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GENERAL INSPECTORATE OF THE ROMANIAN POLICE



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CARPATOS OPERATION RO-ES-IT-FR-HU

*Teodor NIȚĂ - prosecutor
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OVERVIEW



During 2018, the **Prosecutor's Office attached to the Constanța Court of Appeal** and the **General Inspectorate of Romanian Police**, started documentation of an **organized crime group**, made up of Romanian, Italian, French, Spanish and Hungarian citizens, involved in illegal fishing activities on the territory of those states, in highly polluted waters, the fish obtained being transported and sold on the territory of Romania and Hungary.

A criminal investigation has been opened in Romania, for:

- **set up an organized crime group**, art. 367 Penal Code;

- **commercialization of altered products**, art. 358 Penal Code;

- **tax evasion**, art. 9 from Law nr. 241/2005;

- **possession, transport and commercialization of fish**

without legal documents, art. 64 lit h) from Government Emergency Ordinance nr. 23/2008.



THE CRIMINAL GROUP PURPOSE - obtaining and selling fish, through illegal fishing activities, from Italy, Spain and France to Romania and Hungary.

The crime group did not work according to a pyramid system, it worked on **several levels**, depending on the object of activity, as:

❑ **FISHERMEN/POUCHERS** – mostly romanian citizens, sometimes supported by italian, spanish, french and hungarian citizens. They carry out illegal fishing activities in interior waters of Italy, Spain and France.

They got in their Italian, Spanish and French residences **inappropriate spaces**, such as **car garages and undeclared warehouses**, where they stored, despite any rules of sanitary and food safety, the fish.

❑ **CARRIERS (INTERMEDIARY COMPANIES)** - entirely Romanian companies, which are in permanent connection with fishermen, from the source countries.

❑ **BENEFICIARIES** – Romanian and Hungarian companies.



THE FISHERMEN LEADERS

ITALY

WAREHOUSES



 **PAVLOV
GRIGORE**



 **RACHELIANU
MARIAN**



 **CONDA
VALENTIN**



 **LASCU
MARIAN**



 **OLAERU
CRISTIAN**



 **MATEI
VASILE**



 **MELINTE
VALENTIN**



 **ȘERBAN
SORIN**



The fishermen carry out illegal fishing activities along the **Po River**, Rovigo Province, area provided with hundreds of canals for irrigation, mostly contaminated with toxic substances (pesticides).

The leaders collected the fish from the fishermen they control, and stored it under improper sanitary-veterinary conditions, and subsequently, they commercialized the fish to Romanian companies, using false stamps.

In Italy, examinations of the fish from the Po River have been carried out and clearly show the presence of **heavy metals** (mercury, lead, cadmium etc.) inside the fish, especially fish from the carp, bream and catfish species, in dangerous concentrations.



FRANCE



 **RĂDUCU
IONUȚ DANIEL**



 **ROBLES
YANNICK**



 **BOUSQUET
CHRISTINE**



 **POPESCU MIHAI
BOGDAN**

WAREHOUS
E in
FRANCE,
105 chemin
de Fontenelle
din Raphèle-
les-Arles



 **RĂDUCU
GHEORGHE**



 **MOROȘANU
MARIAN**



 **MOROȘANU
RADU**



 **CARAENACHE
FLORIN**



RĂDUCU IONUȚ DANIEL was located on French territory, where he carry on fishing activities illegally, along the **Ron River**, in the area of **Raphelle les Arles, France**.

The fish is marketed to various companies in Romania, using identification data of the following french companies:

- **SOCIETE DE PECHE LA SALINE** – localized in *Raphele les Arles 105, Chemin de Fontenelle 13280, France*;
- **SAS ATESA Atelier de Transformation DOMAINE DE L AMERIQUE** - localized in 13129 Salin de Giraud RCS 430428 Tarascon – 0698548413;

From the statements of the witnesses, the fish was loaded by RĂDUCU Ionuț, from his warehouse, where, he also gave them legal documents on behalf of the companies LA SALINE and SAS ATESA.

All of it happened with the complicity of Yannick ROBLES.

