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**Regional Working Groups Chairperson Reports
of the 1st Round of Regional Working Group Meetings
for the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project**

Background:

Following the approval of the Project Implementation Plan by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) at its First Meeting (Seoul, Korea, 7-8 March 2005), the Project started its implementation with the first round of the meetings of the five Regional Working Groups (Ecosystem, Biodiversity, Fisheries, Investment and Pollution), with the aim of identifying the major data and information requirements for preparing a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) for the Yellow Sea.

Five meetings (one for each of the project components) were held in China and Korea from the 6th April – 20th May 2005. The meetings discussed the methods required to identify Yellow Sea problems related to each of the project components, and the types of data and information to support the identified problems, the format of the data and information to collect, and proposed activities to gather additional required data. The meeting also discussed problems, constraints and raised issues regarding to the function of the Regional Working Groups and their components.

This document provides a brief report on each of these meetings, provided by the Chairperson for each component and includes the major outcomes and issues that were, or were not, resolved at the RWG meeting and that may need to be addressed by the technical panel along with suggestions and recommendations for possible solutions.

A. ECOSYSTEM WORKING GROUP

Location of WG Chair: Republic of Korea

Chairperson: Mr. YOO Sinjae, Director, Korea Ocean Research Development Institute, Ansan

1) General description of the meeting

Venue and Attendance

The First Meeting of the Regional Working Group for the Ecosystem Component (RWG-E) was held at the South-sea Institute of KORDI, Geoje, Korea, during 10-13 May 2005. A total of 14 people attended the meeting. Among them were three Chinese delegates, three Korean delegates, one chairperson of the RWG-E, three observers, and four members from the PMO staff.

Agenda

Adopted agenda during the meeting is attached in the appendix 2. Mr. Sinjae Yoo, the chairperson of RWG-E was nominated as chairperson of the meeting. In the early part of the meeting, a presentation on general aspects of the Project was made by PMO to give the attendees background information. Then, each agenda item was discussed following the background presentation by PMO. Among the agenda items, three main focal areas for the Meeting were identified: 1) terms of reference for the RWG-E; 2) data and information collection; and 3) list of activities and work plan. Although costing of the activities was in the original agenda, only introductory remarks were made by PMO and no discussion was made since the other RWGs had felt that this task was beyond their responsibility to decide. PMO also gave an explanation on the joint cruise in 2006.

2) Major outcomes of the meeting

Revision of TOR

Members carefully reviewed the RWG-E's TOR, and made changes to the background, membership, meeting procedure, and tasks. The discussion aimed to improve the TOR in terms of clarity, preciseness, and consistency. Tasks were rewritten and rearranged to emphasize that producing TDA and SAP is one of the major goals of the project. Responsibilities of the RWG-E were also rewritten in a consistent manner with the work plan of the RWG-E.

Filling of data table

Members were invited to complete the table listing the problems, data and information requirements to support or refute the problems, data format, and temporal and spatial scales of data to be collected. First, three problems were identified after some discussion:

Change in ecosystem structure; change in ecosystem productivity; and habitat modification. For each problem, indicators were listed and the format and scale of corresponding data were identified. Then, availability of the data was asked for each country and the meeting examined whether the participating countries had minimum data or not enough data for each problem identified.

Preliminary causal chain analysis

The group then conducted a preliminary causal chain analysis. Sometimes it was difficult to precisely define impacts, immediate causes, and underlying causes. However, the exercise gave the group a basic idea how TDA and SAP will be conducted.

Revision of the work plan

The current list of activities would address the trend in the state of the ecosystem through historical data review, assess current ecosystem status, and evaluate the most significant stressors and corrective actions to take. In this context, the meeting made appropriate changes in the list of activities, and agreed on the activities, actions, and timetable during the first two years of project implementation. Participants agreed that the timeline for the carrying capacity activities should match that of the carrying capacity of the Fisheries Component.

Joint cruise

PMO briefed on the joint cruises planned in 2006. The meeting was asked to consider the cruise details during the months before the RSTP meeting. Given the limitation in berths and other resources, the group was asked to consider prioritizing the data parameters to be collected. There was a consensus among the group for the need of inter-calibration before or during the joint survey.

Next RWG meeting

Members agreed to have the next RWG-E Meeting in Shanghai, China, 15 to 18 November 2005. After the meeting, the date was adjusted to Nov 29-Dec 2 to avoid a conflict with other RWG's meeting.

