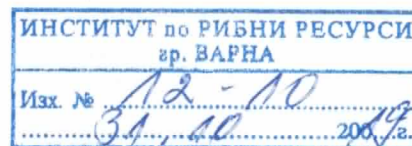




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**Regarding:** *Opinion of IFR-Varna concerning recreational fisheries on *Anguilla anguilla*, *Elasombranchii* and highly migratory ICCAT fishes in Bulgarian waters of the Black Sea*

- Highly migratory fishes are currently not found In the Black Sea. The species bluefin tuna, *Thunnus thynnus* disappeared from the Black Sea in the late 1980s and has not yet recovered.
- *Elasombranchii*, include only one species from the order Squaliformes- *Squalus acanthias* and two rays species – *Dasyatis pastinaca* and *Raja clavata*.
- As regards the European eel - *Anguilla anguilla*, the species is partly observed in the Black Sea and inhabits mostly the large rivers. Since 2014, the experts of IFR-Varna have not observed this species in a vast area from Durankulak to Ahtoplol (whole Bulgarian Black Sea coast), during the regular monitoring program.
- No data for recreational fishery on the species mentioned above could be found for the Bulgarian waters of the Black Sea.

Regards,

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