



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

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**Second Technical Meeting for the Co-operative Study Cruises
In the Yellow Sea Marine Basin
For the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project
Qingdao, China, 26 - 27 April 2006**

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Project Manager 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 for the meeting, referring to Document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.2/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.2/inf.3.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

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

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

4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PSC

The Chairperson will invite the Project Manager to present a report on the discussion and agreements from the Special Meeting of the PSC (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/SPSC.1/3).

Participants will be invited to take note of these outputs for discussion during the agenda item on technical issues and arrangements for the spring cruise.

5. VISIT TO RESEARCH VESSEL

Participants will visit the research vessel, if arrangements can be made, and familiarise themselves with the vessel's facilities (UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.2/inf. 4) in order to facilitate the discussions and working sessions for the remainder of the Meeting.

6. INTRODUCTION OF THE PLAN FOR THE SPRING CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISE

- 6.1 Expected Outputs and Outcomes of the Meeting and the Spring Cruise**
- 6.2 Proposed Workplan Leading up to the Spring Cruise**

The Chairperson will invite the PMO to introduce these two agenda items referring to document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.2/4.

The Workplan for the Spring Co-operative Study Cruise in the Yellow Sea marine basin was prepared by the PMO, based on discussions and agreements from the First and Second Meetings of the Regional Scientific and Technical Panel, with the contribution of the cruise teams.

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

7. CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL ISSUES FOR THE SPRING CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISE

- 7.1 Observation Area/Route, Transect and Sampling Stations**
- 7.2 Observation and Sampling Requirements for the Components to be Included in the Co-operative Cruise**
- 7.3 Data Analysis: Methods, Quality and Comparison of Final Results**
- 7.4 Other Technical Issues**

The Chairperson will invite the Chairpersons of the Regional Working Groups (RWGs) for Ecosystem, Pollution, and Biodiversity to present the requirements for their respective RWGs for the Spring Co-operative Study Cruise (Documents UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.2/5a-c).

Participants will be asked to consider the cruise's technical elements, and prepare a final plan for the spring cruise.

8. LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPRING CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISE – WORKING SESSION

- 8.1 Preparation of Research Vessel**
- 8.2 Preparation of Necessary Equipment**
- 8.3 Consideration of Scientists On-board and Their Responsibilities**
- 8.4 Transportation of Equipment and Personnel**
- 8.5 Budget and Contracts**
- 8.6 Other Arrangements**

Participants will divide into working groups to work on finalising the logistical requirements for the spring cruise (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.2/6).

9. WORKPLAN FOR PREPARING THE SPRING CO-OPERATIVE STUDY CRUISE

Based on the discussions and agreements from the previous agenda items, the meeting will prepare a workplan for the spring cruise, with clear indications on the responsibilities and timelines (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/JC.2/7).

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Participants will be invited to raise any other issues needed to be considered by this meeting.

11. 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.2/3).

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

12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson will call a motion to close the meeting.