



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

**UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Programme
Small Grants Programme 2008**

Actions for contributions to improve management of Marine and Coastal
Environment in the Yellow Sea

Call for Proposals

1. Background and Objectives

The UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) Project aims to facilitate protection and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources in the Yellow Sea. The Project’s activities include encouraging participation from all stakeholders and strengthening their capacities to deal with marine environmental issues that affect the local livelihoods. To encourage more participation into this project and build the capacities of stakeholders, especially local stakeholders, the YSLME has established the Small Grants Programme since 2006.

Many of the environmental challenges are best addressed at a local level by those groups and entities that have a better understanding of the needs and factors affecting the area. The overall goal of this programme is to provide the opportunity and means for communities and other stakeholders to undertake practical projects tackling important local problems, create stewardship, and enhance management of the marine and coastal environment of the region. Hence, the Small Grants Programme hopes to contribute to the overall goal of reversing the trends of ecosystem degradation through conservation and sustainable development.

Since its launch, the programme has financed 11 projects that conducted various activities to conserve the marine and coastal environment in the Yellow Sea. In 2006, the Programme supported activities that increased public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the environment in the Yellow Sea. During 2007, the Programme advanced to address local needs by capacity building of stakeholders and local institutions in managing marine environments.

The Small Grants Programme 2008 provides funding for activities that stimulate the development and adoption of management schemes that improve protection of the marine environment and sustainable resource use in the Yellow Sea.

The YSLME invites all relevant organisations and institutions interested in this activity to submit a proposal for the Programme to the Project Management Office (PMO), following the instructions mentioned below.

2. Field of Proposed Activities

Proposals should demonstrate their competency in contributing to this year’s focus—Promotion of Improved Management of the Marine and Coastal Resources in the Yellow Sea—by implementing activities in any of the following relevant fields:



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- Activities that promote understanding and change fishermen’s and/or consumer’s behaviour towards the use of marine resources in a more sustainable manner;
- Actions to reduce pollution loads (e.g. creating man-made wetlands, improving existing wetlands, reducing nutrient loadings through restoration and enhancement);
- Initiatives to promote and demonstrate chemical free mariculture;
- Environmental impact assessment of management actions and/or marine accidents;
- Habitat improvement, i.e. wetland restoration activities, to promote biological diversity; and
- Activities involving management and/or restoration of natural resources

3. Eligibility and Guidelines for Application

- The proposed project must be conducted in the Yellow Sea region.
- The maximum implementation period of the project is 12 months.
- Applicants can be any type of entities, including government organisations, research/academic institutions, community-based organisations, NGOs, and private companies. Priority will be given to those organisations with less access to funding (such as NGOs, local government agencies, and universities).
- Proposals with additional matching funds from other sources are preferred. The proposals must mention the sources and amounts of these matching funds. However, proposals that are clearly under the responsibility of other funding bodies will not be considered.
- Active participation by local stakeholders is crucial. Proposals limited to only research activities or training workshops without the involvement of local stakeholders will not be accepted.
- Projects must be environmentally and ecologically sound.
- There is no support for salaries, procurement of large equipments, and overhead fees. However, stipends for research assistants will be considered.
- More information about previous grantees can be found following the hyperlink to small grants from our website (www.yslme.org).
- **The deadline for proposals is 7th April 2008.** Late submissions will not be considered.

4. Type of support provided

Grants of up to US\$ 10,000 will be provided in the form of financial assistance. Approximately 5 projects will be awarded, depending on the availability of funds for the Year of 2008. An independent review panel consisting of regional experts in the field of marine and coastal environmental management and/or experts in engaging local community participation will review proposals and select the projects to be awarded.

5. Format for proposals

The length of a proposal should be 5 to 7 pages (Arial, 11-point font with 1” margins), excluding Appendixes (project leader’s CV and budget). It would be very helpful if photos of



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the project site are attached. The proposal should be written in English and include the following information:

- Title of proposed project
- Project leader’s full contact address, telephone and e-mail
- Summary
One paragraph description of the project with outline of activities. 1 page maximum.
- Background information
Provide the geographic area of the project, the present situation and characteristics of the local area, and the problem or need that the proposed project addresses.
- Rationale and objectives
Provide a clear explanation that identifies the project’s overall aim or intended impact; then, define and breakdown the goals.
- Relevance to other existing projects in the region
Explain the significance of the project and how it will contribute to other projects and programmes in the area.
- Methods
Describe activities that the proposed project will implement to achieve the objectives.
- Expected outputs
Describe the expected outputs (measurable benefits) that the project is expected to achieve. (Note that “outputs” refer to the quantity of goods or services to be produced [e.g. number of brochures printed].) Be specific to the particular target of the project, and describe how the outputs will be evaluated.
- Timeline or workplan of activities
Indicate a project implementation schedule, including estimated beginning and ending dates of proposed activities. Plan to prepare an interim (progress) report during the project period and a final report upon completion of the project.
- Project leader’s CV (2 pages), organization and/or collaborator’s CV (1 page)
Provide a brief description of the qualifications of the main project leader; a description of organisation’s mission and activities; and a description of possible collaborators, if any. This section can include a list of previous accomplishments for similar activities.
- Project budget in US dollars;
Provide a detailed budget justification that makes explicit how the requested



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budget is calculated and why the resources are needed. List necessary personnel, materials, equipments, and facilities. The budget should also clearly include if other funding sources are already available and if other grants are applied for. Describe the extent of in-kind contributions (non-monetary support from other sources/institutions, e.g. office space).

See Annex I for a suggested table of contents for the proposal. For the templates of the workplan and budget estimation, see Annex II.

6. Evaluation

The External Review Panel, consisting of regional experts and practitioners, will evaluate and score proposed projects against the following criteria:

- Originality and quality of work that underpins proposed activity;
- Level of contribution to the conservation of the marine environment and relevance to the Programme’s focus/ themes;
- Level of involvement of local stakeholders;
- Feasibility of proposed management actions;
- Perceived ability of the group/institution to undertake the project for the estimated duration of work;
- Potential of significant outcomes;
- Far reaching and/or long term impact; and
- Likelihood to match regional needs on conservation of marine and coastal environment.

7. Inquires

Inquires, applications, and correspondence should be directed to:

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Annex I. Table of Contents

1. Project summary
2. Background
3. Rationale and objectives
4. Relevance to other existing projects in the region
5. Proposed activities and methods
6. Expected outputs



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7. Workplan

Appendixes:

- I. Contact information (address, telephone number, fax, e-mail)
- II. CVs (Project leader, organisation, collaborator(s))
- III. Budget (Total budget; budget requested from YSLME Project; matching funds, if any)

Annex II. Templates

Workplan



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Budget (sample)



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