

Yellow Sea Partnership Workshop

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Meeting Summary

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Welcome addresses

- 1.1.1 On behalf of the Yellow Sea Partnership (YSP), Mr. Yihang Jiang, Project Manager for the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) Project welcomed the group to the meeting.
- 1.1.2 Mr. Jiang, on behalf of the Partnership, gave thanks to Wetlands International for the effective arrangements of the meeting, then introduced the topics and the work to be accomplished during the meeting.
- 1.1.3 The meeting proposed for Mr. Chen Kelin, Director of the Wetlands International (WI) Beijing, to act as Chairperson for the meeting, he accepted this task welcoming participants to Beijing. He voiced his pleasure at being given the opportunity to host the meeting on behalf of the Yellow Sea Partnership and hoped that the meeting would be fruitful and successful.

1.2 Introduction of the members

- 1.2.1 As the first point of action for the group, the Chairperson invited each participant to introduce themselves to the meeting.
- 1.2.2 Each participant gave an overview of their organisation, their organisations focal area and provided details of their work in the Yellow Sea region. A list of participants is attached in Annex I.

2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

2.1 Documentation Available to the Meeting

- 2.1.1 The Chairperson invited the YSLME Project Management Office (PMO) to introduce the documentation prepared for the meeting on behalf of the Yellow Sea Partnership (YSP).
- 2.1.2 Mr. Jeffrey Archer of the YSLME PMO described the documents provided to the participants, based on the discussions with some of the member organisations, indicating that there were two kinds of document available: Working and

Informational. He drew particular focus to the Informational document YSP/YSPACS 'The Yellow Sea Public Awareness and Communications Strategy' which participants were asked to familiarise themselves with prior to the meeting.

2.2 Organisation of Work

2.2.1 The participants were referred to the Document YSP/YSPW.1/inf.3 which described the flow of work for the next two days. **All agreed with the schedule of work as proposed** with the understanding that it was flexible and could be changed depending on how the meeting progressed.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

3.1 The Chairperson invited participants to consider the Workshop Programme (Document YSP/YSPW.1/1), prepared on behalf of the YSP, and to propose any amendments or additions that the group might wish.

3.2 Mr. Jiang remarked that there was indeed a lot of work that needed to be covered over the next two days and that the group would need to be flexible in making changes to priority items in the agenda if time became limited.

3.3 **No modifications to the workshop programme were made** and the agenda for the meeting can be found as Annex II.

4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS FROM THE MEETING

4.1 Mr. Archer described the main objectives of this workshop (referring to Document YSP/YSPW.1/2) which was to create a mechanism for the co-operative participation of the members of the Yellow Sea Partnership in an effort to raise national, regional and international awareness of the environmental problems faced by the Yellow Sea.

4.2 He added the other primary objectives of the First Yellow Sea Partnership workshop, were to:

- Introduce the members of the Yellow Sea Partnership;
- Ensure that the requirements of each partner and their respective stakeholders are incorporated into activities under the overall Yellow Sea Partnership Strategy;
- Plan Partnership actions/activities for the immediate future and co-ordinate partner input; and
- Identify resources that are available to the partnership, and/or that each partner can provide.

4.3 Mr. Archer hoped that discussions would produce an agreement on the overall Yellow Sea Partnership Strategy as proposed (its aims, purpose, targets/stakeholders, key messages, calls-to-actions and expected outcomes), an agreement on the mechanism of operation for the Partnership, agreements on areas of collaboration, contribution and responsibility, and finally, an agreement on a method for the evaluation of success.

4.4 He also added that the successful completion of the meeting would provide the following tangible outputs:

- A Joint Statement for YS Partnership approved by participating entities
- An agreed list of activities (workshops, events, etc) including;
 - Associated resource requirements
 - Identified sources of equipment, materials and finances available for the actions/activities
- An agreed workplan for activities showing timing, and schedule of input for each partner
- A decision on whether a second meeting should be held, and a proposed venue for the next meeting of the Yellow Sea Partnership.

4.5 Participants considered the explanation, provided comments, and agreed on the expected outcomes and outputs as proposed.

5. THE YELLOW SEA PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

5.1 The Chairperson invited the YSLME PMO, on behalf of the YSP to describe the contents and rationale of the Yellow Sea Public Awareness and Communications Strategy document.

5.2 Mr. Jeff Archer informed the meeting that the Yellow Sea Public Awareness and Communications Strategy document (referring to Document YSP/YSPACS) was circulated to the partners before the meeting for comments and suggestion. It proposes a framework for Public Awareness and Communications activities for the YSP. He indicated that the strategy should be considered a 'work in progress', with the contents being developed over time as more input from stakeholders and partners is obtained.

5.3 He further described the purpose of the Strategy, its geographic scope, the desired outcomes of the strategy, its key messages, calls-to-action, approach to implementation, target/stakeholder audience, the period of activities, and the requirements for a resource availability assessment, and requirements for monitoring and evaluation.

5.4 **Participants considered the document, and made comprehensive additions and modifications to the contents. The final Yellow Sea Public Awareness and Communications Strategy document is provided in Annex III.**

6. ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED

6.1 Participants were asked to discuss the actions and activities that are required to contribute to, or fulfil, the objectives of the Strategy, and to comment on the suitability of the YSP Implementation Matrix (Document YSP/YSPW.1/3), which was developed for the working group in order to facilitate the coordination of input, collaboration and allocation of resources between partners for the actions and activities under the multiple sub-strategies.

6.2 The group accepted the document as an appropriate way to manage this information, and provided comments on the list of activities, potential areas of input and collaboration, and the potential availability of resources. The workshop recognised the matrix will provide basic information on the activities and actions of each YSP, and will serve as basic information to identify potential co-operation and co-ordination

among the partners. The final YSP Implementation Matrix document is provided in Annex IV.

- 6.3 Due to time constraints, not all partners at the meeting were able to provide their full input into the matrix. These groups **pledged to work with the partnership to examine areas of co-operation and provide their input on the list of activities, resources and contacts, and provided to the YSP after the meeting.**
- 6.4 The meeting recommended that an email discussion group (e-group) be established for communications between partners to facilitate coordinated communications.
- 6.5 **The YSLME PMO offered to host this e-group from their website (www.yslme.org) in the meantime, and would make the appropriate arrangements immediately.**

7. WORKPLAN

- 7.1 Due to time constraints, the timeframe of actions and activities required to fulfil the objectives of the Strategy and the requirements of the respective organisations was not able to be discussed at the workshop.
- 7.2 **The YSLME PMO agreed to work with partners after the workshop to develop the Project GANTT Chart** (Document YSP/YSPW.1/4) to assist in the planning and coordination of actions and activities for the YSP.
- 7.3 The YSLME PMO will ask participants later to provide input on the timing of actions and activities based on the requirements of their respective organisations and timing of available resources that they can provide.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 Participants were invited to raise any other issues that need to be considered by this meeting.
- 8.2 Mr. Archer reported on a small grants programme that the YSLME Project is running; describing the focus and aims, type of support offered, the eligibility of applicants and deadline for proposals.
- 8.3 He encouraged the participating NGOs to provide suggestions for topics for these grants also encouraging them to apply themselves. The call for proposals for this small grants programme can be found in Annex V.
- 8.4 Ms. Belyn Rafael from PEMSEA informed the meeting that a similar scheme is currently operated by PEMSEA in partnership with the GEF Small Grants Programme and suggested that it would be more beneficial if co-operation and co-ordination could be pursued.

9. STATEMENT OF CO-OPERATION

9.1 Participants were invited to review the draft Statement of Co-operation that was developed on the behalf of the YSP (Document YSP/YSPW.1/4).

9.2 **Participants discussed the contents of the statement, modified and provided additional items before collectively agree on the contents. The final statement of co-operation can be found in Annex VI.**

9.3 Participants agreed that a signature on the document was not required and that a statement was all that was required to identify a commitment and a willingness to participate in the partnership.

9.4 The following is the outcome:

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| Global Village of Beijing (GVB) | Will participate in YSP |
| Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI) | Will participate in YSP |
| Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) | Will participate in YSP |
| Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) | Will participate in YSP |
| The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Beijing | To be confirmed |
| UNEP Regional Seas Programme Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) | Will participate in YSP |
| United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) China | Will participate in YSP |
| Wetlands International (WI) | Will participate in YSP |
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| Worldwide Fund for Nature – Japan | Will participate in YSP |
| Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) Project | Will participate in YSP |

10. VENUE FOR NEXT WORKSHOP

10.1 Participants were asked to consider the requirement of a second YSP workshop and if so, to discuss the venue for it. An invitation was offered for any Partner to host the next workshop.

