



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

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And Project Steering Committee
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Proposed Activities and Workplan for 2011 (Bridging Phase)

1. Current Project Status

Following the decisions of the Project Steering Commission (PSC) at its 6th meeting (Xi'an, China, November 2009), all necessary documents for the application of the Project's second phase have been prepared, including the PIF and the full Project Document. The PIF was officially submitted to the GEF Secretariat by the UNDP/GEF, together with the official Letters of Endorsement (LoE) from the governments of DPR Korea and RO Korea.

Most of the review comments from the GEF Secretariat were very positive but the PIF was not accepted with the following comments:

The PM would recommend to CEO the clearance of the PIF if the agency would submit the missing LoE from China GEF OFP and if the Agency would provide documentation in key UNDP policy/ planning documents for mainstreaming of international waters agenda into its regular programmes.

The major tasks for the project during the bridging phase are to:

- (i) Continue discussion and negotiation with the government of China, particularly the office of the GEF OFP, on the issuance of the official Letter of Endorsement;
- (ii) Work closely with UNDP/GEF on the discussion with the GEF Secretariat on the issue of “comparative advantage” of the organization in the implementation of the project;
- (iii) Revise the PIF to meet the requirements of the GEF; and
- (iv) Deliver on remaining project outputs and prepare for the anticipated second phase of the project.

2. Workplan for 2011 (Bridging Phase)

Considering the current situation of the project, the project workplan will focus on the issues mentioned in the previous section.

2.1 Negotiating with the governments of participating countries

- The Project Management office (PMO) will communicate closely with the National Project Co-ordinator (NPC) on the relevant issues regarding the official issuing of the Letter of Endorsement from the Government of China;
- The Project Manager will visit China to assist the NPC in discussion and negotiation with relevant ministries of China. Necessary project documents and information will be prepared in advance, as requested;
- The relevant information will be provided to all the project partners;

2.2 Revising the PIF for Re-submission to GEF

Following review comments of the GEF Secretariat and the additional comments and suggestions that may come from the participating countries, the PIF will be revised. The revised document will be discussed by the participating countries and other members of the Project Steering Committee, and will be submitted, through UNDP/GEF to the GEF Secretariat, aiming at the final approval by the GEF at its Council Meeting in April 2011.

Following the approval of the PIF, the draft Project Document will be reviewed and revised if necessary and submitted to the GEF CEO for endorsement.

2.3 Preparing and organizing the 7th meeting of the Project Steering Committee

As agreed by the governments of the participating countries, the 7th PSC meeting has been postponed, considering the current status of the project. PMO will discuss with the participating countries on the new dates for the PSC meeting. All necessary preparation and organization of the meeting will be carried out following the agreement.

2.4 Publication of and Disseminating Project Outcomes & Outputs

In the context of lessons sharing of project outcomes and outputs, the following activities have been agreed upon, and will be implemented:

- Finalising, editing and publishing the reports of the SAP demonstration activities. There are total 21 demonstration projects implemented to show the usefulness and effectiveness of the management actions identified in the YSLME SAP;
- Finalising, editing and publishing the report of the co-operative cruises, and the reports on the regional fishery stock assessment; and
- Preparing, finalising and publishing a summary book to summarise the outcomes and outputs of the project, and the new knowledge generated during the project.

2.5 Preparing for the Implementation of the Project's Anticipated Second Phase

Some activities that have been approved by the PSC at its 6th meeting, have not been implemented due to the various constrains and limitations. These activities are closely linked with the implementation of the project activities in the anticipated 2nd phase. If the situation allows, the following activities will be implemented with the project budget:

- Informal Consultative Meeting on the relevant issues regarding the establishment of the YSLME Commission. *(This activity was originally*

agreed and planed to be implemented prior to the PSC meeting. It has been postponed)

- Regional workshop on mainstreaming economic consideration in the ecosystem-based approach. *(This activity was also agreed and planed to be implemented in 2010. It has been postponed)*
- Regional Forum on Involvement of local government in the relevant management actions on fishery management *(This activity was also agreed and planed to be implemented in 2010. It has been postponed due to lacking of the staff)*

3. Proposed budget

The proposed budget for the bridging period is consisting two parts:

- (i) the Proposed Project Budget for 2011; and
- (ii) the Financial support from the Government of ROK on the implementation of project activities during the bridging phase of the project.

The both budget will be made available at the PSC meeting, and will be sent to the nominated participants of the PSC meeting through emails.