

SUSTAINABLE COASTAL ANGLING TOURISM – A DEVELOPMENT CHANCE FOR THE SOUTH BALTIC REGION

– final conference of the CATCH project –
Hotel SENATOR, Wyzwolenia 35 St., Dźwirzyno, Poland, 05-06.04.2019

05.04.2019 Conference day

9:00-10:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00-10:10 **Opening remarks**

Prof. Martin Benkenstein, PhD | University of Rostock

Jakub Skorupski, PhD, Eng. | Green Federation “GAIA”

10:10-10:30 **Introduction to the project “Coastal Angling Tourism – a development chance for the South Baltic Region”**

Katharina Poser | University of Rostock

10:30-15:30 Plenary sessions

Moderation Gordon P. Henriksen | Fishing Zealand

Session I Why is sustainability so important in coastal angling? – An environmental context

10:30-10:50 **KEYNOTE LECTURE: Ecological interpretation of legal protection measures for fish species exploited by anglers**

Prof. Przemysław Śmietana, PhD, Eng. | University of Szczecin

10:50-11:00 **Recreational angling and situation of the endangered European eel in the Baltic Sea region**

Nils Höglund | Coalition Clean Baltic

11:00-11:10 **Status of fish stocks of key importance for a recreational coastal angling in the south Baltic Sea region**

Sławomir Keszka, PhD | West Pomeranian University of Technology

11:10-11:30 Discussion

11:30-12:00 Interactive Coffee Break accompanied by the CATCH Success Stories Exhibition, Poster Session and Photo Exhibition

Session II How can coastal angling tourism contribute to the South Baltic Region development in a social aspect?

12:00-12:20 **KEYNOTE LECTURE: Socio-economic aspects of commercial fishery and angling in Lithuanian case study area**

Antanas Kontautas | Klaipeda University

12:20-12:30 **An overview of recreational fishery development problems in Lithuania**

Saulius Mikalauskas | Lithuanian Angling Association

12:30-12:40 **Recreational coastal angling as a main driver of tourism development on the Baltic coast**

Egle Baltranaitė | Klaipeda University

12:40-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

Session III How to successfully promote coastal angling services in the South Baltic Region? – Business and Public Policy

14:30-14:50 KEYNOTE LECTURE: **How to “catch” fishermen**

Gordon P. Henriksen | Fishing Zealand

14:50-15:00 **High interest in low season: Attracting recreational fisherman as an accommodation provider**

Holger Bente, PhD | Catch.com

15:00-15:10 **How to include local providers in angling events – examples from Fishing Zealand**

Niels Lagergaard Pedersen | Fishing Zealand

15:10-15:30 Discussion

15:30-16:00 Interactive Coffee Break accompanied by the CATCH Success Stories Exhibition, Poster Session and Photo Exhibition

16:00-17:40 Parallel workshops session

Recreational fishing for young people

During this workshop, inspiring attempts of working with young anglers in the CATCH partner countries will be presented. Afterwards the participants are invited to discuss different ways of leading children and young adults to recreational fishing and a responsible treatment of the environment.

Moderator Theresa Horn and Nardine Stybel | EUCC – The Coastal Union Germany e.V.

16:00-16:10 Introduction

16:10-16:25 **Recreational youth coastal fishing in Germany**

Mila Zarkh | Youth Hostel Association of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

16:25-16:40 **Recreational youth coastal fishing in Lithuania**

Matas Jonaitis | Association “Lašišos Dienoraštis”

16:40-16:55 Recreational youth coastal fishing in Denmark

Kaare M. Ebert | Denmark's Sportfishing Association

16:55-17:10 Recreational youth coastal fishing in Poland

Andrzej Laszuk | Society of Friends of the River Rega

17:10-17:40 Discussion

Outdoor angling workshop

Practical workshops on how to create fly-baits for trout fishing and "from-the shore" angling techniques used on the Pomeranian Bay – ideal for both advanced and beginners! It offers the opportunity to experience a piece of coastal angling on the Polish coast.

Moderator Artur Furdyna | Association of Friends of the Ina & the Gowienica Rivers

17:40-18:00 Wrap-up Session and Closing Remarks

Prof. Martin Benkenstein, PhD | University of Rostock

Jakub Skorupski, PhD, Eng. | Green Federation "GAIA"

19:00 Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner is being held on the evening of Friday 5 April. It features a delicious seated dinner with traditional Polish cuisine and is a fantastic way to spend your Friday evening and great opportunity to meet other participants. The Conference Dinner will take place in the Hotel SENATOR restaurant. Come as you are.

06.04.2019 Field Trip day

9:00-14:00 Guided half-day field trip

The first point in the trip program will be demonstration of activities of voluntary fishing guard on the Parsęta river. The guards will present and discuss the specifics of their work and specialized equipment to fight with poaching, like photo trap, thermal imaging camera and night-vision devices. Another visited place will be the hydroelectric power plant on the river Parsęta in village of Rościno. A newly built fish pass with a scanner for monitoring fish migration will be demonstrated. Lunch-box included.

Guide Marcin Budniak | Green Federation "GAIA"