



**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 Investment Component**
Dalian, China, 9-12 September 2006

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Welcome addresses

On behalf of the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea project, the Project Manager or his representative will open the meeting, and welcome all participants. S/he will briefly introduce the objectives of the meeting.

The RWG-I Chairperson and representative of the host government will be invited to give opening and welcome addresses.

1.2 Introduction of members

At the First RWG-I Meeting, members agreed that the Chairperson of the RWG-I should also chair the RWG-I Meetings. The Chairperson will invite participants to introduce themselves, and make statements to the Meeting, if they wish (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/inf.2).

2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

2.1 Documentation Available to the Meeting

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat (Project Management Office) to introduce the meeting documents (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/inf.1), prepared by the Project Management Office (PMO). Major working documents were already sent to all members and observers well before the meeting.

2.2 Organisation of Work

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce this agenda item, referring to Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/inf.3.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

The Chairperson will introduce the Provisional Agenda (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/1) and the Provisional Annotated Agenda (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/2).

Members will be invited to propose any amendments and additional items for consideration, and adopt the agenda.

4. EXPECTED OUTPUTS FROM THE 3RD RWG-I MEETING

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/4, and explain the expected outputs from this Meeting and for the Project's next 2 years.

The first two years' activities focused on the preparation of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), and members will hear about the activities and progress of TDA preparation in Agenda 6.

Keeping in mind that the next two years' activities should focus on the preparation of regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP) and the National Strategic Action Plan (NSAP), members will be invited to note the expected outputs to be achieved by the Meeting, and to propose additional outputs to fulfil the objectives of the Project and this Meeting.

5. REVIEW OF COMPLETED AND ON-GOING INVESTMENT COMPONENT ACTIVITIES

5.1 Stakeholder Involvement, Public Awareness and Participation

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present the results-to-date of the public awareness activities (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/5), including the following:

- 5.1.1 Parliamentary Conference
- 5.1.2 Yellow Sea Partnership
- 5.1.3 Small grants programme
- 5.1.4 Youth programme
- 5.1.5 Local government training
- 5.1.6 Internship programme

Members will be invited to review the progresses made so far, and to suggest recommendations to improve the activities.

5.2 NGO and private sector's membership in PSC

Keeping in mind the decisions made in the Second Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) on the NGO and private sector's membership in PSC, the Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present a guideline on how to involve NGOs and private sector in the PSC (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/6), explaining a possible role and responsibility of NGOs and private sector in the PSC as members.

Keeping in mind that the final decision will be made by the PSC in a later stage, Members will be invited to review the draft guideline and recommend suggestions for improving it.

5.3 Data and Information Management

The Chairperson will invite China Korea Joint Ocean Research Center to present the report on the developments of the regional GIS and meta databases, and relevant issues regarding the data management system (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/7). It should be noted that the necessary co-ordination and co-operation with the existing databases in the region should be considered.

Members will be invited to recommend suggestions for improving the operation of and access to the project databases, and possible co-operation and co-ordination with other data centres and networks.

6. PREPARATION OF THE TDA

6.1 Governance Analysis

The Chairperson will invite representatives from the Korea Maritime Institute and the Law School of Ocean University of China, who were contracted to implement the "Governance Analysis" for Korea and China, respectively to present some summary analyses on the collected data and information; highlight major findings, including the underlying root causes of the Yellow Sea's ecosystem problems; and provide recommendations for future possible interventions. Contractors are requested to prepare and present Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/8.

Members will be invited to suggest how the findings and recommendations of the Governance Analysis could be included in the TDA, and the context in which inputs should be included.

6.2 Draft TDA

A consultant has been hired to prepare the TDA from August to December 2006. The Chairperson will invite the consultant to present his report (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/TDA Draft 1), the progress-to-date, and highlights and gaps in understanding the transboundary issues in the Yellow Sea.

Members will be invited to review the draft TDA, with special reference to the sections relevant to the governance analysis, and offer their inputs for the revised version of the TDA.

7. PREPARATION OF THE SAP

7.1 Environmental Valuation

The Chairperson will invite representatives from School of Economics, Ocean University of China, who were contracted to implement the "Environmental Valuation" with the focus on mariculture, to present some summary analyses on the collected data and information; highlight major findings, including the ecosystem services to be addressed in order to comprehend the total economic value of the Yellow Sea ecosystem; and provide the valuation methods for the

priority ecosystem services, especially those relevant to mariculture. Contractors are requested to prepare and present Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/9.

Members will be invited to suggest how the findings of this implemented Environmental Valuation case study could be used for the development of a regional valuation guideline; what topics and/or requirements should be discussed in the regional valuation guideline; and how the Environmental Valuation could be included in the SAP, and the context in which inputs should be included.

7.2 National Co-ordination and Implementation

The Chairperson will invite the Members to present the status and progress of national co-ordination (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/10), in particular in the establishment and activities of the Inter-Ministerial Co-ordinating Committee, and the National Working Groups.

The Chairperson will also invite the Secretariat to propose a plan of training workshop on report writing to strengthen national institutions.

Members will be invited to recommend suggestions for enhancing the national co-ordination functions.

7.3 Financial Sustainability

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present a guideline on financial sustainability (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/11), keeping in mind that the objective of the guideline is to establish an implementation infrastructure and a financial mechanism for the SAP.

The Chairperson will also invite the Secretariat to propose a plan of training workshop on fund raising to strengthen financial sustainability.

Members will be invited to review the guideline and recommend suggestions for enhancing it.

8. OTHER ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 2007 ONWARDS

- 8.1 Yellow Sea Partnership**
- 8.2 Data and information management**
- 8.3 Suggestions for other activities**

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present activities that have been agreed for implementation, but not yet initiated (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/12).

Members will be invited to review the proposed implementation plan for these activities, and to give recommendations on any outstanding issues. Members may also wish to propose additional activities that will be presented to the Regional Scientific and Technical Panel for review, and to the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for approval.

9. WORKPLAN FOR 2007

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/13, the workplan of the Regional Working Group – Investment.

Members will be invited to review and revise the workplan for the Regional Working Group – Investment, for submission and approval at the 3rd PSC Meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Members will be invited to raise any other issues that need to be considered by this Meeting.

11. DATE AND PLACE FOR 4TH RWG-INVESTMENT MEETING

Members will be invited to offer to host the next RWG-I Meeting, and agree on the dates and venue for the next Meeting.

12. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT

The Chairperson and Secretariat will present the draft meeting report prepared by the Secretariat (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.3/3).

The draft report will be discussed, amended and approved by the meeting.

13. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson will call a motion to close the meeting.