

About Black Sea Grain Initiative

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- It was **set up to resume vital food and fertilizer exports from Ukraine** to the rest of the world.
- It was **brokered between Russia and Ukraine by the United Nations and Turkey**.
- The initiative **allowed exports of grain, other foodstuffs, and fertilizer**, including ammonia, **to resume through a safe maritime humanitarian corridor** from three **key Ukrainian ports: Chornomorsk, Odesa, and Yuzhny/Pivdennyi**, to the rest of the world.
- **Joint Coordination Centre (JCC):**
 - A **JCC was established to monitor** the implementation of the Initiative.
 - JCC Centre is **hosted in Istanbul** and **includes representatives from Russia, Türkiye, Ukraine, and the United Nations**.
 - The **UN acts as the Secretariat for the Centre**.
- **Procedure:**
 - **Vessels wishing to participate** in the Initiative **will undergo inspection off Istanbul** to ensure they are empty of cargo.

- **They then sail through** the maritime humanitarian corridor **to Ukrainian ports to load.**
- The **corridor is monitored 24/7** to ensure the safe passage of vessels.
- **Vessels on the return journey will also be inspected** at the inspection area off Istanbul.

Key Facts about Black Sea:

- It is an **inland sea between Eastern Europe and Western Asia.**
- It is **bound by Ukraine** to the north and northwest, **Russia** and **Georgia** to the east, **Turkey** to the south, and **Bulgaria** and **Romania** to the west.
- It **links to the Sea of Marmara through the Strait of Bosphorus** and then **to the Aegean through the Strait of Dardanelles.**

Q1) Which countries border Black Sea?

The Black Sea is located at the southeastern extremity of Europe. It is bordered by Ukraine to the north, Russia to the northeast, Georgia to the east, Turkey to the south, and Bulgaria and Romania to the west.

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