10.2 **Participants agreed on the necessity for another meeting, and also discussed whether meetings should be on a regular basis. There was agreement that the group should examine this possibility at the next meeting.**

10.3 The meeting discussed the possibility to hold the next meeting in Korea. As travel funding to Korea is required by some partners, **it was agreed that the time and venue would be discussed at a later stage to allow members to examine their travel budgets and see whether this is possible.**

11. ADOPTION OF THE WORKSHOP REPORT

11.1 **The YSLME PMO offered to function as secretariat to the group until such a time as the YSP develops its own infrastructure, and to prepare the summary of this meeting, which they will distribute to all partners after the meeting.**

12. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

- 12.1 Mr. Yihang Jiang thanked all participants of the 1st Yellow Sea Partnership Workshop for their input and hard work over the past two days. He stated that he was impressed with style of discussion and that even though the dialogue was kept informal, there was a professional exchange of views and active contribution to discussion by all groups. He voiced his hope that the partnership will continue, even though some of the projects involved cease to exist after some time. He gave thanks to Wetlands International for their hospitality and successful facilitation of the meeting, and gave praise to their effective team.
- 12.2 Mr. Chen Kelin stated that he was very pleased to be given the opportunity to host the meeting, and that it was a good opportunity for them to meet all the participants. He voiced his hope that they will continue to work closely together.

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Yellow Sea Public Awareness and Communications Strategy

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**YELLOW SEA
PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

PREFACE

The UNDP/GEF Project on Reducing Environmental Stress in the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) (www.yslme.org) has actively been seeking co-operation with relevant international organisations and NGOs, to enhance the effectiveness of its own conservation activities and the transmission of information produced by this project to a greater stakeholdership.

The Project Management Office (PMO) for the YSLME Project has been exploring the possibility, and the concrete mechanisms, for successful co-operation with a number of organisations (such as the World Wide Fund for Nature [WWF], Wetlands International [WI], the Marine Stewardship Council [MSC], and the United Nations Environment Programme Northwest Pacific Action Plan [NOWPAP]).

During dialogues with these partners, considerable mutual benefit was realised in terms of data and information sharing and the sharing of effort and expertise; however, it was acknowledged that the inter-relationship between the varieties of partners was highly complex and dynamic. This 'multiplicity of input' formed the impetus for the development of a 'Public Awareness and Communications Strategy.'

This Public Awareness and Communications Strategy was developed to produce a basic framework for coordinated actions of the numerous groups involved in the 'Yellow Sea Partnership (YSP)', including initially the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Project (YSLME), the WWF/KEI/KORDI Yellow Sea Ecoregion Planning Programme (YSEPP), the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), and Wetlands International (WI). The partnership is open and available for participation by any organisation interested in the activities identified in this strategy and additional partnerships have since been pursued.

This strategy should be considered a 'work in progress', the contents of which will built-upon over time, particularly as more stakeholders are identified, partnerships are made and lessons are learned. It will be executed and evolved on a continual basis.

The geographical focus of this strategy is essentially the entire coastal and marine areas of the Yellow Sea, delimited to the south by a line connecting the north bank of the mouth of the Chang Jiang (Yangtze River) to the south side of Cheju Island, to the east by a line connecting Cheju Island to Jindo Island along the coast of the ROK, and to the north by a line connecting Dalian to Penglai (on the Shandong Peninsula). The coastal boundary is defined as the mouths of the major rivers (as conduits for contaminant input), whereas coastal zones are defined according to existing national programs.

However, the effective scope of the strategy is much larger and seeks to target the communities living around the Yellow Sea coastal areas, the communities utilising its watersheds and its resources, and the greater 'global' community as indirect stakeholders of the ecosystem. This strategy seeks to convey its messages and 'calls to action' to the widest extent possible.

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1. BACKGROUND

The Yellow Sea is the semi-enclosed body of water nestled between the margins of the three countries of China, North and South Korea. It is one of the largest shallow-water seas in the world (50-80m deep), partially-enclosed by coastline and home to a number of regionally and globally important species.

In addition to indigenous organisms, the Yellow Seas provides over-wintering habitats for many transient species of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and invertebrates. These include rare marine mammals such as the dugong and porpoises; rare birds such as the Saunders' Gull, Black-faced Spoonbill, Chinese Parrot-bill, Dalmatian Pelican, and Little Gull; rare marine reptiles such as the Green, Hawksbill, Ridley and the highly vulnerable Leatherback turtle; economically important fish such as the Yellow Croaker, Anchovy, Spanish mackerel, and Pacific herring; and many endemic plants, fish and invertebrates. Many other endangered or ecologically important organisms live near the shores of the sea, or inhabit the wetlands and watersheds leading to the marine basin.

Adjacent wetland and coastal sediment systems support a multitude of plants and invertebrates which make important contributions to open-sea recruitment processes and ecosystem function and provide critical breeding habitats or 'refueling stops' for migratory birds, many of which are extremely threatened.

The Yellow Sea forms an economic resource for these countries providing an extremely important highway for international shipping with all three countries possessing major ports that access the Yellow Sea, and with the rapid economic growth of many of these countries, the already heavy shipping levels are steadily increasing. Offshore oil exploration and prospecting for minerals in the Yellow Sea is currently being examined by both China and North Korea and there is potential for the extraction of these products in this region. Although tourism is still in its infancy in this region, both countries have come to the realization of the benefits of these industries for the economy and all regions have strategies to develop this industry to cater for the massive population into the future. There are a number of major industries relying on the coastal areas of the Yellow Sea. Commercial activities include rearing of fish, shrimp, clams and seaweed (marine aquaculture = mariculture). Salt production is also an important economic activity in this area, and the coastal zones in many regions are heavily exploited for these applications.

This region has some of the most densely populated, heavily urbanized, and industrialized cities in the world, with a massive and growing population (hundreds of millions living in areas around the Yellow Sea), all dependent on the Yellow Sea as a source of nutrition, economy, recreation and tourism. Centuries of utilization of living and non-living resources and increasing anthropogenic pressure has altered the ecosystem and is creating even more stress than it has ever experienced before.

According to many studies the condition of the Yellow Sea commercial fisheries is in a state of decline and although the sea was once one of the most intensively exploited large marine ecosystems (LMEs) in the world, many fisheries have since fallen below the levels which make them economically sustainable. Catch compositions have changed from the larger-sized, more commercially important species (such as Yellow

Croaker and Hair-tail) and have been replaced by smaller-bodied and lower-valued fish (such as anchovy). Similarly, catch-effort for major commercial species (such as the Small Yellow Croaker, Hair-tail, Pacific cod, flatfish, cephalopods, skates, etc) has increased over time. Fishing resources are also threatened by extensive habitat loss and land & sea-based sources of pollution resulting from extensive economic development in the coastal zone of all fringing countries.

The Yellow sea is currently characterized as 'severely impacted' in terms of eutrophication and magnitude of loss and modification of ecotones. These impacts only seem to be compounding. Increases in concentrations of pollutants entering the sea through industrial wastewater, municipal sewerage and storm-water drainage, non-point source contaminants of agricultural origin (pesticides) and oil discharged from shipping traffic and port activities are associated with the disappearance of habitats and species, increased concentration of pollutants in organisms, and the increased occurrence of noxious organisms such as those involved in 'red tides'. The frequency of outbreaks of harmful algal blooms have increased along the Yellow Sea coast, particularly in association with areas with aquaculture facilities, pollutant input and marine construction, particularly where water circulation is restricted. The sanitary conditions on many beaches are unsatisfactory in many places, and there are increasing contaminant levels in many fish and sea products. Many contaminants have also made their way up the food chain to humans, where they have been shown to accumulate to potentially deleterious levels.

As the coastal zones of the Yellow Sea have some of the highest human densities in the region, large portions of the coastal habitat have been altered for agriculture and industrial as a result. The conversion of coastal areas to industrial and agricultural land has seriously degraded the avifauna-rich habitats of this area, with particular significance of those along the 'Siberian-Australasian Flyway'. Rare water birds such as the Dalmatian pelican, Black-Faced Spoonbill, and Little Gull over-winter in many coastal wetland areas along the Yellow Sea coastlines and represent sites for major breeding colonies of these animals, including the seriously threatened Saunders' gull.

Exploitation, eutrophication and modification of habitats have occurred throughout the history of human existence in this area, but the level of impacts has now reached a point where the self-regulatory mechanisms of the Yellow Sea LME are severely affected.

Many environmental problems and/or source of impacts are transboundary in nature, over-lapping the political boundaries and responsibilities, particularly with regard to the management of marine resources, industrial pollution and ecosystem health.

The three countries surrounding the LME share some aspects of historical and cultural background, but differ in political systems, political and economic alignment, and levels of economic development. This discontinuity has delayed, or in many cases, impeded the development of collaborative mechanisms to manage marine resources, industrial pollution and ecosystem health.