LA SALINE
SOCIETE DE PECHE LA SALINE
105 chemin de Fontenelle
13280 RAPHELLE LES ARLES
Tel: 04 91 27 25 14
Email: la.saline.ars@laposte.com

FACTURE
DATE : 10/11/2018
CLIENT : SAS ATESA
N°FACTURE : 20181110001

DESCRIPTION	PESSE	UNITE	PRIX UNIT	PRIX TOTAL	TOTAL
SAUMON	125,000	KG	1,200	150,000	150,000
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TOTAL : 150,000
TOTAL TTC : 172,500

SAS ATESA
13129 Salin de Giraud
RCS 430428 Tarascon
0698548413

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SPAIN

WAREHOUSES in Llerida



 ȘERBAN GEANI



 ȘERBAN COSMIN



 DIȚĂ TUDOR



 FABIO UBERTI
FOPPA



 HAPEI VICTOR




 ȚIGĂNILĂ VASILE



 NANE VASILE



 MAZILU VASILE

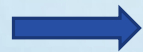


CARRIERS (INTERMEDIARY COMPANIES)/CIRCUITS

To ensure the flow of the operation, the network leaders were constantly in contact with the carriers, who took care of the demand on their end, thus transporting and selling the fish in Romania and Hungary through various companies created by them



AMET ERVIN



ITALIA FISH
LOGITSTIC SRL



ITALY/SPAIN
/FRANCE



ROMANIA/HUNGARY



GHEORGHIU
CIPRIAN



C&A LOGIFISH/
I.I. GHEORGHIU
ADRIAN GEORGIANA



ITALY/SPAIN



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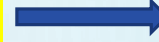
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LIVIU**



TRIADE LUCFISH SRL



**ITALY/SPAIN/
FRANCE**



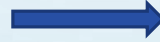
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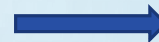
**PETROF
MARCEL**



**GOLDEN FISH
PROMOTIONSRL**



ITALY



ROMANIA



RADU FLORIAN



RAFLO DEPOZIT SRL



FRANCE



ROMANIA



**BALINT
LUCIAN**



LAC FISH SRL



ITALY/SPAIN



ROMANIA



**ULIAN
VITALIUS**



REBY FISHSRL



ITALY



ROMANIA



**ILIESCU
ANDREI**



**ILIESCU
DANIEL**



**PISCOTEL MARCRIS
2013 SRL**



ITALY/SPAIN



ROMANIA



**VULPE
FLORIAN**



SEBFOX SPEDITIONSRL



ITALY



ROMANIA

COLLABORATION

Account the international context, the criminal activity documentation was done through:

EUROJUST - Romania filed and sent to **Italy, France, Spain, Hungary** and **Portugal** several **European Investigative Orders**, through which judicial evidence was collected about the members of the group. Also, technical surveillance and judicial search warrants were requested and implemented.

EUROPOL – exchange information through SIENNA channel

ROMANIA - General Inspectorate of Romanian Police/Prosecutor's Office attached to the Constanța Court of Appeal

FRANCE – *Gendarmerie Nationale - Office Central de Lutte Contre les Atteintes à L'environnement et à la Santé Publique (OCLAESP)*

SPAIN – *Cuerpo National de Policia*

ITALY – Guardia di Finanza

HUNGARY – Rendorseg Police (National Police)

PORTUGAL - National Republican Guard



ACTION DAY – 14 MAY 2019

Coordinated by **EUROJUST**, **169 house searches** were carried out, on **May 14, 2019**, simultaneously, at the residences of the criminal group members, in **Romania, Italy, Spain, France and Hungary**.

In Romania, **115 house searches** were carried out, attended by representatives of the Spanish National Police.

As a result of the house searches, the police seized **89.390 Euro, 5.562 kilos** of fish and fish products which were incinerated, **920 cigarette packs without fiscal stamp, unauthorized and illegal fishing tools, several sidearms, accounting documents, stamps and informatic storage devices.**

Also, for the violation of sanitary safety measures, the Romanian veterinary authorities penalised them with fines of 15.500 euro.



HOUSE SEARCHES IN ROMANIA



HOUSE SEARCHES IN FRANCE



HOUSE SEARCHES IN SPAIN



HOUSE SEARCHES IN ITALY



ACCUSATIONS

For the crimes committed, on June 21, 2019, the penal action against **21 defendants** was put in motion, for the:

- *set up an organized crime group;*
- *commercialization of altered products;*
- *forgery offenses;*
- *possession, transport or commercialization of fish without legal documents.*

5 defendants were arrested.

Precautionary measures were set up for the assets of the defendants, totaling 500,000 euros.

END OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

On June 23, 2021, the Romanian judicial authorities completed the investigations regarding the criminal group, meaning that **20 defendants** were sent to trial for committing the crimes of:

- *set up an organized crime group;*
- *commercialization of altered products;*
- *forgery offenses;*
- *possession, transport or commercialization of fish without legal documents.*



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