

## Report summary

Performance audit of the State Budget funds management by the Black Sea Biosphere Reserve

Performance audit of the State Budget funds management by the Black Sea Biosphere Reserve was conducted during the period from June to August, 2016 by Accounting Chamber of Ukraine.

Auditee: Black Sea Biosphere Reserve

The audit general outcomes:

The auditing revealed that current state of the reserve management does not provide for implementation of defined objectives.

Due to the lack of the territory management project, the Black Sea Biosphere Reserve doesn't provide for proper achievement of general functional objectives. As a result, the safety and secure of unique natural complexes situated within its territory and the whole system of their elements are threatened.

Key problem to affect the reserve's functions is a poaching. However, under present conditions it's nearly impossible to counteract: passive attraction of financial resources, improper organization of the service to secure the reserve territory, lack of information on dynamic patterns of the reserve biodiversity and its components. Relevant activities are required to prevent poaching.

Due to the completion of the National program for establishment of environmental network of Ukraine for the period of 2000-2015 and lack of target environmental program for development of reserve management (taking into consideration recommendations of Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity (1995) on setting up the Pan-European environmental network as an integrated spatial system of European countries' territories of natural or partially transformed landscapes) there's a necessity to develop and approve relevant regulation.

Since the Black Sea Biosphere Reserve joined the World Network of Biosphere Reserves the proposal should be considered on development and approvement of Draft Law on Biosphere Reserve which should define biosphere reserve as an element of environmental network in order to regulate their activity at national level, with due consideration to international programs and the need for changes in approaches to the biosphere reserves funding,