



Black Sea: Another Caspian ?

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EEZ Black Sea





- EEZ of Black sea was signed between the USSR and Türkiye and ratified by the independent countries surrounding Black Sea after the break up of USSR in 1990 together with Russia.
- There has not been any dispute on the EEZ in Black Sea until the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Black Sea in Numbers

- Black Sea remains the only wildcat area that has huge potential except the deeper parts of ocean and frozen areas
- The first exploration well was drilled in 1975 nearly the same time with North Sea
- The Black Sea has a coastline of approximately 5,800 kilometers, including the Sea of Azov. Russia has the longest coastline on the sea (2,300 km), followed by Turkey (1,329 km) and Ukraine (1,282 km)
- The rivers flowing to Black Sea discharges around the 2 million km² drainage areas with in 24 countries.
- Some of the wells drilled in ultra deep waters of Black Sea
 - USSR started offshore drilling during 1980s and until then 21 wells were drilled exceeding 500m
 - Turkey- 18 (Hopa-1, HPX-1, Yassıhöyük-1, Sürmene-1, Şile-1, Kastamonu-1, İstiranca-1
 - Romania-10
 - Bulgaria 2
 - Russia -1

• Coastlines and areas

	Coastline length and area of	of exclusive economic zones
Country	Coastline length (km) ^[1]	Exclusive economic zones area (km ²) ^[26]
C Turkey	1,329	172,484
Ukraine	2,782	132,414
Russia	800	67,351
Bulgaria	354	35,132
🕂 Georgia	310	22,947
Romania	225	29,756
Total	5,800	460,084

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Feature		States and States and	
Surface Area	436,402 km ²		
Maximum Depth	2,212 m		
Average Depth	1,253 m		
MaximumLength	1,067 km		
Water Volume	547,000 km ³		



Regional Geological Setting of Black Sea





Tectonic Scheme of Black Sea Region

- The S part of black sea is abyssal there is no shelf
- The shelf is located to the North
- The shelf contains oil and gas fields producing where Russia claims that area after invasion of Ukraine



Figure 6. Geological interpretation of seismic line BS-50. The leveed channel complex of the distal Danube fan system is distinctly recognizable. The Late Pontian unit is interpreted as a sequence deposited immediately after the Messinian erosion event. The Karkinit Basin is a rifted basin partly inverted during the Late Eccene to Oligocene time.

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- The W and E differentiated by Andrusov and Arkhangelsk ridge
- The Mykopian (Oligocene to L. Miocene) source rock is assumed to be present in Eastern Black Sea and Western Black Sea.

W-E Regional Cross Section Black Sea





Figure 1. (a) Tectonic units in the Black Sea domain with location of study zone (after Rempel & Georgiev 2005); (b) Geological-seismic cross-section along line I-I (after Dachev & Georgiev 1995).

Georgiev, 2012

- Discovered hydrocarbons are located on the shelf areas of Black Sea; Ukrainian Kalamit high and Romanian Moesian platform.
- Although there is no shelf at Southern part of Black Sea there is gas production at Akçakoca Türkiye at the shallow waters .
- There is still no discovery in the deeper parts of Eastern and Western Black Sea but these areas are still frontiers.
- There have been less than 20 wells drilled with in the EEZ of Türkiye at ultra deep waters.
- Remind that North Sea is a shallow water drilling, and the first discovery was made after the 75th well drilled.
- The exploration activities started in 1969 in North Sea and 1920s n Caspian Sea so there is long distance between the two and the Black Sea.

Offshore Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey

NEPTUN DEEP GAS FIELD PROJECT



• Midia Gas Development 400m \$ investment with total of 320 Bcf

- Neptunian Deep reserves are 42 84 Bcm and 700m \$ investment
- Trident Block Ex-30 with estimated 30 Bcm gas
- XVIII Histria is estimated 30 m€ investment.
- Khan Asparuh block the Bulgaria received 45.2m\$ from bonus payment

SOUTH AKCAKOCA SUB-BASIN GAS FIELD



- Akçakoca field 608m \$ investment with a surface facility can process up to 75 Mcf of gas per day.
- Sakarya gas field estimated 540 Bcm (?)

