



2nd Korea NGOs Yellow Sea Partnership Workshop

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Second Korea NGOs Yellow Sea Partnership Workshop *Seocheon, Korea, 28th to 29th July 2006*

MEETING REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the proposal of KFEM for having another opportunity to discuss further on the Yellow Sea Partnership and promote co-operation with local NGOs, the second Korea NGOs Workshop was held in Seocheon, Korea, 28th – 29th July 2006. Approximately 40 participants from over 5 NGOs, 2 government-affiliated institutions, and 2 international organisations and projects attended the workshop. The workshop was co-organised and funded by the Korean Federation for Environmental Movement (KFEM) and UNDP/GEF Korea Wetland Project (KOWET). The meeting appreciated the efforts initiated by KFEM.

In the workshop, the PMO presented the Yellow Sea Project and introduced the Yellow Sea Partnership. KOWET also introduced its project with highlights of the current progress and main future activities of the project, including various public awareness activities in the project. The participating NGOs expressed their keen interest to join the Yellow Sea Partnership as well as join the procedure of decision making for the Yellow Sea Project, if NGOs are invited to serve as members of the PSC. The meeting then discussed how to strengthen the co-operation between Korean NGOs and the Yellow Sea Partnership. Participating NGOs agreed to continue to consider participating in the Partnership, reviewing the materials and information provided through the workshop.

As a result of the Workshop, four Korean NGOs expressed their willingness to join the Yellow Sea Partnership by submitting the Activity Table. The meeting reaffirmed the importance of co-operation and agreed to further consider the areas and activities in which collaboration would be further enhanced.

1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Welcome address

1.1.1 On behalf of the Korean Federation for Environmental Movement (KFEM), Mr. In-Sik Lee opened the meeting and welcomed all participants to Second Korea NGOs Yellow Sea Partnership Workshop. He thanked Seocheon KFEM for providing the venue and the meeting arrangement.

1.1.2 On behalf of UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project Management Office (PMO), Mr. Isao Endo expressed his appreciation to KFEM for organising the Second Korea NGOs Yellow Sea Partnership Workshop and for allowing PMO to have an opportunity to

introduce the Yellow Sea Partnership.

1.2 Introduction of the participants

- 1.2.1 Participants of the workshop were invited to introduce themselves and each gave a brief description of his/her organization and activities. Observers were also invited to introduce themselves, describing their purpose of participating in the workshop. The list of participants is attached to this report as [Annex I](#).

2 UNDP/GEF YELLOW SEA PROJECT AND YELLOW SEA PARTNERSHIP

2.1 Presentation of the Yellow Sea Project

- 2.1.1 Mr. Seonghwan Pae of the PMO introduced the Yellow Sea Project by explaining its objectives, focuses, and implementation structure. He also explained the development and progress of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and the Strategic Action Programme (SAP), the major outputs of the Project.

2.2 Presentation of Yellow Sea Partnership

- 2.2.1 Mr. Pae explained the Yellow Sea Partnership (YSP), describing its objectives, activities, and current members. Mr. Pae explained the YSP was established: (i) to facilitate co-operation and coordination among various organisations for marine conservation in the Yellow Sea and (ii) to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of each conservation activity. Then, he introduced the “Yellow Sea Public Awareness and Communication Strategy” and the “Implementation Matrix for Joint Activities” that the YSP adopted during its first meeting (Beijing, China, 15th to 16th March 2006). Mr. Pae mentioned that the YSP organises public awareness activities according to both the Strategy and the Matrix.
- 2.2.2 Mr. Pae introduced a procedure for interested organisations to join the YSP. The procedure consists of the following five steps:
- (1) Express willingness to be a partner;
 - (2) Provide information summarising proposed joint activities, including their purpose, contents, time frame, target audiences, and budget, if available;
 - (3) Circulate the information to all the YSP members;
 - (4) Try to make joint efforts for certain activities; and
 - (5) Implement the joint activities.
- 2.2.3 Mr. Pae then introduced the Activity Tables which were prepared individually by PMO, Korea Marine Rescue Centre, and Kanhwa People’s Network. Each Activity Table described possible activities that a proponent (NGO) proposed to implement jointly with other YSP members. Mr. Pae encouraged participating NGOs to provide necessary information about their proposed joint activities according to the Activity Table. Mr. Pae also explained about the PMO hosting the exhibition booth in the East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress 2006 (12-16 December, 2006, Haikou City, China) and invited the NGOs to provide materials for the exhibition as a joint public awareness activity.
- 2.2.4 Mr. Seungho Kim of the DMZ Eco Research Centre expressed willingness to be a partner, and to submit an Activity Table for potential co-operation.

