



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

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**Proposal on establishment and workplan
of a Draft Group for Preparing SAP**

Following identification of the Regional Targets for management actions and agreement on the management actions in the Strategic Action Programme (SAP), the next step for preparing the SAP is to form a drafting group to prepare the draft SAP for consideration by the RSTP and PSC. Considering the nature of the work to prepare the draft SAP, and the approval procedure in each participating country, it is proposed a drafting group to be established with the draft Terms of Reference and Workplan proposed as following.

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE DRAFTING GROUP FOR PREPARING SAP

Rationale

The Strategic Action Programme (SAP) is one of major outcomes of the UNDP/GEF Project on Reducing Environment Stress in the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem. In order to prepare the SAP, an ad hoc Working Group was established to prepare the SAP. Following two meetings of the ad hoc Working Group, the regional Ecosystem Quality Objectives have been identified. The relevant regional actions to address environmental problems in the region have also been identified.

In order to prepare a draft, revised and final document of the SAP, there is a need to form a Drafting Group.

Membership

Considering the nature of the work to prepare the SAP, and the procedures in approving the SAP in the participating countries, it is proposed that the drafting group will consist of:

- (i) one expert from each country; and
- (ii) Project Manager of the Project Management office

2. Tasks of the Panel

- (i) Review the scientific findings, environmental problems identified in, and the results of the causal chain analysis of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA);
- (ii) Review the discussion and agreements of the Ad hoc Working Group for preparation of the SAP, in particular the regional targets and management actions identified for the SAP;
- (iii) Prepare the draft SAP following the draft structure that has been discussed and agreed by the Ad hoc Working Group;
- (iv) Submit the draft SAP to the Regional Scientific and Technical Panel (RSTP), and the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for consideration and comments; and
- (v) Prepare final version to be submitted to the governments of the participating countries for approval.

3. Workplan

| Tasks | Activities | Schedules |
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| Feasibility studies | | Sept-Dec 2007 |
| Review the scientific findings, environmental problems identified in, and the results of the causal chain analysis of TDA | first draft group meeting | December 2007 |
| Review the discussion and agreements of the Ad hoc Working Group for preparation of SAP, in particular the regional targets and management actions identified for SAP | first draft group meeting | December 2007 |
| Prepare draft SAP following the draft structure that has been discussed and agreed by the Ad hoc Working Group | first draft group meeting | December 2007 |
| Review the draft SAP | second draft group meeting | March 2008 |
| Submit the draft SAP to RSTP, and PSC for consideration and comments | RSTP & PSC | May 2008 |
| Prepare final version to be submitted to the governments of the participating countries for approval | third drafting group meeting | June 2008 |