



**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 Pollution Component**
Dandong, China, 4 - 7 September 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-P 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-P Meeting, members agreed that the Chairperson of the RWG-P should also chair all future RWG-P Meetings. The Chairperson will invite participants to introduce themselves, and make statements to the Meeting, if they wish (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-P.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-P.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-P.3/inf.3.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

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

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-P.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 POLLUTION 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 Marine Environmental Monitoring Center and Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute, 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-P.3/5.**

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 pollution data. **The Consultant will prepare his report (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-P.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 Inter-calibration exercises for nutrients in seawater
- 5.2.2 Expert Workshop on Fate and Transport of Pollutants
- 5.2.3 Co-operative study cruises
- 5.2.4 Visiting Scientist Programme
- 5.2.5 Regional pollution monitoring guidelines
- 5.2.6 EAS Congress

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present the progress and results of the above six activities (Document UNDP/GEF/YS/RWG-P.3/7). The consultant for Agenda 5.2.5 will prepare and present his final report.

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

6. PREPARATION OF THE TDA

A consultant has been hired to prepare the TDA from August to December 2006. The Chairperson will invite the consultant to present his 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 marine environment pollution, and offer their inputs for the revised version of the TDA.

7. ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 2007 ONWARDS

7.1 Pollution Regional Targets and Strategic Action Programme (SAP)

- 7.1.1 Consideration of water quality criteria for different water-body uses
- 7.1.2 Regional synthesis for contaminant fate and transport – Land-based pollution, sea-based pollution, atmospheric inputs
- 7.1.3 Regional investment strategies for pollution control

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-P.3/8). A proposal put forth by the PMO on the topics to address and the implementation plan will be presented.

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 SAP.

7.2 Other Activities

- 7.2.1 Inter-calibration exercises for organics in sediment and biota
- 7.2.2 Training workshop on Assessing Marine Environment Quality
- 7.2.3 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-P.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-P.3/10, the workplan of the Regional Working Group – Pollution.

Members will be invited to review and revise the workplan for the Regional Working Group – Pollution, 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-POLLUTION MEETING

Members will be invited to offer to host the next RWG-P 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-P.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.