3) Issues to be discussed at the RSTP meeting

Co-operation with other RWGs

Although RWG-E mainly focuses on the lower trophic level, the group clearly understands that it would be appropriate to keep the scope of RWG-E's work as wide as possible to conduct an ecosystem-based approach. While RWG-E would focus on lower trophic levels in collecting required data and information, data from other groups are prerequisite for the data analysis. Therefore data and information collecting should be made in a well-concerted manner with other RWGs.

Carrying capacity assessment in RWG-E workplan is defined as productivity potential, particularly of lower trophic levels, and will assist with assessment of carrying capacity in fisheries resources. Co-ordination of related activity in both groups are desirable.

4) Recommendations to the RSTP

The RWG-E felt that sharing of data and information in a well-coordinated manner is essential for the successful implementation of the project. To this end, having RWG Chairpersons join other RWG meetings could be a start to addressing the cross-component issues.

Members noted that good co-operation and co-ordination within and beyond the Project partners would have long-term benefits to the scientific community; thus, more co-operation and co-ordination should be encouraged. One example of co-operation with outside partners would be with PICES in revising North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report (PICES, 2004). The Yellow Sea ecosystem is one of the ecosystems in the Report and the Project will contribute updated information to improve the Report while the Project will be benefited from comparative analysis, particularly in relation with climate change.

There seems a consensus among the RWGs' members in that intercalibration and intercomparison between the two countries is crucial for successful data gathering and analysis. However, the issue should be addressed not on a working-group basis but as a whole. RSTP needs to oversee each working group and see to it that the issue is dealt in a systematic manner.

B. POLLUTION WORKING GROUP

Location of WG Chair: People's Republic of China

Chairperson: Mr. WEN Quan, National Marine Environmental Monitoring Center, Dalian

1. General Introduction on First RWG-P Meeting

1.1 Purposes and Agenda of the Meeting

The Regional Working Groups of YSLME Project are the focal points to develop their respective components of the regional TDP during the first two years of Project implementation. Thus the first RWG-P Meeting is hoped to agree on common methodologies to collect and present information on pollution component for TDA inputs and agree on necessary actions to obtain the information.

The agenda for first RWG-P Meeting is mainly on:

- (1) data and information needs related to discussion on Yellow Sea pollution problems, identification of data and information requirements, and agreement on their format, and the country presentations on available data/information on sources, pathways, and distribution of pollutants; determination of "hot spots;" monitoring procedures; and analysis of pollutant fate and transport;
- (2) required costed actions and workplan related to required actions for TDA preparation, information gaps and workplan for 2005 to 2006.

The Meeting was held in 6-9 April 2005, Qingdao, China.

1.2 Members of the Group

RWG-P is consist of 7 members who are as follows:

Prof. WEN Quan, duly elected chairperson of RWG-P
Chief scientist, SOA Key Lab of Coastal Ecosystem and Environmental Research
National Marine Environmental Monitoring Center, China

Dr. WANG Juying, Marine Chemist
National Marine Environmental Monitoring Center of China

Mr. HUO Chuanlin, Bio-chemist
National Marine Environmental Monitoring Center of China

Dr. YAO Ziwei, Senior Analyst
National Marine Environmental Monitoring Center of China

Dr. Jae-Ryoung OH, Principal Research Scientist
Marine Environmental Research Lab, South Sea Institute
KORDI, Korea

Ms. Hee-Gu CHOI, Senior Scientist
National Fisheries Research & Development Institute (NFRDI), Korea

Dr. Hak-Bong CHANG, Social scientist
Head of Marine Environment Policy Research Team
Korea Maritime Institute (KMI), Korea

Ms. Hyun-Shin LEE from UNDP Korea Office, Mr. Yihang Jiang, Ms. Connie Chiang and Ms Jung Hwa Kim from PMO, Prof Zhu Mingyuan from FIO of SOA as observer participated the Meeting. Ms Wang Wenqi and Ms Sung Ping from FIO of SOA and Ms Lin Xinzhen from NMEMC of China are as the secretaries for the Meeting.