3 UNDP/GEF KOREA WETLAND PROJECT

3.1 Presentation of UNDP/GEF Korea Wetland Project

- 3.1.1 On behalf of the UNDP/GEF Korea Wetland Project (KOWET) Project Management Unit (PMU), Mr. Youngcheol Park, National Project Coordinator of KOWET, introduced the project, explaining its objectives, major activities, and the budget. Mr. Park then highlighted the current progress and main future activities of the project. Specifically, he detailed various public awareness activities in the project, including seminars, training courses, and study tours.
- 3.1.2 Mr. Youngcheol Park emphasised that the KOWET utilises the expertise and experience of NGOs actively for the better design and implementation of the project. Mr. Park reported that the Project Steering Committee (PSC) invited representatives from local NGOs as its members. Mr. Park also mentioned that the project recruited staff members who used to work for local NGOs; the staff members worked at the Site Management Unit (SMU) in the project's demonstration sites of the Geum River and the Nakdong River.

4 DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The participants were invited to give their opinions or raise questions to the speakers who gave presentations.
- 4.2 Mr. Kyungwon Kim of the KFEM noted that the wetland types in Korea are currently classified by the criteria of the RAMSAR Convention. However, Mr. Kim thought that there are unique wetland types that the RAMSAR criteria cannot classify. Therefore, Mr. Kim suggested that relevant experts should be consulted to classify the unique wetland types. He also mentioned that KOWET Project should co-operate with other relevant government agencies such as the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MOMAF).
- 4.3 Mr. Seungho Kim affirmed that the ultimate objective of KOWET is to raise public awareness, and from that viewpoint, the partnership with NGOs is essential for the successful implementation of the KOWET project.
- 4.4 Mr. Kwanseok Seo of Suncheon KFEM suggested that the KOWET PMU provide an opportunity for Korean NGOs to suggest opinions about relevant activities of the project in the PSC. To achieve the expected outcomes of the project, it is necessary for the PMU to set up the process to enhance the dialogues with NGOs and gain the NGO's opinions.
- 4.5 For environmental education and public awareness activities for wetland conservation, Mr. Kwanseok Seo underlined that good-quality outputs of the project could be produced in co-operation with capable and experienced Korean NGOs.
- 4.6 Mr. Park, replied to Mr. Seo's comments by mentioning that the project tries to build and strengthen the co-operation with Korean NGOs through establishing the Site Management Coordination Committee in demonstration sites.
- 4.7 The participating NGOs questioned whether not only the Yellow Sea Partnership but also both the Yellow Sea and the KOWET Projects were supposed to be designed for the developing countries in light of the purpose of UNDP. The participants also

mentioned that they had an impression that they were told to follow a fixed framework of the project.

4.8 Ms. Hyunjoo Lee of Nakdong River SMU inquired whether NGOs were able to participate in the decision making procedure of the Yellow Sea Project as well as the Yellow Sea Partnership.

4.9 Mr. Isao Endo replied that NGOs could propose any ideas to the Yellow Sea Partnership freely. There is no rigid framework the partners had to follow. Meanwhile, Mr. Endo said, there might be requirements for NGOs to follow when they conduct activities under the Yellow Sea Project. For example, in the Small Grants Programme of the Yellow Sea Project, the contracted NGOs are required to meet certain objectives that the Project set, although the NGOs can propose activities freely to achieve the objectives.

4.10 About the NGOs' participation in the decision-making process, Mr. Endo mentioned that the Yellow Sea Project has considered the NGOs' membership in the PSC. However, the NGO membership issue is still under consideration and is subject to approval of the PSC. Therefore, Mr. Endo suggested the participants to conduct their discussion with more focus more on the Yellow Sea Partnership and on how Korean NGOs can contribute to conservation in the Yellow Sea, rather than on the NGO participation in the Yellow Sea PSC as members.

