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**Second Meeting of the Regional Working Group
for the Investment Component**
Jeju, Korea, 14-17 November 2005

Progress Report on National Co-ordination

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Progress Report of the Korean National Working Group for Investment Component (April - October 2005)

1. Background

After the approval of the Implementation Plan of the UNDP/GEF YSLME Project by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) at its 1st Meeting, 7 March 2005, institutional frameworks for the implementation of the YSLME Project have been established in Korea. Inter-ministerial Coordinating Committee (IMCC) and Korean National Working Groups (KNWG) for five Components (Fisheries, Pollution, Ecosystem, Biodiversity & Investment) have been established. National Project Coordinator (NPC) has been designated by the IMCC.

The National Working Group Meetings have been regularly held to discuss and coordinate Regional Working Groups (RWGs) meetings, Regional Scientific and Technical Panel (RSTP) meeting, and preparation of Statement of Works for each component.

Contracting procedures for the data/information collection works have been delayed considerably due to discord on the regional criteria for calculating activity costs. Difficulties have been encountered by the NPC in mobilizing the participants for the RWG meetings as quite a few member scientists of the KNWG were unable to attend the meetings. With the exception of these, overall national coordination has been moving generally well so far.

There has been no notable development in the activities of National Working Group for Investment Component since the 1st RWG-I Meeting, 17-20 May 2005 held in Yantai, China, as there has been no assigned work or contracted project given to the Group.

2. Establishment of National Working Group for Investment Component (NWG-I)

The Working Group is comprised of six experts from five institutions:

- 1) Dr. Hak Bong Chang, Chairman, Senior Researcher, Korea Maritime Institute (KMI), Business Administration (hbchang@kmi.re.kr);
- 2) Dr. Seong Wook Park, Senior Researcher, Korea Ocean R & D Institute (KORDI), Ocean Law (swpark@kordi.re.kr);
- 3) Dr. Jin Wook Hwang, Senior Scientist, National Fisheries R & D Institute (NFRDI), Fisheries Economics (jwhwang@nfrdi.re.kr);
- 4) Dr. Do Hoon Kim, Senior Scientist, National Fisheries R & D Institute (NFRDI), Fisheries Resource Management (kimdh@nfrdi.re.kr);
- 5) Dr. Yong Hee Lee, Professor, Korean Maritime University (KMU), Ocean Law (yhlee@bada.hhu.ac.kr);
- 6) Dr. Sang Go Lee, Professor, Pukyong National University (PKNU), Resource Economics (sglee@pknu.ac.kr)

3. Institutional Coordination and Activities

* National Working Group Meetings:

- April 8, 2005: in preparation of the 1st RWG-I Meeting
- April 29, 2005: in preparation of the 1st RWG-I Meeting

- July 1, 2005: to review the results of the 1st RWG-I Meeting
- July 18, 2005: to review the results of the 1st RSTP Meeting
- August 23, 2005: to discuss the Cooperative Study Cruises
- November 4, 2005: in preparation of the 2nd RWG-I Meeting (Planned)

* 1st RWG-I Meeting

Three members of NWG-I participated in the 1st RWG-I Meeting held in Yantai, China, 17-20 May 2005:

Dr. Hak Bong Chang, KMI
Dr. Seong Wook Park, KORDI
Dr. Sabg-Go Lee, PKNU

* 1st RWG-P Meeting

Dr. Hak Bong Chang, Chair of the NWG-I participated in the 1st RWG-P Meeting held in Qingdao, China, 6-9 April 2005.

* 1st RWG-F Meeting

Dr. Do Hoon Kim, member of the NWG-I participated in the 1st RWG-F Meeting held in Qingdao, China, 11-14 April 2005.

* 2nd RWG-I Meeting

Three members of the NWG-I are being recommended to the 2nd RWG-I Meeting to be held in Jeju, Korea, 14-17 November 2005:

Dr. Hak Bong Chang, KMI (NWG-I Chair)
Dr. Won-Keun Chang, KMI
Dr. Hyunjin Park, Yonsei University.

4. Future Plan for National Coordination

One IMCC (Interministerial Coordination Committee), two NWGs (National Working Groups) meetings are planned:

* IMCC Meeting

Second IMCC meeting will be held on 9 December 2005 to review the progress made since the 1st IMCC meeting held in March 2005, and to prepare the 2nd RSTP and 2nd PSC meetings to be held in China in December 2005.

* NWG Meetings

Two National Working Groups meetings are planned:

- 4 November to discuss the 2nd RWG meetings, Cooperative Studies Cruises and others;
- 9 December to discuss and review the results of the 2nd RWG meetings, and prepare the 2nd RSTP and PSC meetings to be held in December 2005 in China.

* National Coordinations

Coordinations by the NPC will be made for the upcoming activities of the NWGs and implementing institutes of the Project:

- 2nd RWG-P: 7-10 November 2005, Busan, Korea
- 2nd RWG-B: 9-12 November 2005, Jeju, Korea
- 2nd RWG-I: 14-17 November 2005, Jeju, Korea
- 2nd RWG-F: 17-20 November 2005, Jeju, Korea
- 2nd RWG-E: 29 Nov.-2 December 2005, Shanghai, China
- 2nd RSTP Meeting: 15-17 December 2005, China
- 2nd PSC Meeting: 19-21 December 2005, China

* Progress Report

The Progress Report on the National Coordination (March ~ December) will be submitted to IMCC and to the Project Management Office, YSLME by 31 December 2005.

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