1.3 General Outcomes

1.3.1 Draft TOR for RWG-P

The Meeting has discussed the TOR for the RWG-P and focused on the major responsibilities of RWG-P. All members agreed with the final proposal, as follows:

(1) Location of WG Chair: People's Republic of China

(2) Tasks:

- Coordinate the development of a regional system of effective marine contaminant reduction and mitigation. Facilitate the establishment of regional quality assurance system.
- Establish and support a well functioning network of monitoring centres throughout the region. Compile reliable data to catalyze reduction and prevention of contamination.
- Identify "Hot Spots." Prepare regional procedures for remediation and prevention, for adoption and implementation.
- Develop regional guidelines for monitoring and assessment of the marine environment in the Yellow Sea.
- Provide guidance in developing regional strategies for pollution control and management.
- Provide scientific guidance for the development of the pollution chapter of the TDA.
- Provide scientific guidance in the development and implementation of the SAP and NYSAP.
- Prepare workplan of pollution component with detailed costed actions for consideration and approval of PSC.

1.3.2 Data and Information Requirements

The members of RWG-P discussed Data and Information Requirements for the Pollution Component and Causal Chain Analysis for Yellow Sea Pollution-Related Problems, and contributed their expertise in proposing pollution-related problems of the Yellow Sea, and spent a sizeable amount of effort to produce the comprehensive list of required data, information and the formats. The final data and information requirements and formats may be found in the Meeting report.

The members also discussed the causal chain and governance analysis and finalized this information.

The parameters for intercalibration exercises were also discussed and finalized.

1.3.3 List of Costed Actions

During the Meeting, the members reviewed the list of activities and actions required for preparation of the pollution component of the TDA and made slight changes in the list. The agreed activities and actions to be taken for the first two years of project implementation are listed in the Meeting report.

1.3.4 Determination of 2nd RWG-P Meeting

Members agreed to have the next RWG-P Meeting in Busan, Korea, 10-13 October 2005. The PMO will contact all members, should there be any changes.

1.3.5 Co-operation with other project components and relevant activities in the region

RWG-P proposed the cooperation with other project components and relevant activities in the region, such as monitoring programs related to Yellow Sea from both countries, projects from APEC Marine Environmental Training and Education Center in conjunction with Korea International Cooperation Agency, and activities from NEAR-GOOS, PICES, UNEP, NOWPAP, GEF Global Ballast Water Project, PEMSEA, East Asian Marginal Seas, GLOBEC, etc.

1.4 Suggestions

RWG-P proposed that:

- (1) the training programmes carried out by APEC Marine Environmental Training and Education Center in conjunction with Korea International Cooperation Agency are helpful for activities in pollution component of YSLME;
- (2) PMO could use a software, prepared by an expert of KORDI that can easily present data in an easy to understand format;
- (3) two to four persons from pollution component should participate in the joint survey with the fisheries and ecosystem groups, to collect necessary samples from sea water, sediment and biota.

1.5 Major Issues

During the Meeting, the secretariat introduced the Full Time Equivalent (FTE), as a proposed method for the Project to have a regional guideline to calculate the costs of activities. The members were informed of the background and rationale of this agenda item, namely it was a task charged to the PMO by the 2nd Regional Technical Meeting.

After extensive discussion on the different economic situations and different methods in calculating the activities costs in the participating countries, members recognized that the discussion on the method of calculation is beyond the responsibilities of the regional working group. Therefore, they could not reach agreement on this issue.

Following discussions with other partners of the Project, the PMO informed the Meeting that necessary consultations will be carried out by the PMO with the relevant governmental agencies and the NPCs to resolve this issue.

2. Issues to be Addressed

The issues that the RWG-P would like to discuss at RSTP are proposed as follows:

- Cross-component issues, especially with RWG-E and RWG-F. It is proposed that the chairpersons of RWG-P, RWG-E and RWG-F have a meeting to discuss detailed crossing things and find the way for coordination and cooperation.
- General consensus on trans-boundary environmental issues in YSLME. It is proposed that two workshops on the trans-boundary issues in YSLME should be held before TDA is finalized, one with China research team and Korea research team, another with regional experts.
- Environmental assessment criteria. It is proposed that the consultant for drafting regional monitoring guidelines should propose the basic consideration and principle and the general assessment criteria.
- Budget for chairperson of RWG-P, which will be used for coordination among chairpersons of RWGs, preparing documents and materials for meetings, etc.

3. Recommendations to RSTP

RWG-P has made recommendations to RSTP as follows:

- RSTP is hoped to enlarge the cooperation with other international and/or regional projects.
- RSTP is hoped to develop the cooperation with other international organizations.
- RSTP is hoped to concern further about the cross-component issues, with regard to ecosystem indicators and environmental indicators or parameters related to TDA.

