



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat

**PRESS RELEASE
ON WORLD OCEAN DAY**

In observance of World Ocean Day today (8 June 2026), BSEC emphasizes the critical importance of preserving and improving the health of our marine ecosystems. The Black Sea and its connected water systems are vital lifelines for regional biodiversity, economic stability, and the livelihoods of millions of citizens across our Member States. Recognizing that the sustainability of our marine biosystems is increasingly threatened by environmental pressures, we strive for reinforced regional cooperation to combat pollution and protect fragile aquatic habitats. By prioritizing the ecological integrity of our shared waters today, we secure a resilient, prosperous, and sustainable future for the entire Black Sea region.