The formal infrastructure to bring about regional and international collaboration and cooperation in monitoring and research activities within the LME is needed for developing the necessary resource assessments, scientific baseline studies and management plans for hazardous events (such as algae blooms, mammal die-offs, oil

spills, etc). This is only possible with a common understanding of the issues, the responsibilities (governance of transboundary issues), mechanisms and tools required to address the problems.

2. PURPOSE OF THE STRATEGY

As was stated earlier in this document, this strategy was developed to provide a framework to facilitate the coordinated actions of the numerous groups involved in the 'Yellow Sea Partnership'.

The overall purpose of this strategy however, is to create a strong awareness of the problems faced by the Yellow Sea by informing the wider stakeholder-ship of the impacts of unsustainable activities, and how the Yellow Sea ecosystem can be improved by the mitigation or elimination of the impacts, or stressors, for the benefit of humankind.

Highlighted in this strategy is the need for increased public support from all sectors in the development of activities and policy, and participation in actions, leading to the restoration and sustainable development of the Yellow Sea, as both the casualties of impacts and the beneficiaries of restoration. The strategy aims to:

- Develop Public Awareness and Encourage Public Participation,
- Encourage Development/Improvement of Regional Institutions and Capacities,
- Encourage Regional Coordination,
- Promote Activities of National Institutions,
- Encourage Development of Financial Instruments, and
- Encourage Yellow Sea Data and Information Management.

Consideration of these aims ensures that the overall strategy produces a more comprehensive, 'holistic' communications programme with a high-probability of self-sustainability.

To cover the socio-economic and environmental issues considered in this strategy, skills and resources from various sectors are required. Numerous organisations have come together in a partnership, the 'Yellow Sea Partnership', to co-contribute their efforts in the development and transfer of information on the current status of the Yellow Sea ecosystem to stakeholders.

3. WHAT DOES THE STRATEGY SAY?

The overall messages that this Public Awareness and Communications Strategy hopes to convey are:

- The status of the Yellow Sea – the problems and the trends;
- How environmental problems affect local communities, adjacent countries, the global community and global environmental systems;
- What is currently being done to monitor and remediate these problems;

- How remediation of environmental problems can benefit stakeholders; and
- The role that each partner plays in the Yellow Sea partnership.

These are broken down into more specific messages in separate sub-strategies which target specific stakeholder groups to maximise information transfer.

4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The expected outcome of this strategy is to create a strong public awareness of the problems faced by the Yellow Sea; how the ecosystem is currently affected by the activities of humans and how the ecosystem can be improved by the mitigation or elimination of these problems. As a result, develop stronger public support and participation in actions leading to the mitigation or elimination of these problems, as a major element in the management plan of the Yellow Sea.

The main specific goals of this Public Awareness and Communications Strategy are to:

- Establish partnership for joint activities in the public awareness and participation in the Yellow Sea;
- Produce regional list of the stakeholders;
- Inform stakeholders of the roles of the Yellow Sea in the global scenario;
- Report to stakeholders of the problems faced by the Yellow Sea;
- Warn how these problems can and do affect local and global communities;
- Inform how remediation of problems can benefit all stakeholders;
- Inform stakeholders and funding agencies of the focus and rationale of the projects, their status and incremental levels of achievements;
- Inform stakeholders of the benefits to themselves and to the marine and coastal environment derived from the various projects;
- Inform stakeholders of their roles and responsibilities in stewardship of the ecosystem;
- Inform all stakeholders of their functions in improving the status of the environment in the Yellow Sea; and
- Encourage greater stakeholder contributions to environmental management and the decision-making process.

5. KEY MESSAGES/KEY ISSUES

The key issues that the Public Awareness and Communications Strategy seek to convey are:

- Important role of Yellow Sea in global scenario, how it is currently impacted;
- Deteriorating water quality, deteriorating conditions of beaches and coastal areas and deteriorating human health quality as a result;
- Irrevocable loss of ecologically important coastal and marine habitats;
- Yellow Sea marine biodiversity is degraded and declining, leading to loss or imminent loss of endangered species;

- The health of the Yellow Sea can be restored but mitigating actions are **urgently** required, and assistance of all stakeholders is vital for successful actions;
- The deterioration of the Yellow Sea has greatly reduced its ability to provide food and socio-economic benefits to coastal communities, and countries in the region; and
- Strengthen the ability of stakeholders to respond to man-made and natural threats to the yellow sea.

6. CALL TO ACTION

Individual 'calls-to-action' have been tailored to target each of the stakeholder groups that have been identified. These separate calls to action fall into one of the two over-riding calls-to-action listed below:

'It is time to act' and 'Invest, strengthen, facilitate, develop and conduct work to protect and improve the Yellow Sea environment'.

7. WHO

WHO is implementing this Strategy?

The partnership is comprised of a variety of organisations including those representing scientific, academic, governmental, non-governmental, international stakeholders, the general public and private sector.

The Yellow Sea Partnership is open to all and any interested parties and is not mutually exclusive to current partners.

The following provide a sample of the current partnership members and represent the founding groups, based on meetings that took place during 2005/2006 and which resulted in the establishment of various Memorandums of Understanding or agreements between parties.

- Global Village of Beijing (GVB)
- Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI)
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
- Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Beijing
- UNEP Regional Seas Programme Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP)
- UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) Project
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) China
- Wetlands International (WI)
- Worldwide Fund for Nature – China
- Worldwide Fund for Nature – Hong Kong
- Worldwide Fund for Nature – Japan
- WWF/KEI/KORDI Yellow Sea Eco-Region Planning Programme (YSEPP)

As this is a partnership, all participants share effort in the implementation of actions, and the Project Management Office (PMO) of the YSLME has offered to function as secretariat and will facilitate the organisation of meetings and activities.

WHO are the Target Audiences/Proposed Stakeholders?

After several rounds of discussions with partners, the following stakeholder groups have been identified, and various actions and activities will be tailored to cover these entities.

- Community-based Organisations
- Scientific/Academic Community
- National and Local Government Agencies
- Legislative Bodies
- Non-government Organisations
- The General Public/The Media
- The Donor Community
- Industry/Consumers
- Youth Groups

8. HOW

The Communications and Public Awareness Strategy targets the General Public (Local Communities & Coastal Populations), Regional and National Institutions, the scientific/Academic and global community and aims to develop and provide the mechanisms, financial Instruments and data and information management systems to ensure self-sustainability of these activities.

The overall strategy is composed of nine sub-strategies representing and targeting the individual stakeholder groups as defined in the list above.

Sub-strategies are therefore:

- Sub-Strategy 1: Community-Based Organisations
- Sub-Strategy 2: Scientific/Academic community
- Sub-Strategy 3: National and Local Government Agencies
- Sub-Strategy 4: Legislative Bodies
- Sub-Strategy 5: Non-government Organisations
- Sub-Strategy 6: The General Public/ the Media
- Sub-Strategy 7: The Donor Community
- Sub-Strategy 8: Industry/Consumers
- Sub-Strategy 9: Youth Groups

Each sub-strategy contains a suite of mechanisms and activities which focuses directly on the given stakeholder group.

These include:

- Public Awareness Events (exhibition, site visits, etc) and Campaigns
- Public Awareness Conferences
- Public Awareness Training Workshops
- Scientific Workshops
- High-level National Planning/Legislation Process Meetings
- Provision of Multi-language Information through Print and Electronic Media
- And development, production and distribution of Promotional Items

A YSP Implementation Matrix (Annex I) has been developed to facilitate the coordination input, collaboration and allocation of resources between partners for the actions and activities under these sub-strategies.

9. WHEN

See the attached schedule (Annex II) for initiation dates, frequencies and durations of action and activities.

10. MEASUREMENT OF SUCCESS

- A comprehensive list of Yellow Sea stakeholders developed
- Completion of workshops and training programs with the objective of each activity met
- Production of useful promotional materials
- Distribution of public awareness materials
- Communication tools developed and implemented
- Engagement of public and private sector in public awareness activities and activities of the YSLME project

Sub-Strategy 1: COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS

Overview

Community-based organizations play a crucial role in promoting sustainable management and conservation in the Yellow Sea. Being the primary users and stakeholders, deepening the awareness among these organizations will catalyze action at the local level. Public awareness and communication for community-based organization aims to enhance the understanding of the complex socio-cultural, political and economic factors affecting the utilization and management of the Yellow Sea. Whilst recognizing the limitations of community-based organisations to directly address threats themselves, an understanding of these complexities will provide the starting point in effectively engaging these organizations in dealing with the issues in the Yellow Sea.