C. FISHERIES WORKING GROUP

Location of WG Chair: People's Republic of China

Chairperson: Mr. JIN Xianshi

Report on First Meeting of Regional Working Group for Fisheries

Qingdao, China, 11-14 April, 2005

1. General Description of Meeting

The First Meeting of Regional Working Group for Fisheries (RWG-F) was held in Qingdao, China during the period of 11-14 April, 2005. Total of 12 participants attended the meeting (annex I), including seven members, three from PMO and one from State Oceanic Administration of China, and one NGO, from Marine Stewardship Council.

2. RWG-F Meeting Member composition

Mr. Jin Xianshi, from Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute of China, was elected as chairperson and also is the principal scientist of Chinese side.

Ms. Yeon Inja, from the West Seas Fisheries Research Institute of the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute of Korea, is the principal scientist of Korea side.

Mr. Jin Xianshi, Ms. Yeon Inja, Mr. Zhao Xianyong, Mr. Kim Do Hoon and Mr. Wang Jun will be responsible for stock assessment, carrying capacity and Regional Agreements and National Laws & Management Plan.

Fang Jianguang and Mr. Jang In Kwon will be responsible for mariculture production.

3. Objectives of the Meeting

The overall goals and objectives of the meeting are:

- Produce a list of data and information requirements and their format.
- Provide an agreed method of equitably calculating the costs of activities.
- Produce a listed cost of actions.
- Produce a list of agreed responsibilities of relevant institutions and individuals in collecting required data and information, and carrying out relevant analysis.
- Provide a proposal to be submitted to the regional Science and Technical Panel on ways to coordinate with other RWGs in preparing the TDA; and
- Produce a work-plan for the Fisheries Component for 2005 and 2006.

The RWG-F meeting discussed expected outcomes and outputs of the meeting, data and information requirements of the TDA, a proposal for the regional calculation of the costs of project activities; and informational documents, including: provisional terms of reference, financial reporting procedures and requirements for the regional Working Group for the Fisheries Component.

4. Major Outcomes and Outputs of the Meeting

- a. Members fully understood the major outcomes of the Project, namely, the development of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), Strategic Action Programme (SAP), and National Strategic Action Plans.

- b. Members also fully understood the functional requirements of the working group, its reporting relationships and responsibilities, its role in achieving objectives, and the financial rules and financial reporting responsibilities of the regional working group.
- c. Members agreed to remove the word 'annual' from the first and second bullet point of the 'Major Responsibility of Regional Thematic Working Group on Fisheries' which referred to the effective mechanism of regional stock assessment and carrying capacity, respectively. Also, the 5th bullet point of the same paragraph was modified with the change in the words 'bilateral or regional agreement' to 'bilateral and/or regional agreement' to reflect the alternative.
- d. The Group revised the TOR for RWG-F provided by the PMO, and agreed on the main body of text regarding the membership and working modality. There was some discussion regarding the concept of Carrying Capacity and whether it was an archaic assessment that may have been superseded by more contemporary methods such as other, newer, ecosystem-based fishery management tools.
- e. The group agreed to modify the statement regarding Carrying Capacity in the TOR to allow the group freedom to explore newer techniques, methods and mechanisms for ecosystem-based fisheries management in addition to Carrying capacity. The new version of the TOR for the RWG-F can be found in Annex III.
- f. Ms. Yeon and Mr. Jin presented brief diagnoses of the fisheries stocks in their regions, highlighting the problems that existed, highlighting the transboundary issues and describing the national and regional sources of data and information that were available.
- g. Mr. Jang and Mr. Fang presented a regional overview of the existing status and trends of Mariculture and problems that existed for the Korean and Chinese region, respectively.
- h. Participants separated into two groups to discuss, modify and add to, the Problem and Data requirement table and Causal Chain analysis provided by the secretariat, and after much discussion, agreed on a list of data and information requirements, and a provisional Causal Chain Analysis Matrix to present to the RSTP and use for the future planning of activities (refer to Annex IV of RWG-F meeting report).
- i. The group agreed on list of cost activities to be supported within the framework of the project; and formulate a work-plan for the first two years, with an indication of the tasks, responsibilities and deadlines for completion of the tasks.
- j. The group revised the list of activities and actions required for the Fisheries Component of the Implementation Plan and developed a new work-plan for the 2005 and 2006 years. The group made a small change to the list of activities and some modifications to the existing work-plan due to new changes in scheduling of some activities such as Ship surveys and meeting dates. The revised agreed list of activities is attached to RWF-F meeting report as Annex V.
- k. It was agreed to move the meeting to the 25th to 28th October, 2005. It was suggested that the possible venue of the meeting would be Jeju Island or Gyeongju, Korea. The secretariat will discuss the venue with the host and make arrangements on behalf of the group.