4.11 Mr. Pae thanked again KFEM for allocating considerable time to discuss the Yellow Sea Partnership. He reemphasized that the Yellow Sea Partnership is open to all and any interested parties and not mutually exclusive to current partners. He informed the meeting that the following four Korean NGOs expressed their willingness to join the Yellow Sea Partnership by submitting the Activity Table. The submitted Activity Tables are attached to this report as [Annex II](#).

- DMZ Eco Research Centre
- Kanghwa People's Network
- Korea Marine Rescue Centre
- Shihwa Life Saver

4.12 Participating NGOs, other than those that had expressed their willingness to join the Yellow Sea Partnership, agreed to continue to consider participating in the Partnership, reviewing the materials and information provided through the workshop.

4.13 The participants agreed that e-discussion groups would be an effective mechanism to continue the dialogue since the opportunities to have a similar workshop are limited.

5 CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

5.1 Mr. Kyungwon Kim thanked all participants of the workshop, Seocheon KFEM, and observers for their hard work and constructive discussion, and formally closed the workshop at 19:00 hrs, July 28th, 2006

Annex I

List of Participants

SURNAME IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

NAME	Organization, Institute or Programme
Mr. BAE, Kuijae	KFEM Wetland Committee
Mr. CHA, Inhwan	Kyungpook National University
Ms. CHO, Heesun	UNDP/GEF Korea Wetland Project
Ms. CHO, Hyundoo	Boseong KFEM
Mr. CHOI, Jintae	Korean Teachers' Organization for Ecological Education And Activity
Ms. CHOI, Sooyoung	Busan KFEM
Ms. CHOI, Youngrae	Korea Ocean Research & Development Institute
Ms. CHUN, Sijin	Busan KFEM
Ms. IM, Jeomhyang	Masan-Changwon KFEM
Mr. ENDO, Isao	UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project
Ms. JU, Hwanhee	Friends of River
Mr. KANG, Daebong	Boseong KFEM
Mr. KIM, Deoksung	Korean Teachers' Organization for Ecological Education And Activity
Ms. KIM, Hyangja	Busan KFEM
Mr. KIM, Incheol	KFEM Wetland Committee
Mr. KIM, Jaeseung	Friends of River
Mr. KIM, Kyungwon	KFEM Headquarters
Mr. KIM, Seungho	DMZ Eco Research Centre

Ms. KOO, Meesun	Seocheon KFEM
Ms. KWON, Eunhyung	KFEM Headquarters
Mr. LEE, Donghyun	Mesiran
Mr. LEE, Honggeun	Hwasung KFEM
Ms. LEE, Hyunjoo	UNDP/GEF Korea Wetland Project
Mr. LEE, In-sik	Masan-Changwon KFEM
Mr. LEE, Kyungho	Daejeon KFEM
Ms. LEE, Meesook	Goyang KFEM
Mr. LEE, Pyeongju	Seosan-Taeon KFEM
Ms. LEE, Yesoon	Seocheon KFEM
Ms. MOON, Meerang	Korea National Park Service
Mr. PAE, Seonghwan	UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project
Mr. PARK, Joosik	Kwangyang KFEM
Ms. PARK, Sunyoung	KFEM Headquarters
Mr. PARK, Taehyun	KFEM Headquarters
Mr. PARK, Youngcheol	UNDP/GEF Korea Wetland Project
Mr. SEO, Kwanseok	UNDP/GEF Korea Wetland Project
Mr. YANG, Jinwoo	Environmental Action Association
Mr. YEO, Kilook	Seocheon KFEM
Mr. YOON, Byungryul	Sacheon KFEM

Annex II

Activity Table submitted for Yellow Sea Partnership

1. DMZ Eco Research Centre

Activity	When	Brief information	Budget (USD)	Target audience
Biodiversity promotion activity in Western Civilian Control Zone	Year round	1. Conduct biological field survey in the borderland 2. Organize an education programme for biodiversity conservation in borderland 3. Conduct migratory birds survey along Han River and Imjin River near Civilian Control Zone.	30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and Local Government Agencies • The General Public/Media • Youth Groups
Other activities currently conducting 1. Field research in borderland (migratory birds and plant) 2. DMZ Wild plant eco-school 3. DMZ black vulture eco-school 4. DMZ insect eco-school 5. DMZ eco-interpreter training school (under planning)				

