



**International Conference**  
**World Fish Migration Day - Discover the wonderful world of migratory fish!**  
 Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time	Session Title, Authors and Affiliation	Speaker	Format
08:30	Welcome coffee & Participants' Registration		On-site
09:00	Opening Remarks		
09:30	<b>Social educational approaches to the conservation of anadromous migratory fish in the Danube basin: the role of the Galați Museum Complex of Natural Sciences in raising public awareness</b> Gabriela Grigoraș, Mariana Luca - "Răsvan Angheluta" Museum Complex of Natural Sciences, Galați, Romania	Gabriela GRIGORAS	On-site & Online
09:50	video <b>"The important thing is not to give up." The LifeBoat4Sturgeon people who want to save the Danube sturgeons</b>	WWF-Romania	On-site & Online
09:57	<b>Joint initiatives in the Danube Basin - towards a coherent implementation of the Pan European Action Plan for Sturgeons</b> Beate Striebel - WWF Sturgeon Initiative Lead, Austria	Beate STRIEBEL	Live Online
10:17	video <b>The water took care of me and my family, and I love it. A fisherman's story.</b>	WWF-Romania	On-site & Online
10:20	<b>Advancing Sturgeon Conservation in the Black Sea Basin: An Integrated Monitoring and Habitat Assessment Approach under the BLISS Project</b> Lorena Dediu, Iulia Grecu, Angelica Docan, Cristian Rimniceanu - "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati, Romania	Lorena DEDIU	On-site & Online
10:40	<b>Safeguarding the Giants of the Danube - LIFE-Boat4sturgeon project and other projects</b> Cristina Munteanu - National Sturgeon Conservation Coordinator WWF-Romania	Cristina MUNTEANU	On-site & Online
11:00	<b>Study on migration and physiological condition of Pontic shad populations and evaluation of hydroclimatic effects</b> Angelica DOBRE, Desimira Maria STROE, Gabriel ION, Alina Nicoleta DOBRE, Danut MIREA, Floricel Maricel DIMA - ICDEAPA Galați, Romania	Angelica DOBRE	On-site & Online

11:20	<b>Diadromous fish, updated challenges</b> Eric ROCHARD, Patrick LAMBERT, Marie-Laure ACOLAS, Géraldine LASSALLE - INRAE, Aquatic Ecosystems and Global Changes, Bordeaux, France	Eric ROCHARD	Online
11:40	video <b>“I’d like sturgeon to become the Danube’s brand” - A researcher’s goal.</b>		On-site & Online
11:45	<b>The sturgeon fishing ban in Romania after two decades: lessons learned and remaining challenges</b> Tudor IONESCU - Aquatic Biodiversity Center, Maria Desimira STROE - ICDEAPA Galați, Romania	Tudor IONESCU	On-site & Online
12:05	<b>Mapping sturgeon foraging areas in the western Black Sea. An approach for integrating conservation targets and sustainable management of marine resources</b> Victor NIȚĂ - National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa” Constanta, Romania	Victor NIȚĂ	Online
12:25 – 12:35	Vernissage of the educational program <b>"The migratory fishes' journey – between freedom and obstacles"</b> . Manager Cătălin Popa from CMSNGL. Children from the Miron Costin Middle School Galați. Coordinated by Professors Pavăl Danusia and Anton Marcela.	Cătălin POPA	On-site & Online
12:35	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>		On-site
13:20	<b>Behavioural, physiological and locomotor responses to migratory fish</b> Aurelia NICA, Ira-Adeline SIMIONOV, Alina ANTACHE, Isabelle METAXA, Ștefan-Mihai PETREA - ”Dunarea de Jos” University of Galati, Romania	Aurelia NICA	On-site & Online
13:40	<b>The characteristics of fish migrations between the Nistru River and the Răut River</b> Dumitru BULAT, Denis BULAT - Moldova State University, Institute of Zoology. Republic of Moldova	Dumitru BULAT	Online
14:00	<b>The Last Journey of Caviar: Rethinking Sturgeon Conservation through Cultural Memory, Migration Ecology, and Ecological Recovery</b> Isabelle METAXA, Aurelia NICA, Ștefan-Mihai PETREA, Ira-Adeline SIMIONOV, Alina ANTACHE - ”Dunarea de Jos” University of Galati, Romania	Isabelle METAXA	On-site & Online
14:20	Closing Remarks	Event Host	

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