



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

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**Third Regional Working Group Meeting
for the Fisheries Component of
The UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project
Weihai, China, 25th to 28th October 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-F Chairperson and representative of the host government will be invited to give opening and welcome addresses.

1.2 Introduction of members

The RWG-F will invite the participants to introduce themselves. A provisional list of participants is contained in Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F .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-F.3/inf.1), prepared by the Project Management Office (PMO). Major working documents were already provided 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-F.3/inf.3.

3 ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

The Chairperson will introduce the Provisional Agenda (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/1) and Annotated Provisional Agenda (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/2), prepared by the Secretariat.

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

4 EXPECTED OUTPUTS FROM THE 3rd RWG-F MEETING

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.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 receive more information on this activity and the progress report of TDA preparation in Agenda 6.

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

5 CONSIDERATION OF THE ON-GOING ACTIVITIES UNDER THE FISHERIES COMPONENT

5.1 Data and Information Status, Trends and New Findings

5.1.1 National data and information collection

The Chairperson will invite the Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute, China, and National Fisheries Research and Development Institute, Korea, who have been contracted to implement the "Fisheries and Mariculture Data and Information Collection" activity, to present their final results, highlighting the status and trends of fisheries and mariculture and to provide some summary analyses on the collected data and information. **Contractors are requested to prepare and present Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/5.**

Members will be invited to suggest how data of particular interest could be included in the regional synthesis and TDA, and the suggestions on how those inputs should be included.

5.1.2 Regional data and information synthesis

The Chairperson will invite the Regional Synthesis Consultant, who has been contracted to produce a "Regional Synthesis of National Fisheries and Mariculture Data and Information" mainly based on the information collected from the above-mentioned institutes in China and Korea through their National Reports.

The Consultant is requested to prepare a comprehensive progress report (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/6) and present his findings focusing on the regional status, major trends and data gaps.

Members will be invited to suggest how data of particular interest could be included in the regional synthesis and TDA, and the suggestions on how those inputs should be included.

The meeting will be informed on the possible publication of the National Reports and the Regional Synthesis Report.

Members will be invited to provide suggestions for the publication of these important outcomes of the Project.

5.2 Other activities

5.2.1 Stock Assessment

The Chairperson will invite the "Stock Assessment" Consultant, who has been contracted to develop a "Comprehensive Regional Report on Stock Assessment Methods and Suggestions for a Comprehensive Strategy for a Joint-Regional Stock Assessment", to present his findings and recommendations.

The Consultant is requested to prepare a comprehensive progress report (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/7) and present his recommendations towards the development of a Strategy for a Joint-Regional Stock Assessment.

Members will be invited to suggest how findings of particular interest could be included in the TDA and eventually for the Strategic Action Programme giving suggestions on how those inputs should be included.

5.2.2 Guidelines for Carrying Capacity Analysis

This activity was advertised for bidding in early 2006. Some proposals were received, but all proponents withdrew their proposals for various reasons. The "Mariculture Advisor," hired to oversee the Fisheries Component in the interim, produced a draft guideline for carrying capacity analysis and action. **The Mariculture Advisor will present his draft report, noting the preliminary information on the types of applicable carrying capacity, action directions, and recommendations for projects (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/8).**

Members are requested to review the draft, and suggest revisions to refine the report for better application to the Yellow Sea region. The report may also be applicable to SAP development, and suggestions should be given in the context of SAP relevance.

5.2.3 Asia Pacific Fishery Commission, APFIC

The RWG-F members who attended the APFIC Regional Consultative Forum Meeting (Malaysia), on behalf of the Project, are required to prepare a report of their participation with a comprehensive summary of the main outcomes of the meeting (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/9).

The Chairperson will invite the two representatives who attended the APFIC Forum to report on their participation and how the experiences gained can be incorporated in the Fisheries Component activities for year 2007 onwards.

5.2.4 Sustainable Mariculture

The Consultant hired to develop the “Regional Guidelines for a Joint Programme on Sustainable Mariculture” will prepare and present a progress report based on a regional review, including his recommendations for the consideration of the meeting (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/10).

The Chairperson will invite the meeting to review the Consultant’s proposal and provide guidelines on: (i) how the relevant findings could be included in the TDA; and (ii) how the proposed approach can be incorporated in the Fisheries Component activities for year 2007 onwards.

5.2.5 Law, Regulations and Fisheries Management Plans

The Consulting Firm hired to develop the Regional Review on Laws, Regulations and Fisheries Management Plans will prepare a comprehensive progress report based on a regional review and include their recommendations for the consideration of the meeting Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/11).

Members will be invited to suggest how findings of particular interest could be included in the TDA and the Strategic Action Programme, giving suggestions on how those inputs should be included. The members will also be invited to provide guidelines on future activities in preparing a regional agreement on fisheries management.

6 PREPARATION OF THE TDA

A consultant has been hired to prepare the TDA from August to December 2006. The Chairperson will invite the PMO to present the Progress Report related to this consultancy (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/TDA Draft 1). The progress report will include the progress-to-date, 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 fisheries and mariculture related-issues and offer their inputs for the revised version of the TDA.

7 ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 2007 ONWARDS

7.1 Guidelines for Sustainable Fisheries and Mariculture and Strategic Action Programme

Referring to Agenda 4, the Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to describe the project’s focus on developing the SAP over the next two years (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/12). A proposal focusing on the topics to be addressed towards the development of an implementation plan will be presented by the PMO.

Sub-agenda 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 are the “targets” that the Fisheries Component should consider for the SAP.

- 7.1.1 Fisheries management scheme, criteria and guidelines
 - 7.1.1.1 Regional Stock Assessment
 - 7.1.1.2 Laws, Regulations and Fisheries Management Plans

Based on the reports on “Fisheries Regional Data Synthesis,” “Stock Assessment” and “Law, Regulations and Fisheries Management Plans,” the meeting will discuss

and agree on necessary activities to manage fishery stock assessment and the preparation of a regional agreement on fisheries management.

- 7.1.2 Mariculture management scheme, criteria and guidelines
 - 7.1.2.1 Carrying Capacity
 - 7.1.2.2 Sustainable Mariculture

Based on the draft “Regional Guidelines Report for a Joint Programme on Sustainable Mariculture,” the meeting will be invited to consider necessary activities to test the Regional Guidelines for Sustainable Mariculture in the Yellow Sea, and prepare the necessary management actions to be included in the SAP. Members should note that some of the above activities are also partially addressed in Agenda 7.2 below.

Members will be invited to review the proposed implementation plan and provide comments on the management issues, targets, and proposed actions for inclusion in the SAP. Members will also be invited to propose additional activities that are relevant to the development of the SAP.

7.2 Other Activities

- 7.2.1 Regional Workshop on Sustainable Mariculture
- 7.2.2 Regional Workshop on Carrying Capacity
- 7.2.3 Suggestion 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-F.3/13).

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.

8 WORKPLAN FOR 2007

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-F.3/14, the project workplan of the Regional Working Group – Fisheries.

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

9 OTHER BUSINESS

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

10 DATES AND VENUE FOR THE 4TH RWG-FISHERIES MEETING

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

11 ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT

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

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

12 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson will call a motion to close this meeting.