



The Norwegian Cooperation programme with (RO/BU)  
Individual Project

<b>BELuga STurgeon COMunity BAsed Tourism - BEST COMBAT</b>	
<b>Romania</b>	
<b>Project Promoter:</b>	<b>Partner (main):</b>
Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development	The Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA)
<b>Type of Applicant:</b>	<b>Type of partner:</b>
Education/research institute	Education/research institute
	<b>Other partners:</b> Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Kaviar House Bucuresti Filiala Tulcea S.R.L.
<b>Grant amount awarded:</b>	<b>Total eligible project cost:</b>
EUR 1 050 000	EUR 1 240 000
<b>Grant rate:</b>	<b>Case no:</b>
85 %	2008/112231
<b>Planned project duration:</b> 5/2009 – 4/2011	<b>Project web-site:</b> <a href="http://www.indd.tim.ro">http://www.indd.tim.ro</a> ; <a href="http://www.niva.no">http://www.niva.no</a>

<p><b>Short project description:</b> Research and development project aiming at establishing the competence base for promoting environmental friendly tourism in the Danube delta using the beluga sturgeon as a flagship species</p>
<p><b>Expected results:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to investigate the impacts of the present sturgeon fishery ban on local communities along the Danube</li> <li>2. to research and promote nature tourism as a sustainable alternative income to sturgeon fishing.</li> <li>3. to enhance knowledge and understanding of the biology and behaviour of beluga sturgeon to maximise the tourism potential of this species.</li> <li>4. to build competence and improve practice of environmental tourism in the Tulcea region of the Lower Danube.</li> <li>5. to provide a model for the development of sustainable, nature tourism in Romania.</li> </ol>