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**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**

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**Draft Program of the First Meeting of Regional Working Group on Sustainable Mariculture**

ShiDao Hotel, Rongcheng, PR China, 26-27 October 2017

## **Background**

Terms of Reference, Workplan of the Regional Working Group on Sustainable Mariculture for 2017-2019 and the Project Workplan for 2017 have been approved by the first meeting of the Interim Commission Council (ICC-1) last July in 2017. 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;
- need for better understanding of the mandate and planned activities by RWG members who have not participated in the first meeting of the MSTP; and
- maximizing cooperation and coordination among experts of RWGs from participating countries.

In line with the decisions of the ICC-1, the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the RWG-M will be held in Rongcheng of PR China on October 26-27, 2017. The meeting will be organized by the Interim Commission Secretariat in collaboration with Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute of Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences (YSFRI/CAFS) of Ministry of Agriculture, PR China.

## **Objectives and Outcomes of the meeting**

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the RWG-M aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To review and refine the TOR of RWG-M and workplan for 2017-2019 as necessary and agreement on the work arrangement among RWG members;
- To review and build consensus on the approaches and methodologies to:
  - develop national IMTA promotion plan; and
  - develop regional guidelines/standards for IMTA.
- To discuss and agree on the elements of an IMTA training module and additional information to be added;
- To review and confirm IMTA demonstration sites and GEF interventions in PR China and RO Korea;
- To identify areas of collaboration with partners and potential collaborative activities for support by the Project

It is expected that the workshop will achieve the following outputs:

- 1) Revised TOR and workplan activities proposed in the 3-year workplan and agreed work arrangement among RWG-M members;
- 2) Agreed approaches on development and implementation of regional IMTA guidelines/ standards;
- 3) Consensus on elements of the IMTA training module, further information needed, contributors and time schedule for publication;
- 4) IMTA demonstration sites identified in PR China and RO Korea;
- 5) organization of International workshop or collaborative events with other organizations by the Project;
- 6) Agreed approaches and activities for establishing regional knowledge sharing and learning network on IMTA; and
- 7) Agenda of next RWG meeting

#### Participants

- Bureau of Fisheries Management, Ministry of Agriculture, PR China
- Members of the RWG designated by PR China and RO Korea;
- National Project Coordinators from PR China and RO Korea
- KOEM, RO Korea
- CTA /Manger, Environment Officer, Environmental Economist from PMO

#### Provisional Programme

25 October (Wednesday) Arrival of Participants	
Day 1: 26 October (Thursday)	
08:30~09:00	<b>Registration for participants</b>
09:00~09:10	<b>Opening of the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome addresses</li> <li>• Introduction of the members and participants</li> </ul>
09:10~09:30	<b>Organization of the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Chairs and designation of rapporteurs</li> <li>• Adoption of agenda</li> </ul>
09:30~10:30	<b>Review and refine the following documents approved by the Interim YSLME Commission:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Workplan in 2017 and activities related to the mandate of RWG-M;</li> <li>• Terms of Reference of RWGs and Chairs/Vice Chairs;</li> <li>• TOR of RWG-M;</li> <li>• RWG-M workplan (2017-2019)</li> </ul>
10:30~10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:45~12:00	Review workplan for 2017 and activities, and work arrangement among RWG-P members
12:00~13:30	<b>Lunch and Break</b>
13:30~15:30	<b>Session 1: Planning IMTA promotion in YSLME</b>

<p>15:30~15:45</p> <p>15:45~18:00</p>	<p>In this session, the meeting will discuss the approaches and planning process to promote IMTA in respective countries.</p> <p><u>Part 1: IMTA development in YSLME (country presentations)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and programs in support of IMTA promotion in PR China, by NWG member in PR China; and</li> <li>• Policies and programs in support of IMTA in RO Korea, by NWG member in RO Korea</li> </ul> <p><u>Part 2: Project Approaches to promote IMTA in YSLME (PMO presentation)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of TOR for Activity 4 of Output 2.3.1: survey of coastal areas suitable for operation of IMTA, and economic analysis for benefits for replication of IMTA across YSLME and PR China;</li> <li>• Review of TOR for Activity 5 of Output 2.3.2: develop national plan to promote IMTA</li> </ul> <p><b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>Session 2: Establishing YSLME as a Knowledge Hub in IMTA</b></p> <p><u>Part 1: Existing knowledge of IMTA in YSLME (country presentation)</u></p> <p>In the part, the two countries will present the current knowledge of IMTA in relation to policies, legislation, economic analysis of IMTA, scientific reports on environmental performance, training modules, training programs, certification, standards, national programs, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMTA Knowledge and availability in PR China;</li> <li>• IMTA knowledge and availability in RO Korea</li> </ul> <p><u>Part 2: Developing training manuals for IMTA (PR China presentation)</u></p> <p>In this Part, the meeting will review the TOR of training module development and additional information to be added, as well as approaches to making the training modules more relevant and useful to learners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Activity 1 of Output 2.3.2: Developing IMTA training modules</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul> <p><u>Part 3: enhancing knowledge management of IMTA in YSLME</u></p> <p>The Chair will facilitate an open discussion on ways and means to establish YSLME as a knowledge hub of IMTA to be integrated into the project website.</p>
<p><b>Day 2: 27 October (Friday)</b></p>	
<p>09:00~10:30</p>	<p><b>Session 3: Standardizing IMTA as good management practice</b></p>

<p>10:30~10:45</p> <p>10:45~12:00</p>	<p><u>Part 1: sustainable mariculture standards and/or guidelines in YSLME (country presentations)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mariculture standards and guidelines in PR China;</li> <li>• mariculture standards and guidelines in RO Korea;</li> </ul> <p><u>Part 2: Project approaches to incentivize IMTA (PMO presentations)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of TOR to develop regional guidelines for sustainable mariculture; and</li> <li>• Review of TOR to develop IMTA standards</li> </ul> <p><b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>Session 4: IMTA demonstration (Country presentations)</b></p> <p>In this session, RWG members will discuss selection criteria, baseline status, expected results, GEF intervention, methodologies, etc. in relation to demonstration and replication of IMTA in PR China and RO Korea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration of IMTA in PR China</li> <li>• Demonstration of IMTA in RO Korea</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 5: Collaboration with other partners</b></p> <p>In this session, the RWG members will be invited to give suggestions on collaboration with other regional organizations to facilitate achievement of YSLME SAP objectives. Based on discussion, collaborative events or activities will be proposed for support by the Project.</p> <p><b>Agenda of next RWG meeting</b></p> <p><b>Other business</b></p> <p><b>Wrap-up and closure of the meeting</b></p>
<p>12:00~13:30</p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
<p>13:30~18:00</p>	<p>field visit to Dongchu Island, of Rongcheng, an IMTA demonstration site in PR China.</p>
<p><b>Day 3: 28 October (Saturday) departure from Rongcheng</b></p>	