



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

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**Third Meeting of the Regional Working Group
for the Fisheries Component**
Weihai, China, 25 – 28 October 2006

Expected Outputs From the 3rd RWG-F 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 – Fisheries (RWG-F) Meeting, members and participants will:

- review the completed and on-going activities under the Fisheries Component from 2005 to 2006;
- review the draft TDA and provide comments on the document; and
- discuss and agree on future activities to implement.

***** The 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-F.3/8.

The expected outputs from the meeting are listed below.

A. DATA AND INFORMATION ACTIVITY

- Review the final national fisheries data and information collected,
- Review the draft regional synthesis on fisheries and mariculture status and their trends in the Yellow Sea
- Recommendations for how certain data from the two activities can be included in TDA

The members of the RWG-F 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 fisheries and mariculture issues 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 review Annex VI of the report of the 2nd RWG-F (Revised Causal Chain Analysis) with the contribution of the First Draft of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), please refer to document UNDP/GEF/YS/TDA Draft1.

The members will be invited to complete the causal chain analysis for the Fisheries Component, based on the draft TDA, in particular the problems identified for the component.

B. REGIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES IN THE YSLME

➤ **Joint-regional Fisheries Stock Assessment Programme**

- Provide some final comments on the final draft report
- Recommendations on how the guidelines can fit into SAP-related activities

The members will be invited to consider the possible ways to implement the regional fisheries stock assessment, considering the current situation regarding the involvement of the Fisheries Component into the co-operative cruises.

➤ **Regional Agreement for Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources**

- Provide some final comments on the final draft report
- Recommendations on how the guidelines can fit into SAP-related activities

C. REGIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SUSTAINABLE MARICULTURE IN THE YSLME

➤ **Joint-regional Research Programme for Sustainable Mariculture**

- Provide some final comments on the final draft report
- Recommendations on how the guidelines can fit into SAP-related activities

➤ **Joint-regional Carrying Capacity Programme**

- Discuss on the feasibility to develop a **Scooping Study** for the research into the aquaculture carrying capacity of YSLME coastal waters
- Discuss on the feasibility to develop a **Comprehensive Review** of the Regulation and Monitoring of Aquaculture in the YSLME Region that should put emphasis on environment and consumer protection.
- Discuss on the feasibility for the implementation of **Demonstration Sites** in the YSLME region in order to undertake a carrying capacity/Assimilative Capacity approach
- Provide some final comments on the report
- Recommendations on how the approaches can fit into SAP-related activities

D. CAPACITY BUILDING

- **“Regional Training in Mariculture Techniques”**. Agreed objective and implementation mechanism of this activity, type of workshop, topics, participant groups, time frame.
- **“Regional Training in Disease Diagnosis, Prevention and Control”**. Agreed objective and implementation mechanism of this activity, type of workshop, topics, participant groups, time frame.

E. SAP

- Consider the regional fisheries issues, both technical and management-oriented;
- Consider the achievable kinds of fisheries management 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

F. WORKPLAN

- Agreed revised workplan activities and schedule of implementation for 2007 to 2009

G. 4th RWG-F MEETING

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

H. MEETING REPORT

- Agreed and adopted Meeting Report