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National Project Co-ordinators’ Reports

Report of Korea National Project Co-ordinator - Mr. HUH Hyung-Tack

1. Background

After the Official Launching Ceremony for the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project held in Seoul on 7 March 2005, and the approval of the Implementation Plan by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) at its 1st Meeting, institutional framework and coordination arrangements have been made by Korea for proper implementation of the Project:

- i) Establishment of the Inter-Ministrial Coordinating Committee
- ii) Establishment of the National Working Groups for YSLME (NWG)
- iii) Designation of the National Project Coordinator (NPC)

In order to facilitate coordination and communications with and between the National Working Groups and Regional Working Groups, and to ensure proper Project monitoring and evaluation, it has been decided to have a meeting of the Chairs of the National Working Groups together with NPC as well as the representative of the Government on a regular basis. Three NWGs meeting have been held during and after the first Regional Working Groups meetings which have been held from last April through May in China and Korea.

2. Institutional Coordination and Arrangements

i) Inter-Ministrial Coordination Committee (IMCC)

The Committee consists of eight members including four government ministries, three implementing institutions and UNDP/Seoul:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT)
Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MOMAF)
Ministry of Environment (MOE)
Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI)

Korea Maritime Institute (KMI)
Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI)
UNDP/Seoul

ii) National Working Groups for YSLME (NWGs)

The five NWGs representing five components of the Project, Fisheries, Ecosystems, Pollution, Biodiversity and Investment, have been formed. Each Group consists of six to ten experts from various research institutions, universities and government; nine for Fisheries Group, six for Pollution, nine for Ecosystems, ten for Biodiversity and six for Investment. A total of nine institutions and academia have been involved in the NWGs of Korea.

iii) National Project Coordinator (NPC)

The NPC has been selected through an open competition by the IMCC on 26 March 2005, and notified to PMO (UNDP) on 31 March by the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MOMAF). Dr. Hyung Tack Huh, former National TDA Expert/Korea for PDF-B of YSLME Project, was designated as the NPC, and commenced his duty on 1 April 2005.

iv) Coordination Arrangements

To coordinate and support the First Meetings of the Regional Working Groups organized in China and Korea from 6 April through 20 May 2005, NWGs meetings were arranged three times, on 8 April, 29 April and 1 July 2005 in Seoul, to review and evaluate the outcomes/outputs of the 1 RWG meetings and discuss the point of issues raised during the meetings.

Several other meetings with government officials were also arranged to discuss pending questions related to existing data and information gathering, utilization of co-financing funds, optimization of NWG activities, etc.

v) Project-Related Activities (March thru June)

- Official Launching Ceremony for the YSLME Project, 7 March 2005, Seoul
- 2nd Regional Technical Meeting, 3-5 March 2005, Seoul
- 1st Project Steering Committee Meeting, 7-8 March 2005, Seoul
- 1st Regional Working Group Meeting-Ecosystem, 12-15 May 2005, Geoje, Korea

vi) Other Activities Participated by the NPC

- Meeting of Experts on the IOC Capacity Building Strategy, 9-11 March 2005, UNESCO, Paris
- Ecosystem-based Fisheries Resources Management Workshop, 14 April 2005, Busan, Korea (Chaired)
- The 6th IOC/WESTPAC Session, 23-27 May 2005, Nha Trang, Vietnam (Chairman)

3. Outstanding Questions To Be Solved

- i) Regional criteria for calculating activity costs

- ii) Joint Cruise plan (schedule, parameters, no. of person to be on board, equipment, etc)
- iii) Clarification of carrying capacity issues
- iv) Responsibilities of each RWG on the collection and management of data and information
- v) Overhead issues for the non-governmental implementing agencies

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