Desired outcome

To create a strong awareness of the problems faced by the Yellow Sea in the general community, by informing stakeholders of the current negative affects of human activities on the ecosystem and how this can be improved by the mitigation or elimination of the problems, or stressors. The end result, it is hoped, will be increased public support in YSLME activities and greater level of public participation in actions leading to the mitigation or elimination of these problems.

Target Audience

The target audience of this sub-strategy is community-based organisations representing communities of all countries with interests in the Yellow Sea. These are organisations based in and working in one or more local communities (neighbourhoods or districts); they are normally private, charitable organisations which are run by and for the local community.

Communities include the cities and towns adjacent to the coastline and adjacent to major watersheds, including wetlands and other inland water-related areas adjacent to the sea.

Community-based groups include those representing direct and indirect end-users of products from the Yellow Sea such as Fishers & Fisheries groups and importers and purchasers of fisheries products.

For example:

People's Republic of China

- Fishers and Fisheries Groups (aquatic product producers, including aquaculture)
- Local conservation groups

Republic of Korea

- Fishermen and Fisheries Groups (aquatic product producers, including aquaculture)
- Korea: Local Fishing Village Group (Eochonge) including subsistence users

- Korea: Seasonal fisherman from outside the local community
- Local conservation groups

Japan

- Japanese fishing fleet operators
- Japanese importers of aquatic products from China and Korea

Key Message(s)

- The Yellow Sea possesses a rich diversity of plants and animals but is one of the most severely degraded seas in the world.
- A clean and productive marine environment is good for you, your economy, your culture and for future generations.
- You can help the Yellow Sea: The situation can be reversed, you and your community can be part of this, benefiting global marine systems and the global community.

Call to Action

- Improve fisheries practice including no-take periods and zones
- Consumers to choose aquatic products wisely
- Help stop the decline of fisheries and the degradation of biodiversity
- Help stop the loss of coastal habitats
- Wetlands in Danger
- Help prevent the imminent loss of endangered species
- Help reduce deteriorating water quality (rivers, lakes and seas), deteriorating human health quality and deteriorating conditions of beaches and coastal areas
- Prevent unsustainable and environmentally destructive aquaculture practices' or 'Sustainable aquaculture development
- Don't put up with deteriorating water quality (rivers, lakes and seas), deteriorating human health quality and deteriorating conditions of beaches and coastal areas

How will the message be communicated?

Key messages and calls-to-action will be communicated by the following mechanisms:

- Brochures
- Media articles
- Photo exhibition
- Questionnaires with souvenirs
- Organization of public awareness conferences
- Conducting public awareness training workshops
- Conducting public awareness activities
- Provision of multi-language information through various media vehicles
- Distribution of promotional Items

Resources

- UNDP Public Awareness Programme and activity Resources
- WWF Public Awareness Programme and activity Resources
- UNDP Communication Network
- WWF Communication Network
- MSC Communication Network
- WETLANDS INT Communication Network

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation

- A comprehensive list of Yellow Sea stakeholders developed
- Successful completion of public awareness activities, events, workshops and training programs [define successful]
- Production of useful promotional materials
- Distribution of public awareness materials
- Communication tools developed and implemented
- Engagement of public and private sector in public awareness activities and activities of the YSLME project

Sub-Strategy 2: SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Overview

To provide an understanding, or raise awareness of the issues/conditions of the Yellow Sea, to encourage the management, use and sharing of scientific data to provide scientific evidence to assist policy and decision-makers to make sound decisions.

Desired outcome

The desired outcome of this sub-strategy is ensure a common awareness of the problems faced by the Yellow Sea throughout the scientific community, a sharing of contemporary information, a strengthening of existing regional mechanisms for scientific cooperation between regions and to inform the scientific community how the Yellow Sea partners and the participating institutions are attempting to develop a mechanisms to mitigate these problems.

Target Audience

The scientific community consists of the total body of scientists, its relationships and interactions. For the purposes of this strategy the definition may be further divided into "sub-communities" each working on a particular field within science to narrow down the focus of actions and activities.

Includes research institutes, universities and academic societies in the region such as the following:

People's Republic of China

- First Institute of Oceanography (SOA)
- Yellow Sea Fishery Research Institute (YSFRI)
- Chinese Academy of Science
- CAS-Qingdao Oceanologic Institute
- Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES)
- Ocean University of China
- Shanghai Fisheries University, etc.

Republic of Korea

- Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI)
- Korea Maritime Institute (KMI)
- National Fisheries research and Development Institute (NFRDI)
- Korea Environment Institute (KEI)
- Seoul National University
- Inha University
- Gunsan University
- Bukyeong National University
- Chungnum National University

Japan

- Seikai National Fisheries Research Institute

- Ocean Research Institute
- University of Tokyo
- Kyushu University

Key Message(s)

- Scientific research is fundamental in designing effective protection and management initiatives of the Yellow Sea.
- Conservation provides research opportunities among scientific communities.
- Data and information should be shared between and among scientific communities and stakeholders.

Call to action

- Conduct ecological research that support the filling of knowledge gaps
- Cooperate and collaborate among the scientific/academic communities
- Popularize technical data and research findings for stakeholders

How will the message be communicated?

- Scientific/Academic Workshops and Forums
- Training Workshops
- Production and distribution of multi-media and promotional items, project pins, mouse pads, posters, etc
- Printing and Distribution of Publications (Such as the YSEPP YSE Global Diversity Booklet, YSLME Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis)

Resources

- Existing Partner Communications Networks

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation, Lessons Learned

- Completion of workshops and training programs with the objective of each activity met
- Mechanism established for sharing information
- Public awareness materials distributed
- Communication tools developed and implemented
- Engagement of more scientific institutions in public awareness activities and activities of the YSLME project

Sub-Strategy 3: NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Overview

National and local government agencies are enduring institutions mandated to protecting the environment and ensuring the welfare of the people. For these agencies to effectively function there is a need to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the issues and concerns in the Yellow Sea. Public awareness and communication therefore must target not only the improvement of knowledge and skills but also in reorienting values system conducive to resource management and protection in the Yellow Sea.

Desired outcome

Increased awareness among politicians, municipal mayors, elected local representatives and staff of the problems faced by the Yellow Sea, informing them of the current negative affects of human activities on the ecosystem, how this can be improved by the mitigation or elimination of the problems, or stressors, and the role that their offices/activities play in this process, and the value of their activities in mitigation or elimination of these problems.

Target Audience

- National government agencies (ministries, administrations, etc)
- Provincial government agencies
- Local Government agencies
- Includes the local municipal and provincial offices of the following central ministries:

National Government

People's Republic of China

- National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- Ministry of Finance (MOF)
- Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
- State Oceanic Administration (SOA)
- State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA)
- Ministry of Communications (MOC)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Bureau of Fisheries (MOA/BF)
- State Forest Administration (SFA)
- Ministry of Land Resources

Republic of Korea

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT)
- Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MOMAF)
- Ministry of Environment (MOE)
- Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)
- Ministry of Construction and Transportation

- Ministry of Administration and Autonomy
- Presidential Commission on Sustainable Development (PCSD)

Japan

- Ministry of Environment (MOE)
- Fisheries Agency
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

Local Government

People's Republic of China

- Provincial Government (Jiangsu, Shandong and Liaoning)
- And Cities under the above provincial governments

Republic of Korea

- Gyeonggi-do
- Chungchung Nam and Buk -do
- Jeonla Nam and Buk-do
- Jeju Island
- And Cities under the above provincial governments

Demonstration area approach. Reasons for selection: existing movement to designate new protected areas and a peace park, two of the three core nature management axis.

Japan

- To be identified as specific activities develop

Key Message(s)

- Coastal and marine resources in the Yellow Sea significantly contribute to the local and national economy.
- Policy implementation should be strengthened to protect and sustainably manage these resources through greater cooperation and collaboration between and among local and national government agencies.

Call to action

“National institutions are responsible for the future of the ecosystem and the quality of life for the future”.

“Be proactive and more informed of the status of the environment and engage in the mitigation of environmental problems and improvement in the quality of life for all organisms”

How will the message be communicated?

- Training Workshops, Study Tour
- National and local planning/legislation process meetings
- High-level platform and deliver short policy research reports

- Newsletter
- Distribution of Promotional Items
- Translation and Distribution of YSLME Publications and Good Practices
- Regular communication with the key persons in governments

Resources

- Existing Partner Communications Networks

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation, Lessons Learned

- Mechanisms established to facilitate regular discussions on national and local governments responses to the challenges faced by the Yellow Sea
- National and local policies and legislations developed, amended, adopted and implemented
- Information materials developed and distributed

Sub-Strategy 4: LEGISLATIVE BODIES

Overview

To ensure that legislative bodies and the people are well-informed of the condition of the Yellow Sea, and that they recognise the need to improve the current situation through reviewing the existing policies and legislations and formulating new legislations.

