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Borderless Dinosaur (*Acipenser gueldenstaedtii*) of the Black Sea

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Crossing Borders to Protect a Timeless Species



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1.445.719,80 €

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DINO-PATH is a transnational project co-funded by the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme that strengthens scientific research and monitoring in the Black Sea Region by focusing on the conservation of the Russian sturgeon (*Acipenser gueldenstaedtii*) through mapping its transboundary migration routes and promoting cross-border cooperation for sustainable, science-based management.

Who We Are?

DINO-PATH is a transnational project led by Istanbul University (Türkiye), in partnership with the National Institute for Marine Research and Development (Romania), the Institute of Fish Resources – Varna and Trakia University (Bulgaria), working together to protect the Russian sturgeon in the Black Sea Basin.

What We Do?

We assess and map the transboundary migration routes of the Russian sturgeon through integrated scientific monitoring, combining acoustic and satellite telemetry, cross-border data collection, and advanced analytical tools such as Geographic Information System (GIS) and Machine Learning (ML). Through project meetings, training activities, stakeholder engagement, and dissemination actions, we strengthen scientific capacities and regional cooperation.

What We Achieve?

We deliver science-based, harmonised knowledge to support evidence-based conservation and sustainable management of an endangered migratory species. By enhancing scientific monitoring capacities, fostering cross-border cooperation, and providing inputs for policy development, DINO-PATH contributes to long-term biodiversity conservation and a sustainable Blue Economy in the Black Sea Region.

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