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**Third Meeting of the Regional Working Group
for the Biodiversity Component**
Weihai, China, 20 -23 October 2006

Expected Outputs From the 3rd RWG-B Meeting

After nearly two years of implementation, the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project has almost completed its first major output, the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), and will be focusing on its second major output, the Regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP).

At the Third Regional Working Group – Biodiversity (RWG-B) Meeting, members and participants will:

- review the completed and on-going activities under the Biodiversity Component from 2005 to 2006;
- review the procedures to prepare a TDA and finalise the causal chain analysis; and
- discuss and agree on future activities to implement.

***** The finalisation of the causal chain analysis, and discussion and agreement on future activities will be the highlight of the meeting and should focus on activities that will contribute to the development of the SAP. *****

Agenda 7 will address this topic in more detail. Please refer to Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/8.

The expected outputs from the meeting are listed below.

A. Data and Information Activity

- Review the final national biodiversity data and information collected
- Review the draft regional synthesis on marine biodiversity status and trends in the Yellow Sea
- Recommend how certain data from the two activities can be included in TDA, noting that the national reports were delayed, and affected the preparation of the TDA.

The members of the RWG-B are invited to review the national and regional data and information collected, and agree on what activities are necessary to provide updated information and knowledge on marine biodiversity conservation in the Yellow Sea.

The members should discuss and agree on a procedure to publish the national reports and the regional synthesis.

During the meeting, the members are expected to finalise the causal chain analysis as a fundamental aspect of the TDA.

B. Regional Biodiversity Conservation Guidelines

- Provide some comments / suggestions for the final report
- Recommend on how the guidelines can fit into SAP-related activities

C. Capacity Building

- **“Workshop on Gene Pool Analysis”** – Agreed objective and implementation mechanism of this activity, type of workshop, topics, participant groups, time frame

D. SAP

- Consider the regional biodiversity issues, both technical and management-oriented
- Consider the achievable kinds of biodiversity conservation targets appropriate for the region
- Consider the required actions needed to achieve the targets
- List of recommendations for activities over the next two years that will contribute to SAP

E. Workplan

- Agreed revised workplan of activities for 2007 to 2009, with focus on 2007

F. 4th RWG-B Meeting

- Agreed date and venue of 4th RWG-B Meeting

G. Meeting Report

- Agreed and adopted Meeting Report