5. Issues Raised

- a. Ms. Yeon on behalf of the Korean delegation reported that the Terms of Reference (TOR) for membership of the RWG were 'unfair' given the inequality in the number of members. She noted that Korea would prefer an equal number and would like to know if this could be changed at this time.

6. Proposals for Consideration by RSTP

- a. Members of the meeting suggested that joint RWG meetings could be organised to facilitate communication, discussion, sharing and coordination of activities between RWGs for the benefit of the project.
- b. Suggested ship survey plan: two surveys will be conducted based on the budget. The first cruise will be carried out from Jan. 4-25, the actual working days should be planned within 15 days according to the weather condition. The coverage will be 32°-37°N outside territory seas of each country. The second cruise is planned from around April 15, about 30 days. The coverage will be 32°-39°N outside territory seas of each country.
- c. RWG should have some budget for running expenses.

D. BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP

Location of Chair: Republic of Korea

Chairperson: Mr. Lee Yoon, Senior Researcher, National Fisheries Research Institute.

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E. INVESTMENT WORKING GROUP

Location of WG Chair: People's Republic of China

Chairperson: Mr. Zhu Mingyuan, First Institute of Oceanography, State Oceanic Administration, Qingdao

Report of First RWG-I Meeting to RSTP

1. General description of the meeting

The First Meeting of the Regional Working Group for the Investment Component was held in Yantai, China during May 17-20, 2005. There are 10 participants including 7 members (4 from China and 3 from Korea) and 3 PMO staffs.

2. Agenda of the meeting

The agenda of the meeting was prepared by PMO. The meeting adopted the agenda without any changes.

3. Major outcomes of the meeting

3.1 Draft terms of reference for the regional working group for investment (RWG-I)

Members reviewed the previous TOR and agreed to make some changes. The revised TOR will be submitted to the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for approval.

3.2 Bidding process and reporting responsibilities of the RWG-I

Meeting agreed that the bidding process used by the United Nations in issuing contracts will be used for RWG-I contract to ensure a transparent contract issuing process, and to obtain the best value for money. However, the meeting recognized that countries could recommend a waiver of bidding with ample justification. Members noted that as the Project operates within the framework of United Nations, relevant UN rules and procedures, such as reporting responsibilities of the contractors, should be followed. Members took note of the reporting requirements that will be applied during implementation of project activities.

3.3 National and regional co-ordinating mechanisms

3.3.1 National Co-ordinating Mechanisms

According to the project structure, The National Co-ordination Mechanisms including IMCF, NFP, NPC, Nat.CU and NWGs. Meeting suggested that the IMCF should be renamed IMCC (Inter-ministerial Co-ordinating Committee). Members were invited to review and revise the previous TORs for the IMCF and NPC.

Mr. Wenxi Zhu and Mr. Chang gave country presentation on the progress of national project co-ordination in China and Korea.

The national co-ordination in China as follows:

- The NPC has been appointed.
- The IMCC will be established, after finalisation of IMCC TOR, and should consist

of the various ministries: finance, agriculture, transportation, and environment. In the second part of this year, the IMCC will be established.

- Involve provincial governments into the implementation of the project activities is under consideration as a very important issue.
- National working groups have been set up.

The presentation for Korea national coordination include:

- The national partners and possible partners that could join the Project;
- The progress of national co-ordination, including the appointment of the NPC, and meetings between NPC and members of the national working groups;
- Difficulties in national co-ordination: 1) the need for financial support to national working groups; 2) no information at national level about how the PMO deals with contracts and consultancy; 3) delayed contracts; and 4) need for more information on the procedure of issuing contracts.

The Meeting noted the importance of local government's involvement in the Project and agreed that this should be included in Project implementation.

3.3.2 Regional Co-operation and Co-ordination

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Project and World Wide Fund for Nature's (WWF) Yellow Sea Eco-region Planning Programme (YSEPP). Under the MOU, the two projects have agreed to share information, such as through the use of WWF's GIS database.

The project should consider co-operation with the existing regional programmes – UN Environment Programme Northwest Pacific Action Plan, IOC/WESTPAC's harmful algal bloom and NEAR-GOOS activities.

