



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

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**Second Regional Working Group Meeting
For the Biodiversity Component of
The UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project**
Jeju, Korea, 9th to 12th November 2005

**Expected Outcomes and Outputs
Of the Second RWG-B Meeting**

The main objectives of the meeting are to review and synthesize the Biodiversity data and information for the Yellow Sea region acquired during the recent collection exercise, based on the data/information requirements of the Regional Working Groups, for preparation of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA).

This data and information is vital to prepare baselines of the status of the Yellow Sea marine environment at start of the project implementation, highlighting the issues and illuminating the trends and will be used in the TDA process to support, or refute the ‘perceived problems’ of the Yellow Sea as listed in YSLME Implementation Plan. In the later stages this ‘benchmark’ data will serve as a suite of critical indicators for the evaluation of the YSLME Project.

Expected Outcomes from the Second RWG-B Meeting

The outcomes expected from this meeting are as follows:

1. A review and evaluation of the Biodiversity data & information arising from the recent collection exercise – the quality, the gaps, difficulties and barriers to collecting data and information, and mechanisms to address them.
2. Based on the data and information collected by this project and by the Yellow Sea Eco-regional Planning Project (YSEPP), a regional synthesis of data and information providing a region-wide diagnosis of the condition and trends in Biodiversity in the Yellow Sea, identifying the current status and patterns-of-change in biodiversity, habitats and vulnerable species, and their protection in the Yellow Sea;
3. How the above information relates to the list of ‘perceived problems’ agreed at the first RWG-B meeting and how the agreed causal chain analysis is modified as a result.

4. An improved state-of-knowledge of the existing national laws and regulations on Biodiversity, habitat protection and vulnerable species and how these may contribute to potential governance issues.
5. An agreement on Biodiversity Component inputs for the preparation of the Draft TDA.
6. Understanding of the Biodiversity Component's role in the upcoming Cooperative Surveys of the Yellow Sea Marine Basin.
5. Agreement on activities to be implemented during 2005 to 2006 including the objectives of the body-of-work that is required to be implemented prior to the next RWG-B meeting, the role of consultants and members of the RWG-B in the process.
6. Agreement on list and schedule of activities for the RWG-B for 2005 to 2006.

Ultimate Outcomes of the Meeting should be:

- Collected data and information on biodiversity in the Yellow Sea as agreed by the First Meeting of RWG-B;
- Identification of data/information and knowledge gaps and mutually beneficial mechanisms to address these issues.
- Regionally agreed methods for future data and information collection and sharing in the Yellow Sea;
- An enhanced co-operative mechanism for regional data and information collection, sharing and management;
- Upgraded knowledge of the state of the Yellow Sea, in terms of its biodiversity, habitats and vulnerability of species;
- Increased mutual understanding and trust amongst the participating institutions.

Expected Outputs from the Meeting:

At the successful completion of the meeting the following outputs are anticipated:

- A set of mechanisms to address the gaps, data calibration issues and the barriers and difficulties to collection of data and information, etc.
- A listing of the format and presentation of data for input to the final TDA document.
- An updated causal chain analysis based on contemporary biodiversity information, finalized for input to the Draft TDA.
- A workplan for the Regional Working Group – Biodiversity showing activities for 2005 to 2006, to submit for approval to the 2nd PSC Meeting.
- Approved statements of works for each of the impending consultant activities and proposals for suitable candidates.
- A workplan and list of responsibilities for activities leading up to, during, and after the co-operative cruise for the Biodiversity component.