



IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE YELLOW SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM: RESTORING ECOSYSTEM GOODS AND SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION OF A LONG-TERM REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

(UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project)

***Draft Program of the First Meeting of Regional Working Group on
Monitoring and Assessment Group***

Songdo, RO Korea, 21-22 November 2017

Background

Workplan of the Regional Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment for 2017-2019 and the Project Workplan for 2017 were approved by the first meeting of the Interim Commission Council last July in 2017. One of major deliverables of this RWG-A in 2017 is to improve understanding of the impact of climate change on ecosystem structure to raise awareness of vulnerabilities to impact of climate change. Based on decisions of the Interim Commission Council, implementation of activities of these workplans need to consider the following factors:

- Significant delay of the second phase of the Project and delayed establishment of the RWGs and the urgency of implementation of activities immediately;
- Review of planned activities carefully by RWG members who have not participated in the first meeting of the MSTP;
- Maximizing cooperation and coordination among experts of RWGs from participating countries.

In this regard, the 1st meeting of the RWG-A will be held in the Interim Commission Secretariat in Songdo, RO Korea on November 21-22, 2017. The meeting will be organized by the Secretariat.

Objectives and Outcomes of the meeting

The 1st meeting of the RWG-A is expected to achieve the following objectives:

- To review and refine the TOR of RWG-A and workplan for 2017-2019 as necessary and agreement on the work arrangement among RWG members;
- To review and agree on the TORs of the regional activities under purview of the RWG-A to enable expedited implementation of project activities in 2017.

It is expected that the workshop could provide the following tangible outcomes:

- 1) Revised TOR and workplan activities proposed in the 3-year workplan and agreed work arrangement among RWG-A members;
- 2) Cleared TORs of project regional activities;
- 3) Agenda of next RWG meeting

Participants

- Members of the RWG designated by China and RO Korea
- FIO/SOA, China
- KOEM, RO Korea
- Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST), RO Korea
- NGOs from RO Korea

Tentative Programme

21 November (Tuesday)	
09:00~09:30	Registration for participants
09:30~09:50	Opening of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome addresses • Introduction of the members and participants
09:50~10:00	Organization of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chairs and designation of rapporteurs • Adoption of agenda
10:00~11:00	Review and refine the following documents approved by the Interim YSLME Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference of RWGs and Chairs/Vice Chairs; • TOR of RWG-A; • RWG-A workplan (2017-2019)
11:00~11:15	Coffee break
11:15~12:10	Review workplan for 2017 and activities, and work arrangement among RWG-A members (the Chair will facilitate a discussion and agree on draft elements of the YAMS and process for review and adoption by the two countries)
12:30~14:00	Lunch (TBD)
14:00~15:30	Discussion on activities to be conducted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 1 of Output 4.3.1: stock-taking of vulnerabilities of coastal communities and ecosystem services in YSLME to impact of climate change; • Activity 2 of Output 4.3.1: prepare communication package to raise awareness of vulnerabilities to impact of climate change • Activity 4 of Output 4.3.1: workshops/training programs on climate change and its impact on coastal and marine ecosystem services and adaptation (the Chair will facilitate a discussion on major outcomes derived from RWG-H since some activities are cross-cutting issues)
15:30~15:45	Coffee Break
15:45~18:00	Discussion on regional activities to be conducted through PCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 3 of Output 4.3.1: monitoring and studies of relationships between the changes in sea surface temperature and characteristics of YSCWM and structure of plankton communities and development of regional strategy for adaptive management - FIO • Activity 1 of Output 4.4.2: make regional assessment (including trend of introduced species in the region) and make policy-relevant recommendations – FIO

18:00~	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 2 of Output 4.4.2: develop regional strategies for long-term ecosystem forecasts, and conduct modelling and scenario analysis and sharing of estuary data • Activities 4 and 5 of Output 4.4.2. Create regional jellyfish and HAB monitoring programs – NMEMC <p>Dinner</p>
22 November (Wednesday)	
09:30~11:00	<p>(Continued) Discussion on regional activities to be conducted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 6 of Output 4.4.2. Establish a comprehensive regional monitoring system: develop regional monitoring strategies for N/P/Si changes, climate change, jellyfish blooms and HAB – NMEMC • Activity 7 of Output 4.4.2. Prepare training modules on ecosystem-based management in LME 1) design, plan and implement an integrated ecosystem-based monitoring system of LME; 2) ecosystem carrying capacity (ECC): case study of algae blooms in YSLME; 3) ECC: case study of Jellyfish outbreak in YSLME
11:00~11:20	Coffee Break
11:20~11:40	Agenda of next RWG meeting
11:40~12:10	Other Business
12:10~12:20	Wrap-up and closure of the Meeting
12:30~14:00	Lunch