Performance audit of the activity of the National Agency of Fisheries and Aquaculture for the period 01.01.2004 г. till 30.06.2006 г.
The National Agency of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NAFA) at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food was established in 1999. NAFA is a legal entity with headquarters in Sofia. It is a second level budget spender with 27 Regional Units. The Agency manages the fisheries and aquaculture, provides monitoring and control of fishing, fish-breeding and aquaculture.
1. Legal framework

The legislative acts, regulating the NAFA activity, are in line with the commitments, undertaken by Bulgaria under Chapter 8 “Fishery” of the negotiated chapters with the EU, the state policy and strategy in the field of fishery and aquaculture.

• The underlying strategic document, the National Programme for Fishery and Aquaculture, was adopted after completion of the audit;

• The Scientific and Engineering Council for Fishery and Aquaculture does not implement its statutory functions effectively.
Assessment of the security of NAFA resources

- Non-compliance between job descriptions and the active Agency structure;

- Non-adequacy of job descriptions with the actual functions and responsibilities of the staff;

- Campaign nature of managerial decisions, regarding enhancement of staff qualification
Control of fishing devices, equipment, accessories and other fishing instruments.

- As a result of the control activity, performed by NAFA, the use of illegal fishing devices and equipment has been reduced.
Coordination of production and technological activities in the field of fishery and aquaculture

- The activities, concerning the gene pool sustainability, include annual planting with fish of the Danube river and the inland basins. Priority in the scope of this activity is the preservation of biodiversity and the increase in the number of species, valuable for the industry.
Control of fish trading

- The regulated mechanisms enable NAFA to perform an effective ex ante and ex post control. Despite that, illegal sites for trading with fish still exist at the Black sea coast.
Collecting, summing up and storing of statistical data for fishery and aquaculture development.

NAFA submits to European and International organisations (EUROSTAT, FAO) the statistical information on Sector “Fishery”

The statistics of sea catch is still lagging behind the requirements for reliability of information. The available statistical information can hardly be used in practice.
Maintaining fishing boats database

- The satellite system for monitoring and control of the fishing boats, which is an EU requirement, was introduced after completing the audit.
RECOMMENDATIONS

• To develop staff qualification plan, considering the EU requirements after the accession.

• To optimize the NAFA control activities by including as a priority checks of the illegal sites for trading with fish at the Black sea coast.

• To initiate actions for improvement of the activity of the Scientific and Engineering Council for Fisheries and Aquaculture, which is an advisory body to the Minister of Agriculture and Food.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!