



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

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for the Biodiversity Component**
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Expected Outputs from the 5th RWG-B Meeting

After nearly four years of implementation, the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project has completed its first two major outputs, the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), and the drafting of the Regional Strategic Action Programme (SAP).

At the Fifth Regional Working Group – Biodiversity (RWG-B) Meeting, members and participants will:

- review the completed and on-going activities under the Biodiversity Component from 2008 to 2009;
- review the biodiversity management actions as set out in the SAP and select which one should be demonstrated;
- suggest how the management actions could be implemented at the demonstration sites;
- suggest activities required to implement the SAP management actions to help draft the 2nd Phase Project Document
- and discuss and agree on future activities to implement.

***** Major output will be the selection of SAP management actions for demonstration and plans on how to implement them at the demonstration sites and scientific and technical inputs for the 2nd phase project document. *****

Agenda 6 will address this topic in more detail. Please refer to Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.5/6.

The expected outputs from the meeting are listed below.

A. Assessment of existing coastal wetlands in R. Korea and China

- Assess the progress made to date in terms of the reports on the selection of representative habitats and potential demonstration sites

- Review the initial report on the biodiversity surveys that have taken place in the potential demonstration areas.
- Consider what could be done to improve the biodiversity information gathered from the survey bearing in mind the aim of the survey

B. Assessment of management effectiveness in R. Korea and China

- Review the progress made to date, in terms of how effective the management of these habitats is.
- Recommend what needs to be done to improve both the reports and the management.

C. Impact of Stock Enhancement on the Genetic Diversity of Fleshy Shrimp in the Yellow Sea

- Review the report provided by Mr Linsheng Song.
- Make suggestions on improvements, discuss the recommendations in the report and consider how these can be implemented in the National SAPs.

D. Continued co-operation with the WWF and synergy in Yellow Sea Biodiversity Conservation

- After a review of the reports from the WWF and Biodiversity Experts.
- Consider how the two project can help each other to preserve biodiversity in the YS

E. Demonstration sites

- Assess the merits of the potential demonstration sites
- Identify the demonstration sites

F. Demonstration activities

- In the SAP a number of technical and governance management actions are listed
- Consider how these can be implemented in the demonstration sites.

G. Ramsar COP 10 and the Conservation of Wetlands Meeting

- Consider how to contribute to these meetings.

H. Scientific and Technical inputs for the 2nd Phase Project Document

- List up the activities required for the implementation of the SAP management actions

I. Activities to be initiated from 2008 onwards

- There still remains a budget for regional training.
- Recommendations for the next years activities that will contribute to SAP acceptance

J. Workplan

- Agree revised workplan of activities for 2009.

K. Proposed cancellation of 6th RWG-Biodiversity meeting for the 2nd Regional Science conference

- Agree on the presentations for the 2nd RSC.

L. Meeting Report

- Agree and adopt the Meeting Report.