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

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**Technical Meeting for the Co-operative Study Cruises  
In the Yellow Sea Marine Basin  
For the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project  
Qingdao, China, 17-18 October 2005**

**Annotated Provisional Agenda**

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The Project Manager, Mr. Yihang Jiang, will open the meeting. On behalf of the project, he will welcome all participants to attend the meeting. Mr. Jiang will briefly introduce the objectives of the meeting, noting that the co-operative study cruise is one of the most important activities within the Project framework, not only to generate, for the first time, basin wide marine environmental data and information, but to build up co-operative spirit and trust among the scientists and experts of the participating countries.

Participating scientists and experts, or their representatives, will be invited to make statements during the opening of the meeting.

**2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING**

**2.1 Election of Officers**

Participants will be invited to elect a Chairperson to lead the discussion of the meeting. The Project Management Office (PMO) shall act as secretariat to the Meeting.

**2.2 Documentation Available to the Meeting**

The Chairperson will invite the Project Manager to introduce the documentation prepared for the meeting, referring to the document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC/inf.1.

**2.3 Organisation of Work**

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce this agenda item, referring to Document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.1/inf.3.

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

The Chairperson will introduce the Provisional Agenda (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.1/1) and Annotated Provisional Agenda (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.1/2), prepared by the Secretariat.

*Participants will be invited to propose any amendments, and additional items for consideration, and to adopt the agenda.*

### **4. INTRODUCTION OF THE PLAN FOR CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISES**

#### **4.1 Workplan of the Co-operative Study Cruises**

The Project Manager will introduce document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.1/4, the Workplan for Co-operative Study Cruises in the Yellow Sea Marine Basin. The document was prepared by the Project Management Office (PMO) based on the discussions and agreements of the First Meeting of the Regional Scientific and Technical Panel of the project, with the contribution of the Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute.

*The meeting will be invited to review the major elements of the document, and provide any comments to be considered by the meeting.*

#### **4.2 Expected Outputs and Outcomes of the Cruises**

The Chairperson will invite the PMO to introduce this agenda item referring to document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.1/5.

*The meeting will be invited to consider and agree on the expected outputs and outcomes of the cruises.*

### **5. STATUS REPORT ON GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISES PLAN**

The Chairperson will invite the National Project Co-ordinators (NPCs) to provide information on the status of government approval for the co-operative study cruises, based on the workplan provided by the PMO to the NPCs.

*The meeting will be invited to consider any matter relevant to this agenda item, and decide, if necessary, the required actions to be taken with clear indications on the responsible persons and deadlines.*

### **6. CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL ISSUES FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISES**

The Chairperson will invite the Chairpersons of the Regional Working Groups (RWGs) for Fisheries, Ecosystem and Pollution to present the requirements for their respective RWGs for the co-operative study cruises, with a focus on the winter cruise.

*The group will be asked to consider the following elements and prepare a final plan for the winter cruise.*

- 6.1 **Observation Area/route, Transects and Sampling Stations**
- 6.2 **Observation and Sampling requirements for the Fisheries Component**
- 6.3 **Observation and Sampling Requirements for the Ecosystem Component**
- 6.4 **Observation and Sampling Requirements for the Pollution Component**
- 6.5 **Data Analysis: Methods, Quality and Comparison of Final Results**
- 6.6 **Other Technical Issues**

## **7. LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISES**

The Chairperson will invite the representative of the Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute to present general information about the research vessel "Bei Dou", and relevant information about the winter cruise.

*The meeting will be invited to consider the following logistical information for the cruises, with particular emphasis on the winter cruise.*

- 7.1 **Preparation of research vessel**
- 7.2 **Preparation of necessary equipment**
- 7.3 **Consideration of scientists on-board and their responsibilities**
- 7.4 **Transportation of equipment and personnel**
- 7.5 **Other arrangements**

## **8. WORKPLAN FOR PREPARATION OF THE CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISES**

*Based on discussions and agreements of the previous agenda items, the meeting will prepare a detailed workplan for the cruises, in particular the winter cruise, with clear indication on the responsibilities and timelines, from preparation, start to finish.*

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Participants will be invited to raise any other issues needed to be considered by this meeting, under this agenda item.

## **10. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT**

The Chairperson will lead the adoption of the draft meeting report prepared by the Secretariat (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.1/3).

*The draft report will be discussed, amended and adopted by the meeting.*

## **11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairperson will call a motion to close this meeting.