Desired Outcome

The desired outcome of this sub-strategy is to increase awareness and understanding by legislative bodies of the environmental problems in the Yellow Sea. The members of legislative bodies will learn the status and trend of the marine and coastal environment in the Yellow Sea, discuss possible solutions for the problems, and explore the roles and actions of legislative bodies to mitigate the negative impacts of human activities on the Yellow Sea ecosystem.

Target Audience

A legislative body refers to the sole or upper law-making chamber of government in many countries or states, past or present. They are known by many names, including parliament, congress, and national assembly.

People's Republic of China

- National Peoples congress in China
- Provincial government and People congress

Republic of Korea

- National Assembly in Korea
- Provincial and local Assemblies

Key Message(s)

- Coastal and marine resources in the Yellow Sea are rapidly deteriorating, causing severe economic impact, affecting the quality of life of citizens at both national and local levels.
- Legislations are the foundations for good and sound management practice.
- Harmonised legislations and institutions can significantly contribute to wise and effective management of Yellow Sea Ecoregion/LME.
- There is a need to provide a stronger policy support and political will to enforce policies that would address coastal and marine management and concerns in the Yellow Sea.

Call to Action

- Improve legislation and enforcement
- Coastal and marine resources in the Yellow Sea are rapidly deteriorating, causing severe economic impact, affecting the quality of life of citizens at both national and local levels
- Legislations are the foundations for good and sound management practice.

- Harmonised legislations and institutions can significantly contribute to wise and effective management of Yellow Sea Ecoregion/LME.
- There is a need to provide a stronger policy support and political will to enforce policies that would address coastal and marine management and concerns in the Yellow Sea.

How will the message be communicated?

- Training Workshops, Study Tour
- High-level platform
- Translation and Distribution of YSLME Publications
- Regular communication with the key persons in governments
- Distribution of promotional items

Resources

- UNDP Network
- WWF Network

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation, Lessons Learned

- Legislations developed, amended, adopted and implemented

Sub-Strategy 5: NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

Overview

Non-governmental organizations are targeted for a variety of reasons, including their relative flexibility and speed to achieve results, their already established contacts with government and communities, and their proven methods. In addition, people in NGOs tend to be passionate about their area of interest, and thus likely to act with persistence. Also, in general the countries in the region of the Yellow Sea have well developed NGOs with a wide range of areas of interest, resulting in campaigns etc. that will address many of the threats facing the communities of the Yellow Sea, and its biodiversity.

Desired outcome

The desired outcome of this strategy is to increase awareness in the local communities, regional, countries and global community of the threats faced by the Yellow Sea and what is currently being done to mitigate or eliminate the stresses on the ecosystem. It will also highlight the steps necessary to restore the Yellow Sea and the successes of the Yellow Sea Project/Partnership. The end result, it is hoped, will be global funding support for the Project, greater level of participation by other organisations not currently involved in the partnership, in particular action leading to the mitigation or elimination of these threats.

Target Audience

A non-government organisation generally refers to a community based organisation with it's own management structure, and includes any local, national, or international organization, for non-profit, whose members are persons not employed by a government. This includes business and religious groups, International NGOs, National NGOs and Local NGOs.

For example:

People's Republic of China

- WWF - China
- International Crane Foundation
- Conservation International
- Birdlife International
- The World Conservation Union (IUCN)
- International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
- National NGOs
- China Wildlife Conservation Association
- China Environmental Protection Foundation
- Local NGOs
- GVB
- Friends of Nature
- Bird watching Clubs

Republic of Korea

- Han River Estuary Foundation (includes more than 20 Nat. and local NGOs)

- Network for Coastal Conservation

Japan

- WWF - Japan
- Birdlife Asia
- Wild bird Society
- Ramsar Center Janpan

Key Message(s)

The Yellow Sea possesses a rich diversity of plants and animals but is one of the most severely degraded seas in the world.

A clean and productive marine environment is good for economy, culture and for future generations of human beings.

You have a special role for healthy Yellow Sea. You and your community can be part of this, benefiting global marine systems and the global community.

Let's work together for a better Yellow Sea.

Call to action

- Develop coordinated complimentary projects for YSE Conservation

How will the message be communicated?

- Regional workshops, Forums, Training Seminars, etc.
- Posters
- Brochures
- Website
- Photo
- Exhibition
- Electronic Media
- Print Media

Resources

- UNDP Communication and Media Network
- YSLME international media database
- WWF Communication Network
- MSC Communication Network
- WETLANDS Int. Communication Network
- YSLME Website
- YSEPP Website
- Waterbirds Conservation network

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation, Experience Sharing, Lessons Learned

- Communication links with other involved NGOs established
- Participation in mitigating activities by other NGOs
- Set up corresponding indicators

Sub-Strategy 6: THE GENERAL PUBLIC/ THE MEDIA

Overview

This group of stakeholders is targeted for a variety of reasons. In general the countries in the region of the Yellow Sea have well developed media with an interest in a wide range of areas, that should result in media coverage of many of the threats facing the communities of the Yellow Sea, and its biodiversity, and raise awareness of the general public. Media coverage (including interviews with concerned members of the general public) can also act to raise awareness in the relevant government authorities, the decision-makers, and encourage them to more effectively address the threats. Depending on the country concerned, raising awareness may also result in public campaigns encouraging government and possibly other stakeholders, to act. It is expected that there will be limited opportunities for the public to take direct action themselves to address the threats to the Yellow Sea.

Desired outcome

The desired outcome of this strategy is to increase awareness in the local communities, regional, countries and global community of the threats faced by the Yellow Sea and what is currently being done to mitigate or eliminate the stresses on the ecosystem. It will also highlight the steps necessary to restore the Yellow Sea and the successes of the Yellow Sea Project/Partnership. The end result, it is hoped, will be a general increased awareness among the general public of the threats facing the Yellow Sea, the solutions to address them, resulting in increased efforts by government and possibly other stakeholders (e.g. polluting companies) to address the threats. Raising awareness of the threats to the Yellow Sea in the international media and public may result in increased funding and technical support to address the threats.

Target Audience

The term General Public pertains to the people in every form such as a nation, province, or local community. Media is used to denote, as a class, a vehicle of communication designed to reach a very large audience, as large as the whole population of a nation state or the 'general public'. This includes professional media, national media, local media, international Media.

Key Message(s)

- The Yellow Sea possesses a rich diversity of plants and animals but is one of the most severely degraded seas in the world.
- A clean and productive marine environment is good for economy, culture and for future generations of human beings.
- The Yellow Sea is an area with abundant biodiversity, but disappearing fast.
- The Yellow Sea supports people's life, but has serious environmental problems and is degrading quickly.
- Human health and quality of life have all been seriously affected around the Yellow Sea, such as by poor water quality, and degraded beaches and coastal areas.

- The health of the Yellow Sea can be restored but urgent action is required now.

Call to action

- Improve fisheries practice including no-take periods and zones
- Consumers to choose aquatic products wisely
- Help stop the decline of fisheries and the degradation of biodiversity
- Help stop the loss of coastal habitats
- Wetlands in Danger
- Help prevent the imminent loss of endangered species
- Help reduce deteriorating water quality (rivers, lakes and seas), deteriorating human health quality and deteriorating conditions of beaches and coastal areas
- Prevent unsustainable and environmentally destructive aquaculture practices or Sustainable aquaculture development
- Don't put up with deteriorating water quality (rivers, lakes and seas), deteriorating human health quality and deteriorating conditions of beaches and coastal areas

How will the message be communicated?

- Electronic and Print Media – Resulting from Press releases, press conferences, journalist tour, media salon, footages and photographs provided to media, media events
- Photo exhibition, other awareness raising events

Resources

- UNDP Communication and Media Network
- YSLME international media database
- WWF Communication Network
- MSC Communication Network
- WETLANDS Int. Communication Network
- YSLME Website
- YSEPP Website
- National and local media bodies

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation, Experience Sharing, Lessons Learned

- Reports and self assessment programmes
- Positive relationships with media contacts

Sub-Strategy 7: THE DONOR COMMUNITY

Overview

The rationale for targeting this group is to increase awareness of potential donors with the end goal of securing further support.

Desired outcome

The desired outcome of this sub-strategy is to increase awareness by the donor community of the environmental problems in the Yellow Sea. The donor community will be informed about the status and trend of the marine and coastal environment in the Yellow Sea, familiarised with existing and planned conservation activities, and encouraged to support the activities. As a result, a financial sustainability of the conservation efforts will be improved.