Offshore Ukraine







- Ukraine reserves are 1.09 Tcm natural gas which is the second in Europe after Norway
- There are still more to find as these gas flares and gas hydrates in the Dnepr paleodelta.
- 9 Bcm natural gas 1P in offshore



Offshore Upstream Profile of Black Sea Countries





- Ukraine holds; between 1997-2001 discoveries and Paleocene Eocene sandstones
 - 917 Bcf gas
 - 70 M bbls
- Romania holds; between 1979-2007, Cretaceous, Eocene-Paleocene, Mio-Paleocene sandstones
 - 672 Bcf gas
 - 179 M bbls
- Bulgaria holds; 1951-1994, Cretaceous and Eocene sandstone and carbonates
 - 85 Bcf
 - 30 M bbls

Two Seas one Geological Realm





Figure 1. Regional location map during the Late Miocene. Dashed lines outline the central Paratethys and eastern Paratethys (modified after *Popov et al.* [2006]). Numbered boreholes 379, 380, and 381 indicate the location of DSDP boreholes, and 1 and 2 define the location of Iğneada-1 and Karadeniz-1 boreholes. Sc-strait, Scythian strait; Stavropol H-lands, Stavropol highlands; Sa, Sea of Azov.

Bartol and Govers, 2009

- Black Sea was apart of the Paratethys during Messinian- Pontian
- Until the beginning of the late Miocene (about 13.8 million years ago), the sea basin of the Caspian was connected to the Black Sea through the structural depression known as the Manych Trench (or <u>Kuma-Manych</u> <u>Depression</u>).
- After a late Miocene uplift, the Caspian became an enclosed body, with oceanic submarine characteristics preserved today only in the southern Caspian. The ocean connection was temporarily reestablished in the early <u>Pleistocene</u> (about 2.6 million years ago),

Caspian Sea by Numbers

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Caspian OffShore

Country	Crude oil and lease condensate (billion bbl)	Natural gas (Tcf)	
Azerbaijan total	8.5	51	
Offshore Caspian	6.8	46	
Iran total	0.5	2	
Offshore Caspian	0.5	1	
Kazakhstan total	31.2	104	
Offshore Caspian	15.7	36	
Russia total	6.1	109	
Offshore Caspian	1.6	14	
Turkmenistan total	1.9	19	
Offshore Caspian	1.1	9	
Uzbekistan total	negligable	7	
Offshore Caspian	0	0	
TOTAL CASPIAN	48.2	292	
Offshore Caspian	19.6	106	
Notes: Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, IHS EDIN, Eastern Bloc Research Energy Databook 2012			

es	1. Kazakhstan - 1,422 km (884 mi)
.⊑	2. Turkmenistan - 1,035 km (643 mi)
ţ	3. Azerbaijan - 813 km (505 mi)
as	4. Russia - 747 km (464 mi)
0	5. Iran - 728 km (452 mi)

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Features

Surface Area

Fact

1025m

211m

1200 km

78,200 km³

386,400 km²

Country	Oil offshore Thousand bbls / day	Natural Gas Offshore Bcf/y	
Azerbaijan	890	562	
Iran	0	0	
Kazakhstan	3	Negligable 17	
Russia	6		
Turkmenistan	46	1	
Uzbekistan	0	0	
Total	945	580	

Caspian Production

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, IHS EDIN, Eastern Bloc Energy, Rigzone, Rystad Energy



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Caspian Sea - Black Sea- North Sea



Caspian Sea			Black Sea		North Sea	
•	More than >5000 wells	•	Less than 100 wells 20 wells are drilled at ultra deep part	•	More than 7000 wells	
•	Partially unexplored	•	Widely unexplored, deep water exploration sarted at around 2000s	•	Discovery in the 75th well	
•	Disputes due to water territories	•	Political issues and disputes due to invasion of Ukraine	•	Open political system	
•	Production in Azerbaycan, Russia, Kazakhistan, Turkmenistan	•	Production in Romania, Turkey, Ukraine, Bulgaria	•	Mature basin and declining	
•	20 billion bbls (EIA,2013)	•	7 Bilion bbls (USGS,2000)		14 billion bbls	
•	106 Tcf (EIA,2013)				162 Tcf	
•	371.000km ²	•	436.402 km ²	•	570.000km ²	
•	1920	•	1975	•	1969	

the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) estimates another 20 billion barrels of oil and 243 Tcf of natural gas in as yet undiscovered,



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