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Second Meeting of the Regional Working Group for the Ecosystem Component

Shanghai, China, 29 November to 2 December 2005

Expected Outputs From the 2nd RWG-E Meeting

During the convening of the Second Regional Working Group – Ecosystem (RWG-E) Meeting, the main activity being implemented will be the data and information (D & I) collection by each country based on the agreed parameters and formats from the First Meeting of the RWG-E. The main crux of the Meeting will be to review this activity's implementation progress-to-date, and decide on how to present the data in a standardised format for the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA). RWG-E members will also need to provide technical guidance on the remaining activities to be implemented in 2005 and 2006, and advise on how the results from these activities should contribute to the preparation of a regional synthesis on the status of the Yellow Sea ecosystem, and further contribute to the preparation of the TDA and Strategic Action Programme (SAP). Additionally, members should emphasise any issues that need to be addressed by the Regional Scientific and Technical Panel and Project Steering Committee in December 2005.

The expected outputs of this meeting in the context of these activities and the TDA are listed below.

A. Review Data and Information Collected

- Agreed common ways to present the data and information to facilitate identification of D & I coverage and gaps, and comparison of the D & I collected between the countries. It should be noted that the GIS database is under development, which will be the final way to present the D & I collected for the project.
- Agreed graphs to be produced to show the current status, distributions and trends of the various parameters agreed by the RWG-E.
- Identified gaps of data and information, and recommendations for regional co-operative study cruises, and revision of the national reviews.
- Revised causal chain and governance analysis based on the data and information collected-to-date, and on the initial guidelines for governance analysis prepared by the PMO.

B. Co-operative Study Cruises

- Finalised workplan, logistics, responsibilities, and requirements (equipment) of Ecosystem Component

C. Regional Synthesis of Data and Information

- Finalised mechanism for preparation of a regional synthesis of Yellow Sea ecosystem data
- Suggest 3-5 consultants

D. Regional Synthesis for Assessing Carrying Capacity

- As above, for carrying capacity

E. Regional Synthesis for Identifying and Ranking Stresses to the Ecosystem

- As above, for ecosystem stresses

F. Strategy for Monitoring Changes in Ecosystem

- As above, for monitoring ecosystem change

G. Demonstration of New and Innovative Technologies for Monitoring Ecosystem

- Agreed objective and implementation mechanism of this activity

H. Capacity Building

- Regional workshop on remote sensing - Agreed objective and implementation mechanism of this activity
- Agreed list of capacity building activities needed for the region, including possibility of DPRK members in the future

I. TDA/SAP

- List of recommendations on how above activities should contribute to TDA and/or SAP

J. Workplan

- Agreement on revised workplan's activities and schedule of implementation

K. 3rd RWG-E Meeting

- Agreed date and venue of 3rd RWG-E Meeting