



**UNDP/GEF PROJECT ENTITLED “REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS IN THE
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**Third Meeting of the Regional Working Group
for the Pollution Component**
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Expected Outputs From the 3rd RWG-P 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 – Pollution (RWG-P) Meeting, members and participants will:

- review the completed and on-going activities under the Pollution Component from 2005 to 2006;
- review the draft TDA and offer 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-P.3/8.

The expected outputs from the meeting are listed below.

A. Data and Information Activity

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

The members of the RWG-P 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 pollution problem in the Yellow Sea.

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

B. Regional Pollution Monitoring Guidelines

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

C. Visiting Scientist Programme

- Decision on the focus of this activity: 1) lab analysis to be done after the September co-operative study cruise; or 2) standardised data analysis methods for the region

D. Inter-calibration exercises for organics in sediment and biota

- Suggest implementation mechanism
- Suggest national labs to participate
- Suggest where to obtain standard reference materials
- Compiled list of the above information for PMO to follow up

E. Capacity Building

- **“Workshop on Assessing Marine Environment Quality”** – Agreed objective and implementation mechanism of this activity, type of workshop, topics, participant groups, time frame

F. SAP

- Consider the regional pollution issues, both technical and management-oriented
- Consider the achievable kinds of water quality 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

G. Workplan

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

H. 4th RWG-P Meeting

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

I. Meeting Report

- Agreed and adopted Meeting Report