



**UNDP/GEF PROJECT ENTITLED “REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS IN THE
YELLOW SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM”**

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Report of Major Progress in Preparing for the Project Document

1. Brief History of the Preparation of the Project Document

Following the successful preparation and approval of the regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP), and the National SAPs, the partners of the project considered the 2nd phase of the project to implement the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) of YSLME.

1.1 Preparation of the Project Document and PIF

As required by the GEF, the application of the project's 2nd phase should start with the preparation of the Project Identification Form (PIF). With approval of PIF, the Project Document should be prepared and submit to the GEF CEO for endorsement.

Considered the PIF should be an abstract of the Project Document, the YSLME project started preparation of the Project Document and PIF in the same time, in close consultation with all the project partners, and governments of the countries bordering the Yellow Sea.

The PIF and the Project Document were submitted to the 6th Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting, Xi'An, China, 17-19 November 2009, and the 7th PSC meeting, Beijing, China 23-25 February 2011 for considerations. The final agreements on the two documents were reached.

1.2 Submission and Review of PIF

Following the standard procedure of GEF, the PIF was submitted to GEF Secretariat for review. After two rounds of reviews and medications, the YSLME PIF was not approved to be included into the work programme of the GEF Council meeting with unknown reason.

1.3 Preparation and approval of PFD

In order to maintain the momentum generated by the project during its first phase, and to maximize the benefits of the relevant GEF projects in the region, UNDP/GEF decided to take a programmatic approach with three projects namely: PEMSEA, YSLME and West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management (WPEA OFM). A Programme Framework Document (PFD) entitled: “*Reducing Pollution and Rebuilding Degraded Marine Resources*”

in the East Asian Seas through Implementation of Intergovernmental Agreement and Catalyzed Investments” was prepared, and approved by the GEF Council in November 2012.

1.4 Preparation and Approval of Revised PIF

With approval of the GEF Council of PFD, the YSLME PIF was revised and submitted to the eligible country for endorsement. With the new endorsement from China, the PIF was submitted to GEF, through UNDP/GEF. The technical clearance was obtained from GEF secretariat and the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP).

1.5 Revision of the Project Document

To avoid further delaying in starting the project’s 2nd phase, the PSC decided to revise the existing Project Document instead of using the Project Preparation Grant (PPG). The revised Project Document was prepared and reviewed. The major modifications include:

- Removed all the reference of the participation of DPR Korea as full member of the project, as originally planned. However, following the PSC ‘s decision the observer status of DPR Korea has been kept;
- Necessary project information and situation were updated following the development of the project; and
- Necessary format changes were made to meet the new format requirements of GEF and UNDP.

The National Workshops in discussing the Project Document were organised in China (Beijing, 26 March 2013) and RO Korea (Seoul, 29 March 2013). The major comments and suggestions from the workshops were incorporated into the Project Document.

The Project Document is provided to this meeting as a working document (UNDP/GEF/YS/RSP-SPSC.3/5)

2. Major Information on the Project Document

2.1 Project Title

Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem: Restoring Ecosystem Goods and Services and Consolidation of a Long-term Regional Environmental Governance Framework

2.2 Project Objective

To foster long-term sustainable institutional, policy, and financial arrangements for effective ecosystem-based management of the Yellow Sea (YS) in accordance with the YSLME Strategic Action Programme

2.3 Project Components

There are four components of the project:

- (i) Sustainable national and regional co-operation for ecosystem based management;
- (ii) Improving Ecosystem Carrying Capacity with respect to provisioning services;
- (iii) Improving Ecosystem Carrying Capacity with respect to regulating and cultural services;
- (iv) Improving Ecosystem Carrying Capacity with respect to supporting services

2.4 Budget

	Amount Year 1	Amount Year 2	Amount Year 3	Amount Year 4	Total
GEF	1,741,706	2,270,247	1,962,614	1,587,863	7,562,430
UNDP	250,000	650,000	850,000	342,000	2,092,000
WWF	450,000	1,100,000	250,000	0	1,800,000
China (in cash)	2,302,660	2,848,580	2,625,080	2,036,160	9,812,480
China (in kind)	19,299,310	19,589,290	19,396,591	19,457,390	77,742,581
Korea (in cash)	3,062,923	3,062,923	3,062,923	3,062,923	12,251,693
Korea (in kind)	3,588,932	3,588,932	3,588,932	3,588,931	14,355,728
TOTAL	30,695,531	33,109,972	31,736,140	30,075,267	125,616,911

2.5 Implementation Mechanism

