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Expected Outputs¹ and Outcomes² of the Meeting

The final outcomes of the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project are to prepare a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), Regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP), National Yellow Sea Action Plans, and demonstration of the SAP.

The TDA development is a requirement of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) International Waters Portfolio, to which this Project belongs. The TDA is a scientific and technical fact-finding analysis used to scale the relative importance of sources, causes and impacts of transboundary waters problems. It should be an objective assessment and not a negotiated document.

The analysis is carried out in a cross-sectoral manner, focusing on transboundary problems without ignoring national concerns and priorities. In order to make the analysis more effective and sustainable it will include a detailed ‘governance analysis’ which considers the local institutional, legal and policy environments. The TDA should be preceded by a consultation with all stakeholders, with the stakeholders involved throughout the subsequent processes. Four key points that underpin the TDA are:

- Joint fact-finding;
- Prioritisation;
- Participation; and
- Consensus.

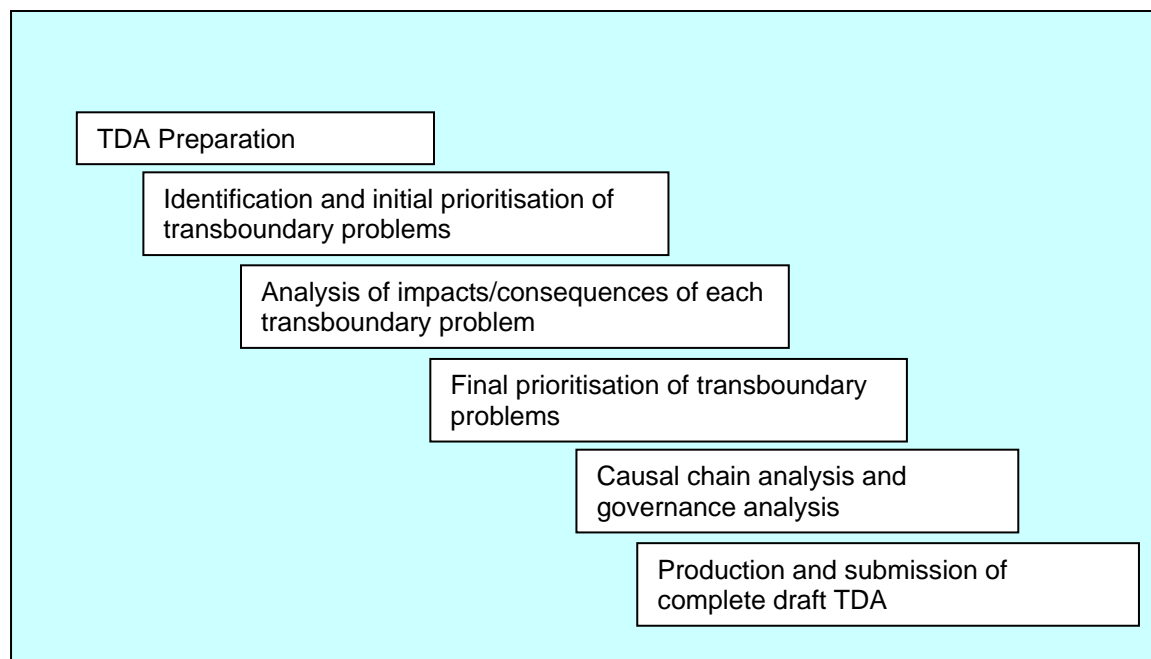
The TDA approach is not only a proven way of achieving progress, it also acts as a diagnostic tool for measuring the effectiveness of SAP implementation.

A general overview of TDA development is shown in Figure 1. In order to demonstrate the listed transboundary problems and perform the causal chain and governance analyses, one must have supporting scientific information, both historical and current. For further information, please refer to Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RSTP.2/5, available from the Project Management Office (PMO).

¹ “Outputs” in this document refer to tangible items, e.g. reports agreed lists of actions, proposals.

² “Outcomes” in this document refer to intangible results, e.g. improved co-ordinating mechanisms, agreements on issues.

Figure 1. Development of the TDA.



The Regional Working Groups (RWGs) of this project are the main focal points to develop their respective component of the regional TDA during the first two years of Project implementation. Thus, it is crucial that the First RWG Meeting for each component agrees on common methodologies to collect and present information for TDA inputs for their respective components, and agree on necessary actions to obtain the information.

Expected Outcomes and Outputs from the 1st RWG-B Meeting

Outcomes

Keeping in mind the goal of preparing a TDA for the Yellow Sea, the expected outcomes of the Meeting are:

- Agreed TOR for the RWG-B, based on the previous TOR in the Project Document, and taking into account any necessary modifications;
- Agreement on types and format of data and information to collect, including environmental, social-economic and legal data and information;
- Agreement on costs, types, and schedule of activities to implement, based on the proposed criteria prepared by the PMO; and
- Co-operative measures with other RWGs, for preparing cross-component analysis.

Outputs

Expected outputs include:

- List of data and information requirements and format, which should cover not only natural environmental data, but should also include the necessary data

and information for necessary causal chain analysis and governance analysis;

- Regional criteria for calculating Biodiversity component activity costs;
- List of costed actions;
- Responsibilities of relevant institutions and individuals in collecting required data and information, and carrying out the relevant analyses;
- Proposal submitted to the Regional Science and Technical Panel on ways to co-ordinate with other RWGs in preparing the TDA; and
- Workplan 2005 to 2006 for Biodiversity Component.