Target Audience

The target audience consists of the various types of donor bodies including, local and foreign, individuals, foundations, trusts, non-profit organisations (NPOs) and companies, government agencies, governments and intergovernmental agencies.

Key Message(s)

- The Yellow Sea possesses a rich diversity of plants and animals but is one of the most severely degraded seas in the world.
- Restoration of the Yellow Sea will result in a clean and productive marine environment which is good for communities, their economy, their culture and their future generations.
- The Yellow Sea Partnership: a comprehensive network of organisations and projects including government agencies, UN agencies, international and local NGOs, private sector, research institutions.
- Support of the Yellow Sea Partnership will build lasting infrastructure for the continuation of a series of activities to reduce stresses on this marine eco-region which has historical, political and ecological importance.

Call to action

- Invest in activities or actions to restore the Yellow Sea ecosystem

How will the message be communicated?

- Meetings
- Electronic Media (e-Newsletters, website)
- Printed Media (Publications, Brochures, pamphlets, newsletters)

Resources

- Partner Websites
- Partner publications
- Existing networks of Donor/Partner relationships

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation

- Level of funds generated and number of projects supported

Sub-Strategy 8: INDUSTRY/CONSUMERS

Overview

The private sector has been a subject of regulation for a long time as a “polluter” for the environment. Industries emit pollutants in the air and water as a result of their productions and other commercial activities. However, as people’s interest in protecting the environment grow, industries act positively to reduce emissions and mitigate negative impacts on the environment. In fact, a lot of companies in the region play a major role to conserve the marine and coastal environment and the natural resources in the Yellow Sea. In addition, it is noteworthy that consumer behavior in favor of conservation would encourage industries to take more affirmative actions for the environment. Therefore, it is important to focus on both industries and consumers as a target group/stakeholder so as to raise their awareness for the protection of the Yellow Sea ecosystem.

Desired outcome

The desired outcome of this sub-strategy is to create a strong awareness in both industry and the consumer sector of the problems faced by the Yellow Sea. A greater level of support and participation from industry and the consumer sector in YSP activities resulting in actions leading to the reduction of stresses in the Yellow Sea.

Target Audience

The target audiences are a) companies engaged in any kind of commercial enterprise that has impact on the Yellow Sea, and, b) individuals, households or groups that "consume" goods sourced from, and/or services which utilize, the Yellow Sea.

Specific Audiences:

- Consumer Groups
- Industry (Retailers, Fishing Companies, Manufacturing Companies, Textile Companies, Salt Manufacturers, Tourism and Development groups, Petroleum Industry)

Key Message(s)

- The Yellow Sea possesses a rich diversity of plants and animals but is one of the most severely degraded seas in the world.
- A clean and productive marine environment is good for you, your business, your culture, and for future generations.
- You can help the Yellow Sea: The situation can be reversed, you, your community and your business can be part of this, benefiting global marine systems and the global community.
- Sustainable industry is good for business and highlights your commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

- Sustainable consumption is good for the environment, present and future generations.
- Get involved in the Yellow Sea Partnership projects

Calls to Action

- Prevent unsustainable and environmentally destructive business practices.
- Stop the loss of coastal habitats through over-development
- Look for a Label
- Reduce, Re-use, Re-cycle

How will the message be communicated?

The key messages and calls-to-action will be communicated by the following vehicles:

- Organization of awareness conferences
- Conducting public awareness activities
- Provision of multi-language information through various media vehicles
- Publications in industry newsletters
- Publications in consumer newsletters
- Distribution of promotional Items

Resources

- Existing Partner Communications Networks

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation

- Completion of public awareness activities, events, workshops and training programs with the objective of each activity met.
- Production and distribution of public awareness materials
- Engagement of industry and consumers in actions and activities of the YSP.

Sub-Strategy 9: YOUTH GROUPS

Overview

Youth groups are targeted as they are very effective at influencing adult family members. Large numbers of youth can be targeted through schools, universities etc,

Desired outcome

The desired outcome of this strategy is to create a strong awareness of the problems faced by the Yellow Sea in the general community, by informing stakeholders of the current negative affects of human activities on the ecosystem and how this can be improved by the mitigation or elimination of the problems, or stressors. In the end result, it is hoped, will be increased public support in YSLME activities, greater level of public participation in actions leading to the mitigation or elimination of these problems, and potential funding from the private sector.

Target Audience

A Youth group, or Youth organization, is an organization aimed at children and adolescents for education and socialization.

Specifics Audiences:

- To be identified as specific activities develop

Key Message(s)

The key messages are basically the same messages as used for the general public, but simplified according to the age of the youth group targeted

- The Yellow sea is fun to visit and study
- Protect the Yellow Sea for your future
- Cherish and enjoy Yellow Sea
- Yellow Sea is a paradise for marine animals
- Yellow Sea Conservation needs your participation
- A diagnosis of the current state of the Yellow Sea – the problems it faces.
- How problems affect local communities, the global community and global marine systems.
- A summary of what is currently being done to remediate perceived problems.
- The YSLME Project and its partners.
- How the public can help this process.
- How the private sector can help this process.

Call to Action

- Help stop the decline of fisheries and the degradation of biodiversity
- Help stop the loss of coastal habitats
- Wetlands in Danger
- Help prevent the imminent loss of endangered species

- Help reduce deteriorating water quality (rivers, lakes and seas)
- Don't put up with deteriorating water quality (rivers, lakes and seas)

How will the message be communicated?

The key messages and calls-to-action will be communicated by the following vehicles:

- The organization of public awareness conferences
- Conducting public awareness training workshops
- Conducting public awareness activities
- The provision of multi-language information through various media vehicles
- The distribution of promotional and multimedia items

Resources

- UNDP Public Awareness Programme and activity Resources
- WWF Public Awareness Programme and activity Resources
- UNDP Communication Network
- WWF Communication Network
- MSC Communication Network
- WETLANDS INT Communication Network

Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation

- Completion of public awareness activities, events, workshops and training programs with the objective of each activity met
- Production and distribution of public awareness materials
- Engagement of youth groups in actions and activities of the YSP