2. Kanghwa People's Network

Activity	When	Brief information	Budget (USD)	Target audience
Monitoring programme of mudflat migratory birds along with local people	2007. March-	Conduct the survey on the environmental changes in Kanghwa area through observation of local ecosystem and sustainable monitoring, and make a contribution to input marine environmental conservation policy 1. Understanding on the status of migratory birds in Kanghwa tidal flat and contribute to form management planning. 2. Ecosystem management, computer education, public relation 3. Raise the awareness for the migratory bird habitat	10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Based Organisations • Scientific/Academic Community • National and Local Government Agencies • Non-Governmental Organizations • The General Public/Media
Wildlife Protection Activity	2006. December	1. Artificial feeding programme for wintering migratory birds during the snowing and extreme wintering season 2. Protection for breeding population of Endangered migratory birds 3. Public awareness activity for local people	12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Based Organisations • National and Local Government Agencies • Non-Governmental Organizations • The General Public/Media
Training programme for Eco-culture leader	TDB	Train local people as eco-culture leaders and induce them to participate in the environmental monitoring and explore the introduction of an effective ecotourism, in turn contribute to improve the sustainable development of local community	10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Based Organisations • National and Local Government Agencies • Non-Governmental Organizations • The General Public/Media • Youth Groups

3. Korea Marine Rescue Centre

Activity	When	Brief information	Budget (USD)	Target audience
Coastal Clean-up Event (Korea-China joint event)	2007. September 3 rd Saturday	<p>1. Establish the partnership between Korean and Chinese NGOs to address the marine litter problem in Yellow Sea (held workshop) - proposed procedure - 1) find out the Chinese partner 2) share the data and information (result of Korean coastal clean-up event) 3) give a training on how to arrange the event, reporting methodology and the way of utilization of information</p> <p>2. Participate in the International Coastal Cleanup which is held in every 3rd Saturday of September annually.</p> <p>3. distribution of public awareness material (like posters, leaflets, data cards) in Chinese language</p> <p>4. Following data analysis, prepare the report in three language versions (Korean, Chinese and English). Distribution of the report to the General public/media, scientific/academic community and relevant industries.</p>	30,000*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Based Organisations • Scientific/Academic Community • National and Local Government Agencies • Legislative Bodies • Non-Governmental Organizations • The General Public/Media • Donor Community • Industry/Consumers • Youth Groups

* Denote: travel cost between Korea and China, workshop arrangement, printing cost of brochure in Chinese and workshop report in 3 language versions (Korean, Chinese and English)

4. Shihwa Life Saver

Activity	When	Brief information	Budget (USD)	Target audience
Training programme for Shihwa lake Environmental leaders (Target: local school teachers)	2007. July 24-27	1. Status of Shihwa lake - Air, water, plant, insect, wildlife, benthos, migratory birds 2. History of reclamation Reclamation history of Shihwa, historic features in western coastal area, marine culture, culture of fisheries 3. Workbook demonstration for the young 4. Shihwa lake green tour 5. Shihwa lake teachers' study group for further development of environmental education for the young and sharing relevant information and knowledge	7,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific/Academic Community • Non-Governmental Organizations • The General Public/Media
Support for the young environmental education of Shihwa lake	July 2006 - June 2007	Support for environmental education of Shihwa lake targeted for the young Production of workbook for environmental education of Shihwa lake targeted for the young	13,150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Groups
Workshop on the future of Shihwa Lake	2006 September	Workshop on the future of Shihwa Lake along with stakeholders, teachers and the young	12,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Based Organisations • Scientific/Academic Community • National and Local Government Agencies • Non-Governmental Organizations • The General Public/Media • Youth Groups
Shihwa Lake environmental education training	2006	Organize programme for Shihwa Lake environmental education training targeted for eco-guide in Siheung, Ansan and Hwasung area	13,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Governmental Organizations • The General Public/Media Youth Groups