



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

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**Third Meeting of the Regional Working Group
for the Biodiversity Component**
Weihai, China, 20-23 October 2006

Provisional Annotated Agenda

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Welcome addresses

On behalf of the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project, the Project Manager or his representative will open the meeting, and welcome all participants. S/he will briefly introduce the objectives of the meeting.

The RWG-B Chairperson and representative of the host government will be invited to give opening and welcome addresses.

1.2 Introduction of members

At the First RWG-B Meeting, members agreed that the Chairperson of the RWG-B should also chair all future RWG-B Meetings. The Chairperson will invite participants to introduce themselves, and make statements to the Meeting, if they wish. The list of participants is provided as Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/inf.2.

2. ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

2.1 Documentation Available to the Meeting

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat (Project Management Office) to introduce the meeting documents (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/inf.1), prepared by the Project Management Office (PMO). Major working documents were already sent to all members and observers well before the meeting.

2.2 Organisation of Work

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce this agenda item, referring to Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/inf.3.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

The Chairperson will introduce the Provisional Agenda (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/1) and the Annotated Provisional Agenda (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/2).

Members will be invited to propose amendments and additional items for consideration, and adopt the agenda.

4. EXPECTED OUTPUTS FROM THE 3RD RWG-B MEETING

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/4, and explain the expected outputs from this Meeting and for the Project's next 2 years.

The first two years' activities focused on the preparation of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), and members will hear about the activities and progress of TDA preparation in Agenda 6.

Keeping in mind that the next two years' activities should focus on the preparation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP), members will be invited to note the expected outputs to be achieved by the Meeting, and to propose additional outputs to fulfil the objectives of the Project and this Meeting.

5. REVIEW OF COMPLETED AND ON-GOING BIODIVERSITY COMPONENT ACTIVITIES

5.1 Data and Information Status, Trends and New Findings

5.1.1 National data and information collection

The Chairperson will invite representatives from National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (Korea) and First Institute of Oceanography (China), who were contracted to implement the "National Data & Information Collection Activity," to present their final results, highlighting the status and trends of particular note, and to provide some summary analyses on the collected data and information. Contractors are requested to prepare and present Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/5. At the time when this document is prepared, there is no report received from NFRDI. It is expected that the report will be received before the meeting.

Members will be invited to suggest how data of particular note could be included in the regional synthesis and TDA, and the context in which inputs should be included.

5.1.2 Regional data and information synthesis

The Chairperson will invite the Regional Synthesis Consultant to present the results-to-date of the regional synthesis of biodiversity data. The Consultant will prepare his/her report for Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/6, and present

some highlights of regional status and trends of importance, and show the data gaps.

Members will be invited to suggest how data of particular note could be included in the TDA, and the context in which inputs should be included.

The meeting will be informed on the possible publication of the national reports and the regional synthesis report.

Members will be invited to provide suggestions for the publication of these important outcomes of the Project.

5.2 Other Activities

- 5.2.1 Workshop on gene pool analysis
- 5.2.2 EAS Congress

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present the progress and results of the above two activities (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/7). The meeting will be informed on the implementation of actions agreed in the previous meeting, in particular the gene pool analysis.

Members will be invited to consider the results and progress of activities mentioned above, and to make recommendations for final implementation of on-going activities.

6. PREPARATION OF THE TDA

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present the draft TDA report (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/TDA Draft 1), the progress-to-date, and highlights and gaps in understanding the transboundary issues in the Yellow Sea.

Members will be invited to review the draft TDA, with special reference to the sections relevant to Yellow Sea biodiversity, and offer their inputs for the revised version of the TDA.

7. ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 2007 ONWARDS

7.1 Biodiversity Regional Targets and Strategic Action Programme

- 7.1.1 Consideration of defining critical habitats/biodiversity for preparation of necessary action plans for protection and management of the critical habitats
- 7.1.2 Consideration of other regional targets to be developed
- 7.1.3 Regional investment strategies for biodiversity protection and management

Referring to Agenda 4, the Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to describe the Project's focus on developing the SAP over the next two years (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/8). A proposal put forth by the PMO on the topics to address and the implementation plan will be presented.

It should be noted that the Ecosystem RWG is also considering the issue of protection of critical habitats. Special reference will be made to the latest work of the WWF/KORDI/KEI Yellow Sea Ecoregion Planning Programme (YSEPP).

Members will be invited to review the proposed implementation plan, and provide comments on the management issues, targets, and proposed actions for inclusion in the SAP. Members will also be invited to propose additional activities that are relevant to the development of the Biodiversity Section of SAP.

Members will also be invited to consider how to collaborate with the RWG-E referring to the critical habitats identified by YSEPP, and prepare a proposal for consideration by the RSTP.

7.2 Other Activities

7.2.1 Winter co-operative study cruise

7.2.2 Suggestions for other activities

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present activities that have been agreed for implementation, but not yet initiated (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/9).

Members will be invited to review the proposed implementation plan for these activities, and to give recommendations on any outstanding issues. Members may also wish to propose additional activities that will be presented to the Regional Scientific and Technical Panel for review, and to the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for approval.

8. WORKPLAN FOR 2007

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/10, the workplan of the Regional Working Group – Biodiversity.

Members will be invited to review and revise the workplan for the Regional Working Group – Biodiversity, for submission and approval at the 3rd PSC Meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Members will be invited to raise any other issues that need to be considered by this Meeting.

10. DATE AND PLACE FOR 4TH RWG-BIODIVERSITY MEETING

Members will be invited to offer to host the next RWG-B Meeting, and agree on the dates and venue for the next Meeting.

11. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING REPORT

The Chairperson and Secretariat will present the draft meeting report prepared by the Secretariat (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-B.3/3).

The draft report will be discussed, amended and approved by the meeting.

12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson will call a motion to close the meeting.