



SAVE THE DATE

Sturgeon Bycatch Mitigation Workshop

September 4th and 5th 2024

Description:

Join us for a 1.5-day workshop in Bordeaux with sturgeon researchers, fisheries officials, fishers, and bycatch researchers. The workshop aims to:

1. Learn about global sturgeon bycatch mitigation efforts.
2. Share experiences and resources for awareness campaigns, tracking, and reporting.
3. Identify collaboration opportunities with bycatch mitigation for other protected species.

This workshop follows the 30-year celebration of the IUCN Sturgeon Specialist Group (SSG), which will review sturgeon conservation progress over the past three decades. The IUCN SSG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd 2024 and is open to visitors. The IUCN SSG meeting is followed by the WSCS General Assembly on September 3rd from 17:00 to 19:00.

Agenda:

- Monday, September 2nd: Arrival and welcome
- Tuesday, September 3rd: IUCN Specialist Group Meeting and General Assembly of the WSCS
- **Wednesday, September 4th: Bycatch Workshop**
- **Thursday, September 5th: Bycatch Workshop** (including a local tour in the afternoon)
- Friday, September 6th: Field trip

Location:

INRAE – Unité Ecosystèmes Aquatiques et Changements Globaux (EABX)

50 avenue de Verdun

33612 Cestas Cedex

Find on google map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Vco64DczQkHVg61h6>

Additional information:

Attendees of the IUCN SSG meeting are welcome to stay for the workshop, though it is not mandatory to attend both events. On Thursday, after the workshop concludes, there will be a tour featuring local delicacies!

Registration:

Timely registration is essential due to limited capacity. The workshop is free of charge, but travel and accommodation are self-funded. Please register by **July 31st, 2024**.

Accommodations:

Suggested hotels include:

- Best Western Grand Hotel Francais, 12 Rue De Temple, Bordeaux (Near city centre, 50 min to venue by public transport, £90-110)
- Ibis Bordeaux Centre Mériadeck, 35 Cr Maréchal Juin, 33000 Bordeaux, France (Near city centre, 45 mins to venue by public transport, £90-110)
- All Suites Appart Hôtel Bordeaux-Pessac, 2 Av. Antoine Becquerel, 33600 Pessac, France (Near venue, 35 mins by public transport, 13 mins by car, £80-100)
- Ibis Bordeaux Pessac Route des Vins, 8 Av. Antoine Becquerel, 33600 Pessac, France (Near venue, 35 mins by public transport, 11 mins by car, £80-100)

How to sign up:

Online registration form (Recommended):

- <https://form.jotform.com/241611978302354>

Or email organisers at:

- Hannah McCormick: hannah.mccormick@zsl.org
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Please let us know by the 31st of July if you are planning to attend.

Presentation details:

Wednesday, September 4th

Opening and setting the scene:

- E. Rochard | Review on sturgeon bycatch mitigation (SCUTE project outcome)
- H.Ozbilgin, E.Fakioglu | GFCM Black Sea wide attempts to reduce bycatch, a project ^ report

Research into bycatch and its effects:

- S. Stakenas, A. Pilinkovskij | Lithuanian results on bycatch in coastal fisheries
- S. Felsing | Results from the Baltic sturgeon recovery project in Germany
- M.L. Acolas | *Acipenser sturio* bycatch in the NE Atlantic
- S. Bushuiev | Ukrainian fisheries monitoring and bycatch assessment results
- M. Zengin | Bycatch as a result of gear type and species distribution in Turkish waters
- S. Colclough | Add title

P. Dukakis | Add title

Communication and intervention approaches:

N. Delage | The French communication campaign in the commercial fishery 2004-2024

N. Brevé | Lessons learned from a fisheries information campaign in the Netherlands

N.N. | Communication with fishermen to establish cooperation and increase compliance

C. Hoehne | Utilization of online tools for bycatch data collection

E. Quinton | STURWILD database – a tool for Europe

Lessons learned from other species

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We have available slots for presentations and would love for you to share your work. Please get in touch if you are interested. Also, posters on the issue are cordially welcome.

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