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YELLOW SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM”**

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**Fifth Meeting of the Regional Working Group  
for the Fisheries Component**

*Shanghai, China, 23-25 September 2008*

**2008 Completed and On-going Activities  
Of the Fisheries Component**

1. Fisheries Component-relevant activities completed during the past year and those still ongoing are described below..

**Agenda 5.1**

**Joint Regional Stock Assessment**

2. During the 1<sup>st</sup> Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) in Qingdao (14-16 April 2008) participants reached agreement on the protocol of the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Regional Stock Assessment. The surveys of 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Regional Stock Assessment were completed by the end of May. Using samples from the surveys an expert exchange was undertaken to harmonize ageing and stomach contents analysis (this will be discussed in more detail in the next agenda item). The 2<sup>nd</sup> SAW was conducted in Incheon (19-21 August 2008) and some initial results were discussed and protocol set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> joint Regional Stock assessment.
3. The final report is not due until after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stock Assessment Workshop in 2009, however, Dr. Jin and Dr. Yeon will report on the progress of the stock assessment activity.

*Participants should consider how to improve the potential benefits to the understanding of Yellow Sea Fish Stocks.*

**Agenda 5.2**

**Expert Exchange and Harmonisation of Ageing and Stomach Contents Analysis.**

4. Experts from ROK travelled to China to conduct harmonisation of stomach contents analysis, the results will be presented by ROK scientists. Experts also travelled from China to ROK for harmonising the ageing techniques of fish using otoliths, one of these Chinese scientists will be invited to give talks.
5. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SAW agreed that no further activities were required.

*RWG-F members will be invited to review/comment activities carried out so far and propose further activities.*

**Agenda 5.3.  
Fisheries Demonstration Activities**

6. Mr. Jin will present the initial findings from the demonstration activities of the assessment of the effectiveness of closed seasons/areas and the effectiveness of restocking. PMO will present the initial report from Mr. Park on the effectiveness of boat buy-back.

*RWG-F members will be informed of the progress in these activities and be invited to consider how to improve the studies or the impact of the studies.*

**Agenda 5.4.  
Mariculture Demonstration Activities**

7. Mr. Fang and Mr. Jang will present the initial findings from the demonstration activities on IMTA and Heterotrophic shrimp culture, respectively.

*RWG-F members will be informed of the progress in these activities and be invited to consider how to improve the studies or the impact of the studies.*

**Agenda 5.5.  
Regional Mariculture Conference**

8. RWG-F members will be informed of the Regional Mariculture Conference held in YSFRI, Qingdao, 9-11 September 2008.

**Agenda 5.6  
Strategic Action Programme (SAP)**

9. The secretariat will update members on the progress of the Strategic Action Programme