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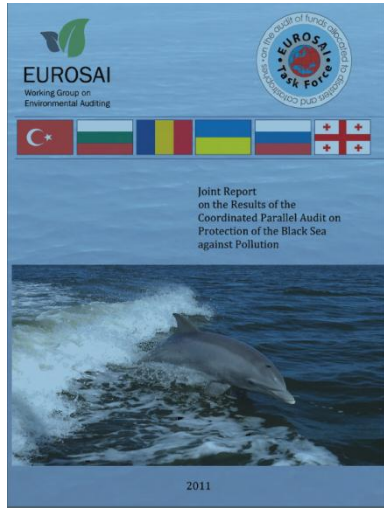
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EUROSAI WGEA Progress Report October 2011 - October 2012

The 10th EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting
Cyprus, October, 2012



Environmental audits 2011 (preliminary)



- 63 national audits
- 2 cooperative audits



2011/2012 - to be collected later this year by
INTOSAI WGEA

EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meetings

- Meeting materials and report from the 9th annual meeting and one day seminar in Stockholm the at: www.eurosaiwgea.org
- Prepared for 10th EUROSAI WGEA meeting and the one-day seminar on Auditing Forests





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Cooperative audit on Adaptation to Climate Change



- Project meeting in Cyprus (December 2011) and Malta (June 2012)
- Finalised the report
- Communicate and disseminate the findings
- To be launched next month

Cooperative audit on biofuel



- Feedbacks on letter of interest
- 6-8 SAIs are interested
- Follow up and contribute to a potential kick-off



European cooperative audits (Con't)

- **Arctic Council** (Russia, Norway, USA, Denmark, Sweden)
- **National Parks** (Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Ukraine)
- **Cooperative audit on Lake Peipus** (Russia, Estonia)
- **The cooperative audit on shipment of waste** (Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Norway, Poland, Slovenia and The Netherlands)
- **Cooperative audit on CO₂ emission trading systems** (Denmark, Norway, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden)
- **Audit of public funds allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of disasters and catastrophes** (SAIs of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Italy, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine, Hungary?)



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Seminar on Sustainable Fisheries and Forest Management, May 2011

External keynote speakers:

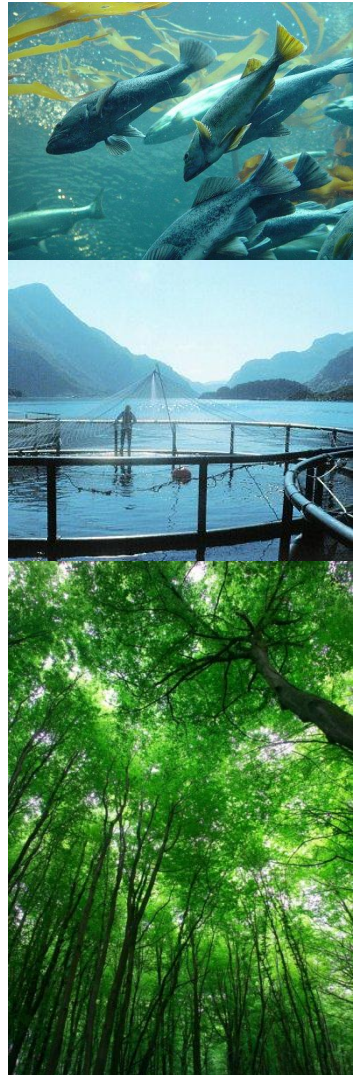
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Forest Europe and the Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Aalborg University

Promotion of the INTOSAI WGEA Guidances:

- Auditing Forests, Sustainable Fisheries and Fraud and Corruption Issues in auditing Environmental and Natural Resource Management

Workshops

- Auditing Sustainable Fisheries Management
- Auditing Sustainable Forest Management



EUROSAL WGEA *Internal Activities*

- EUROSAL WGEA SC meeting
- INTOSAL WGEA
 - Working Group meeting, Nov. 2011
 - Steering Committee meeting, Oct. 2012
 - Environmental Training for Beginners
- EUROSAL WGEA Newsletter
- Webpage
- Surveys
- Sub target groups' activities



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NEWSLETTER 1/2012

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Colleagues,

The year of 2012 marks my 5th year as Chair of the EUROSAL WGEA. As Chair, I am very pleased to take note of the high level of activities that is maintained in the European region. Annual meetings and seminars are organised, and a number of cooperative audits are currently on-going. It is precisely these types of activities that facilitate mutual sharing and learning between SAs, contributing to the benchmarking of best practices. I would like to thank all SAs that take the time to participate in these activities and share with others their experiences in the field of environmental auditing.

Regarding the 10th Annual EUROSAL WGEA Meeting, I am very pleased to announce that the Audit Office of the Republic of Cyprus has offered to host the meeting, which will take place 23-25 October. The meeting will focus on the highly topical issues of sustainable development and use of data in environmental auditing. I am certain that the meeting will be a great success with the CAO as host. The day prior to the meeting a training seminar on Auditing Forests will be organized.

In May, the EUROSAL WGEA organised the seminar *Sustainable Fisheries and Forests Management* in Oslo, Norway. In addition to contributions from participating SAs, representatives from the UNECE, University of Aalborg, and the Norwegian Ministry of Food and Agriculture contributed to awareness raising and competency building in the field. I would like to thank all contributors and participants for a fruitful seminar.

As Chair of the EUROSAL WGEA, I am looking forward to a continued work towards enhanced collaboration, information and knowledge sharing, and competency building between European SAs in the field of environmental auditing.

I wish you all a great summer, and will be looking forward to seeing you all in Cyprus in October for the annual meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Jürgen Korvas
Chair of EUROSAL WGEA
Auditor General of Norway

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 10th Annual EUROSAL WGEA Meeting, Cyprus, 23 - 25 October 2012

The 10th EUROSAL WGEA meeting will be held in Cyprus, 23-25 October 2012. The environmental topic for this meeting will be sustainable development, and data in environmental auditing will be the audit related topic.

Prior to the annual meeting, on Monday 22 October, a training seminar on Auditing Forests will be held. The seminar will function as a follow-up to the recently conducted EUROSAL WGEA Seminar *Sustainable Fisheries and Forests Management*. The INTOSAL WGEA Guidance for Auditing Forests will serve as a baseline for the seminar. The SA of Indonesia, project leader of the guidance, has kindly offered to hold the seminar.

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