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Biodiversity Component Activities for 2009 and Onwards

1. During the past four years of Project Implementation, members of the RWG-B have provided technical guidance for implementation of activities under this component. All activities that have been identified for implementation during the first four years of the Project have been implemented.
2. Agenda 7 will consider activities that need to be implemented in the last year of the project for enhancing co-operation and capacity building in the region.

Agenda 7.1: Information on the operational changes at UNOPS

3. The UNOPS has changed the methods it uses for assessing proposals and awarding contracts. The PMO will update the RWG members on the significance of those changes for future activities.

Agenda 7.2: Selection of the demonstration sites

4. The biodiversity specialists have presented their studies on the assessment of existing coastal wetlands in R. Korea and China, and 5 potential demonstration sites have been selected. Of those five, one in each country will be selected for demonstration activities for the YSLME project

Agenda 7.3: Selection of SAP management actions for demonstration

5. Management actions were reviewed in Agenda 6, here the RWG members need to select which of the management actions are most appropriate to be demonstrated. Members should keep in mind the ease of implementation, the short time frame (1 year), the impact, and the budgetary limitations.

Agenda 7.4: Implementation of demonstration activities

6. Once the management actions are selected, RWG members need to suggest activities required to achieve these management actions.

Agenda 7.5: Training of managers at Demonstration sites

7. The 4th RWG-Biodiversity meeting agreed to support the training of the reserve managers. However, due to limited resources, PMO suggests it may be better to target the training towards managers of the demonstration sites.

Members should consider if this is appropriate and suggests how to implement this activity.

Agenda 7.6: Public Awareness at Demonstration sites

8. The SAP governance actions related to biodiversity management, states “Regional and national mechanisms for raising awareness of environmental issues and legislation should be improved and public involvement through educational programmes and the promotion of eco-tourism and ecotourism livelihoods should be encouraged.”

Members should suggest effective methods for achieving these goals for raising awareness

Agenda 7.7: Ramsar COP 10 and the Conservation of Wetlands Meeting

9. PMO has been in contact with the organising bodies of the Ramsar COP 10 meeting. The Secretariat will update members on the activities that have been agreed.

Agenda 7.8: Other activities

10. The secretariat will invite members to suggest additional activities.

Members are invited to suggest additional activities not mentioned in the other agenda items, and that meet the technical and capacity building needs of the region and also the objectives of the Project.