3.3.3 Socio-economic and governance analysis

Socio-economic and governance analysis is one of important component of TDA. Members realised that this group should take a different approach from all other RWGs, as socio-economic and governance analysis have special requirements to define the targets and methods to be used. It was agreed that:

- 1) The integrated governance analysis should be carried out by the special institutions in the participating countries to cover the cross component issues and the entire Yellow Sea ecosystem.
- 2) Each Regional Working Group needs to carry out their own causal chain analysis, with assistance from the Investment group. Considering the fishery component would have comparatively sufficient data, the initial effort will focus on the fishery component to provide experiences to other components.
- 3) A TOR should be prepared based on the required actions described in this section, and relevant institutions will be invited, through a bidding system, to propose target, method, and data and information required, together with a proposed budget to carry out the activities. Contracts will be issued to the selected institutions to carry out the necessary work.
- 4) As some of the data and information listed above are needed for carrying out such an analysis they should be added to the data and information requirements of the

Fishery component.

- 5) As the above proposed steps include other Project Components, the meeting agreed to submit the proposed plan to the RSTP for approval before proceeding with the actual analysis.

3.4 Data and information management for YSLME

Members discussed this issue and agreed on:

- (i) Meta database and GIS database should be established within the framework of this project. "Data and information for decision-making" system could be established;
- (ii) Close linkage with existing data centres and regional data and information exchange systems should be explored, to avoid duplication of efforts and best use the valuable data and information;
- (iii) The meta database and GIS database could be hosted at the PMO or another institute. The First Institute of Oceanography, China, expressed their desire to host the databases. The meeting felt that the host place of the databases should consider long-term existence of the system and maximising benefits from the Project.
- (iv) The guidelines on the operation and access to the project databases should be prepared, and presented to the 2nd meeting of RWG-I.

3.5 Stakeholder involvement and public awareness and participation

PMO prepared a proposed strategy in implementing the stakeholder involvement and public awareness activities with the objective to educate the public and instil a sense of ownership of the Yellow Sea ecosystem to all stakeholders. The major elements of the strategy are as follows:

- increasing community awareness and stewardship;
- promoting understanding;
- facilitating all levels of stakeholder and public participation;
- increasing communication and cooperation;
- enhancing education at all levels; and
- securing funding.

The meeting reviewed the strategy and agreed on the proposal without additional changes. Members also recommended that public awareness activities should co-operate with those of relevant NGOs and the public media. Members also prepared a list of stakeholders and how to involve them in the Project.

3.6 Financial instruments

Project manager, Mr. Jiang explained that the purpose of financial instruments was to examine: 1) how to ensure sustainable benefits of the Project existed into the long-term; 2) ways to achieve regional mechanisms of sustainability; and 3) how to ensure better regional co-ordination after the end of the Project. He also explained that the benefits were not limited to the Project itself, but included the infrastructure put in place by the Project, and their long-term survival for the good of the region. Mr. Jiang proposed some instruments for financial

sustainability of the Project: 1) intergovernmental fora; 2) regional fora; or 3) other mechanisms.

The Meeting recognised that the outcomes of the benefit-cost analysis will be helpful for the financial sustainability of the Project. Members noted that financial sustainability is important to uphold the benefits the Project would contribute to the region. Members agreed that a regional strategy should be drafted at a later stage of the Project.

3.7 Required actions and workplan

3.7.1 Required actions to fulfil project objectives

Mr. Jiang briefly introduced Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-I.1/7 and mentioned the purpose of preparing a document on regional calculation of activity costs, namely, the 2nd Regional Technical Meeting charged the PMO with the task. Mr. Jiang also informed the Meeting that previous RWGs had felt that this task was beyond their responsibility, and the document was introduced here just for information purposes.

Each RWG-I member was charged with reviewing and amending the actions under a sub-component of the list of activities resulting from the two Regional Technical Meetings. Upon return to the plenary, each member reported on the suggested revised list of actions.

3.7.2 Workplan for 2005 to 2006

Members discussed and agreed on the revised investment component's workplan for 2005 to 2006.

3.8 Date and place for next RWG-I meeting

Members agreed to have the next RWG-I Meeting 14-17 November 2005 in Jeju, Korea. The PMO will contact all members, should there be any changes. However, after the meeting, the date of the meeting may be changed.

4. Issues needs to be discussed at the RSTP

4.1 Revised TOR for RWG-I, IMCC, and NPC

4.2 A proposal for socio-economic and governance analysis in fisheries

4.3 Location of Data base of the project

[Investment proposal - PENDING]