ANNEX I

Implementation Matrix

| | Description | Community Based Organisations | Scientific/Academic Community | National and Local Government Agencies | Legislative Bodies | Non-Governmental Organisations | The General Public/Media | Donor Community | Industry/Consumers | Youth Groups | YSLME Resources Available (US\$) | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Public Awareness Workshops | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Resuscitate the Yellow Sea | | WI | | YSLME, WI | | WI | WI | | | | | | | |
| Waterbird Conservation Workshop | Wetlands Interational Water bird training workshop, April 2006 | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | | |
| Fisheries Workshop 1 | Sustainable Mariculture | | YSLME, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fisheries Workshop 2 | Carrying Capacity of the Yellow Sea | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biodiversity Workshop 1 | Gene Pool Analysis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remote Sensing Workshop | Topic: Remote Sensing for Monitoring Ecosystems - A workshop to exchange ideas on how to use RS to monitor ecosystem, particularly for primary productivity suggestions: 1) bring a few NOWPAP "resource persons" to the WS, depending on location, timing and funds available; 2) invite YSLME experts to attend the NOWPAP Workshop on Remote Sensing and Harmful Algal Blooms (Pukyong University, Busan, Republic of Korea, 1-2 August 2006). | | YSLME, NOWPAP | | | | | | | | 20,000 | | | |
| Pollutants Workshop 1 | Topic: Fate and Transport of Pollutants - Experts workshop to compare existing procedures, data exchange and identify available data suggestion: bring a few NOWPAP "resource persons" on atmospheric deposition of contaminants and on river and direct inputs of contaminants to the WS, depending on location, timing and funds available | | YSLME, NOWPAP | | | | | | | | 25,000 | | | |
| Pollutants Workshop 2 | Topic: TBD (e.g. Pollutants Assessment Training Workshop - Training course in assessing and monitoring environmental water quality) | | YSLME, | | | | | | | | 25,000 | | | |
| Pollutants Workshop 3 | Topic: TBD (e.g. Pollutants Assessment Training Workshop - Training course in assessing and monitoring environmental water quality) | | YSLME, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pollutants Workshop 4 | Topic: Inter-calibration of pollutant analysis Workshop - Workshop/Lab exercise to improve analytical skills of related workers suggestions for Workshops 3 - 4: 1) use MARINE LITTER as a topic of one of the Workshops in 2006 or 2007; 2) use PERSISTENT TOXIC SUBSTANCES as a topic of one of these Workshops in 2007 or 2008. | | YSLME, NOWPAP | | | | | | | | 42,000 | | | |
| Marine Litter Workshop and Beach Cleanup | NOWPAP - sept 2006, Tsushima Island, Japan | NOWPAP | | | | NOWPAP | | | | | | | | |
| Public Awareness Meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Government site visit/training - Topic: Pollution | Site visit/training for local govt officials (in association with RWG-P meeting) | | YSLME | YSLME | | | | | | | 17,500 | | | |
| Public Awareness Conferences | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regional Science Conference | Present YSLME project progress, exchange ideas for implementation, network with other programmes working in YS suggestions: 1) if topics of interest to NOWPAP will be discussed (such as marine litter, remote sensing, oil spills, harmful algal blooms, atmospheric deposition of contaminants, river and direct inputs of contaminants, persistent toxic substances), NOWPAP experts can serve as resource persons/lecturers; 2) if YSLME project funds are available, a session(s) on one or several issues mentioned above could be jointly organized. | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | 120,000 | | | |
| EAS Congress 2006 | Joint or individually hosted sessions to promote project and Yellow Sea issues | YSLME, PEMSEA, MSC | YSLME, PEMSEA, MSC | YSLME, PEMSEA, MSC | YSLME, MSC | PEMSEA, MSC | YSLME, PEMSEA, MSC | YSLME, MSC | YSLME, PEMSEA, MSC | YSLME, PEMSEA, MSC | 13,933 | | | |
| Youth Forum | East Asian Youth Forum | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | | | | |
| Parliamentary Conference | Conference to encourage and enhance the participation of the Parliament in conservation in the YS | | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | YSLME | | YSLME | | 20,000 | | | |
| Stakeholders Conference No.1 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 4,000 | | | |
| Stakeholders Conference No.2 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 4,000 | | | |
| Stakeholders Conference No.3 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 4,000 | | | |
| Stakeholders Conference No.4 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 4,000 | | | |
| Public awareness conference No. 1 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 3,500 | | | |
| Public awareness conference No. 2 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 3,500 | | | |
| Public awareness conference No. 3 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 3,500 | | | |
| Public awareness conference No. 4 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 3,500 | | | |
| Public Awareness Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Internship Programme | YSLME hosts intern at PMO for 6 mths to learn about Project, UN system, and int'l project management functions | | YSLME | YSLME | | | | | | | 24,000 | | | |
| Visiting Scientists Programme | Scientist exchange program to learn skills in pollutant analysis and exchange views on methods for analysis | | YSLME, | | | | | | | | 10,000 | | 96,000 total | |
| Yellow Sea and Youth - Activity No.1 | Topic Yellow Sea 'Model United Nations' Programme | | | | | | | | | | | YSLME (8,000) | | |
| Yellow Sea and Youth - Activity No.2 | Topic: TBD (Art or Poster Competition?) | | | | | | | | | | | YSLME (8,000) | | |
| Yellow Sea and Youth - Activity No.3 | Topic: TBD (Photo Contest or Exhibition?) | | | | | | | | | | | YSLME (8,000) | | |
| Yellow Sea and Youth - Activity No.4 | Topic: TBD (Walk or Skate for the YS?) | | | | | | | | | | | YSLME (8,000) | | |
| Public awareness training | suggestions: 1) to identify MARINE LITTER as a topic of one of these Activities (No.1-4) in 2006 or 2007; 2) suggest to identify PERSISTENT TOXIC SUBSTANCES as a topic of one of these Activities in 2007 or 2008. | | NOWPAP | NOWPAP | | | | | | | 20,000 | | | |

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| Training for decision makers | | | | YSLME | YSLME | | | | | | 20,000 | | |
| Training for community trainers | Topic: TBD (e.g. Enhance the capacity of community trainers to facilitate the conservation and management activities for local marine and coastal environment) | YSLME | | | | | | | YSLME | YSLME | 20,000 | | |
| Training for local government officers | Topic: TBD (e.g. Enhance the capacity of local government to devise local environmental policy and plan by providing the findings of scientific research activities) | | | YSLME | YSLME | | | | | | 20,000 | | |
| Small grants project | Financial assistance to encourage and educate local communities of the YS coastal area to facilitate marine conservation efforts suggestion: link it to NOWPAP marine litter beach clean-up activity if the funds are available to everybody | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | | YSLME, NOWPAP | | | YSLME | YSLME, NOWPAP | 50,000 | | |
| Training on project document preparation | Topic: TBD (Enhance capacity of stakeholders to design conservation programmes or projects) | | YSLME | YSLME | | | | | | | 20,000 | | |
| Training on fund raising | Topic: TBD (e.g. Enhance capacity of stakeholders to secure financial sustainability of conservation programmes or projects) | | YSLME | YSLME | | | | | | | 20,000 | | |
| Training Course - Nature Reserves | Training for nature reserve staff (teenagers) on shorebird conservation techniques, awareness enhancement for students. April 2006. | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | |
| Youth Campaign | Wetlands International - Focus areas Korea, Japan, China, Macau, Hong Kong, targeting teenagers. Birds/Wetlands (mostly) 1/year | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | |
| Public Media and Publications | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Print Media | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Policy Reports | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newsletters | e.g. YS Partnership Newsletter? suggestion: to provide NOWPAP news on a regular basis (at least related to the Yellow Sea) | | | | | | | | | | 3,000 | | |
| Annual Reports | Wetlands International Newsletter, | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | |
| Information Sheets | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| News (or Press) releases | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Placed Articles | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Poster/brochures | Explaining objectives of the YSLME project suggestions: 1) to provide NOWPAP posters/brochures on MARINE LITTER in late 2006 and 2007; 2) to provide NOWPAP posters/brochures on PERSISTENT TOXIC SUBSTANCES in late 2007 and 2008. | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | YSLME, NOWPAP | 5,000 | | |
| Articles for Websites | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| News (or Press) releases for internal media networks | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electronic Media | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| eNewsletter | Topic: YSLME quarterly newsletter | | YSLME | YSLME | | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | YSLME | | | |
| Radio Spots | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TV spots | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Publications | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technical publications | Topic: YSLME TDA Document | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | | |
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| State of the Coast | PEMSEA publication reporting on the coasts of the east asian seas. 2006 Potential for Partnership co-authoring? | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | PEMSEA | | | |
| Study on Yellow Sea Wetlands and Migratory Waterbirds | Due for publishing NOW! | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | |
| Measurement, Monitoring and Evaluation | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | A comprehensive list of yellow sea stakeholders developed | Successful completion of workshops and training programs (define successful) | | | Communication links with other involved NGOs established | No. of positive relationships with media contacts | | | | | | |

ANNEX II

Implementation Schedule

Annex IV

Yellow Sea Partnership Implementation Matrix

| | Description | Community Based Organisations | Scientific/Academic Community | National and Local Government Agencies | Legislative Bodies | Non-Governmental Organisations | The General Public/Media | Donor Community | Industry/Consumers | Youth Groups | YSLME Resources Available (US\$) | | |
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| Public Awareness Workshops | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Resuscitate the Yellow Sea | | WI | | YSLME, WI | | WI | WI | | | | | | |
| Waterbird Conservation Workshop | Wetlands Interational Water bird training workshop, April 2006 | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | |
| Fisheries Workshop 1 | Sustainable Mariculture | | YSLME, | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fisheries Workshop 2 | Carrying Capacity of the Yellow Sea | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biodiversity Workshop 1 | Gene Pool Analysis | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remote Sensing Workshop | Topic: Remote Sensing for Monitoring Ecosystems - A workshop to exchange ideas on how to use RS to monitor ecosystem, particularly for primary productivity suggestions: 1) bring a few NOWPAP "resource persons" to the WS, depending on location, timing and funds available; 2) invite YSLME experts to attend the NOWPAP Workshop on Remote Sensing and Harmful Algal Blooms (Pukyong University, Busan, Republic of Korea, 1-2 August 2006). | | YSLME, NOWPAP | | | | | | | | 20,000 | | |
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| Pollutants Workshop 2 | Topic: TBD (e.g. Pollutants Assessment Training Workshop - Training course in assessing and monitoring environmental water quality) | | YSLME, | | | | | | | | 25,000 | | |
| Pollutants Workshop 3 | Topic: TBD (e.g. Pollutants Assessment Training Workshop - Training course in assessing and monitoring environmental water quality) | | YSLME, | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Marine Litter Workshop and Beach Cleanup | NOWPAP - sept 2006, Tsushima Island, Japan | NOWPAP | | | | NOWPAP | | | | | | | |
| Public Awareness Meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Government site visit/training - Topic: Pollution | Site visit/training for local govt officials (in association with RWG-P meeting) | | YSLME | YSLME | | | | | | | 17,500 | | |
| Public Awareness Conferences | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Parliamentary Conference | Conference to encourage and enhance the participation of the Parliament in conservation in the YS | | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | YSLME | | YSLME | | 20,000 | | |
| Stakeholders Conference No.1 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 4,000 | | |
| Stakeholders Conference No.2 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 4,000 | | |
| Stakeholders Conference No.3 | Topic: TBD Objective, targets: TBD | | | | | | | | | | 4,000 | | |
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| Visiting Scientists Programme | Scientist exchange program to learn skills in pollutant analysis and exchange views on methods for analysis | | YSLME, | | | | | | | | 10,000 | | 96,000 total |
| Yellow Sea and Youth - Activity No.1 | Topic Yellow Sea 'Model United Nations' Programme | | | | | | | | | | | YSLME (8,000) | |
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| Yellow Sea and Youth - Activity No.4 | Topic: TBD (Walk or Skate for the YS?) | | | | | | | | | | | YSLME (8,000) | |
| Public awareness training | suggestions: 1) to identify MARINE LITTER as a topic of one of these Activities (No.1-4) in 2006 or 2007; 2) suggest to identify PERSISTENT TOXIC SUBSTANCES as a topic of one of these Activities in 2007 or 2008. | | NOWPAP | NOWPAP | | | | | | | 20,000 | | |

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| Training on project document preparation | Topic: TBD (Enhance capacity of stakeholders to design conservation programmes or projects) | | YSLME | YSLME | | | | | | | | 20,000 | | |
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| Youth Campaign | Wetlands International - Focus areas Korea, Japan, China, Macau, Hong Kong, targeting teenagers. Birds/Wetlands (mostly) 1/year | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | |
| Public Media and Publications | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Print Media | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Policy Reports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newsletters | e.g. YS Partnership Newsletter? suggestion: to provide NOWPAP news on a regular basis (at least related to the Yellow Sea) | | | | | | | | | | | 3,000 | | |
| Annual Reports | Wetlands International Newsletter, | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | |
| Information Sheets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| News (or Press) releases for internal media networks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electronic Media | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| eNewsletter | Topic: YSLME quarterly newsletter | | YSLME | YSLME | | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | YSLME | | | | |
| Radio Spots | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TV spots | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Publications | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technical publications | Topic: YSLME TDA Document | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | | |
| | Topic: YSLME NYSAP Document | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | | |
| | Topic: YSLME SAP Document | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | YSLME | | | |
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| Study on Yellow Sea Wetlands and Migratory Waterbirds | Due for publishing NOW! | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | WI | | | |
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| | | A comprehensive list of yellow sea stakeholders developed | Successful completion of workshops and training programs (define successful) | | | Communication links with other involved NGOs established | No. of positive relationships with media contacts | | | | | | | |

Annex V

UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Project Small Grants Project 2006 Conservation of Marine Environment: Education for Coastal Communities Call for Proposals

1. Background and Objectives

The UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) Project aims to protect, conserve, and manage the Yellow Sea. The Project's activities include encouraging participation from all stakeholders and strengthening their capacities to deal with marine environmental issues that affect their local livelihood. To invite more participation and build the capacities of stakeholders, especially local communities, the YSLME Project Management Office (PMO) has established a Small Grants Project with the following overall goals:

- To encourage and educate local communities of the Yellow Sea's coastal area to facilitate marine conservation efforts;
- To provide the coastal communities with opportunities to observe the biodiversity and ecosystems in the Yellow Sea; and
- To build the capacity of the local communities to manage the marine and coastal environments.

This year's Small Grants Project focuses particularly on the first objective: Education for the coastal communities.

The YSLME PMO invites all relevant organisations and institutions to submit a proposal for the Small Grants Projects. If interested in taking on this activity, please submit a proposal to the PMO, following the instructions mentioned below.

2. Eligibility and Guidelines for Application

- A proposed project must be conducted in the Yellow Sea region.
- The maximum implementation period of the project is 18 months.
- Proponents can be any type of entities, including government organisations, research/academic institutions, community-based organisations, NGOs, and private companies.
- Proposals with additional matching funds from other sources preferred. The proposals must mention the sources and amount of these existing funds.
- Active participation by local communities is crucial. Proposals limited to only research activities or training workshops without the involvement of local communities will not be accepted.
- There is no support for salaries, procurement of large equipments, and overhead fees. However, stipends for research assistants will be considered.
- **The deadline for proposals is 31 March 2006.** Late submissions will not be considered.

3. Type of support provided

Grants of up to US\$ 10,000 will be provided in the form of financial assistance. Approximately 5 projects will be awarded, depending on the availability of funds for the year of 2006. An independent review panel consisting of regional experts in the field of marine and coastal environmental management and/or experts in engaging local community participation will review proposals and select the projects to be awarded.

The YSLME PMO invites the submission of proposals that will demonstrate their contribution to conservation of Yellow Sea's marine environment in the following categories:

- Educate local communities about the importance of marine environment, the impacts of human activities on the environment, and the ways to restore and revitalise the damaged environment (e.g. seminar, workshop, research, educational tool development);
- Provide opportunities of hands-on activities to practice knowledge or lessons learned (e.g. field study, experiments, observation);
- Facilitate young people to have contact with nature (e.g. site visits, day camps, games, dramatics, festivals and fairs);
- Nurture conservation practitioners/leaders (e.g. practical training, school curriculum enhancement, enhancement of educational programmes at established nature centres); and
- Develop alternative livelihood opportunities to decrease the dependence of coastal communities on marine resources.

4. Format for proposals

The length of a proposal should be 5 to 7 pages (Arial, 11-point font with 1" margins), excluding Appendixes (project leader's CV and budget). The proposal should include the following information:

- Title of proposed project
- Proponent's contact address and e-mail
- Abstract (1 page maximum)
- Background
- Rational and objectives
- Relevance to other existing projects in the region
- Methods
- Expected outputs and outcomes
- Timeline of activities, including at least 1 progress report 3 months after disbursement of first instalment of project funds
- Project leader's CV (2 pages), any collaborator's CV (1 page)
- Project budget in US dollars; the extent of in-kind contributions and level of matching funds from other sources should be clearly indicated in the budget

See Annex I for a suggested table of contents for the proposal.

5. Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Originality and quality of work that underpins proposed activity
- Level of contribution to the conservation of marine environment
- Level of involvement of coastal communities

- Capacity building
- Well-defined outputs/products/outcomes feasible for the duration of work
- Likelihood to match regional needs on conservation for marine and coastal environment

6. Inquires

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Joint Statement by the 'Partners of the Yellow Sea' on Co-operation for the Protection of the Coastal and Marine Environment And Sustainable Use of Marine Resources in the Yellow Sea

1. Preamble

We, the Members of the Yellow Sea Partnership, have noted that:

- the marine and coastal ecosystems in the Yellow Sea are under threat from environmental and natural resource degradation due to rapid economic expansion and increased anthropogenic activity in the coastal areas;
- successful co-operation in restoration and protection of the marine environment and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources in the Yellow Sea requires the active participation of all stakeholders who are utilising resources, and/or have responsibilities in managing the marine environment in the Yellow Sea; and
- it is essential to strengthen closer co-operation in order to protect the marine environment and promote the sustainable use of marine resources in the Yellow Sea, for the mutual benefits of our people and for long-term improving relations amongst the countries in the region.

2. Common Goals

We confirm our common goals in protecting the marine environment and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources in order to:

- reduce the adverse environmental threats and impacts of development activities on the marine environment in the Yellow Sea to allow its recovery;
- promote the environmentally-sustainable management and use of the marine and coastal resources in the Yellow Sea; and
- foster mutual knowledge and understanding between our people on our environment.

3. Co-operation

To achieve the common goals, we agree to establish a Yellow Sea Partnership, and will seek closer co-operation to:

- encourage wider and more active participation of all stakeholders in the protection of the marine environment and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources, and enhance co-ordination amongst all relevant national and local government agencies, research institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs);
- establish mechanisms to ensure and enhance effective dialogue and co-operation between stakeholders for protecting the marine environment and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources in the Yellow Sea; and

- harness resources for sustainable protection of the marine environment and management of marine and coastal resources in the Yellow Sea.

4. Framework for Co-operation

We are confident that the partnership among participating organisations would be greatly strengthened if regular dialogue and consultations can be organised and maintained, in particular through regular meetings and workshops.

We recognise the importance of wider participation of all stakeholders in the protection of the marine environment in the Yellow Sea, and will engage ourselves in promoting participation of all levels of governmental agencies, legislative bodies, international organisations, local communities and relevant institutions.

We, the Yellow Sea Partnership are open to all and any interested parties and are not mutually exclusive to current partners.

We will commit our efforts to make the Yellow Sea,

a sea of friendship,
a sea of co-operation,
a sea of peace, and
a sea of prosperity.

Members of

The Yellow Sea Partnership
That participated in the First Yellow Sea Partnership Workshop

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