





#### UNDP/GEF PROJECT ENTITLED "REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS IN THE YELLOW SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM"



#### The goals of Yellow Sea LME project

- Develop ecosystem-based, environmentally sustainable management strategies for the Yellow Sea and its watershed,
- Prepare Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), National Yellow Sea Action Plans (NYSAPs), and Strategic Action Plan (SAP).
- Establish regional framework for cooperation

#### Data & information Collection and TDA

- Regional syntheses for the fisheries, biodiversity, ecosystem and pollution components based on national YSLME data and information from China and Republic of Korea were prepared for better understanding of the marine environmental problems in the Yellow Sea.
- Data and information collection of fisheries, pollution, biodiversity and ecosystem from China and Republic of Korea was the major activity during the first two years of project implementation. The draft final reports and data have been submitted, and these data are being used for the regional synthesis and TDA.

### Meetings Convened by the Project in 2006 & 2007

#### 2006

- 15 16 March First Yellow Sea Partnership Workshop, Beijing, China
- 28 30 March The Regional Conference on Parliamentary Roles in Protection of Marine Environment and Sustainable Use of Marine Resources in the Yellow Sea, Qingdao, China
- 25 April Special Meeting of the Project Steering Committee for the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project, Qingdao, China
- 26 27 April Second Technical Meeting for the Co-operative Study Cruises In the Yellow Sea Marine Basin, Qingdao, China
- 15 16 June 1st Korean NGO Workshop, Ansan, ROK
- 31 August-2 Sept. Expert Technical Workshop on Fate and Transport of Pollutants in the Yellow Sea, Dalian, China
- 4-7 September 3rd Regional Working Group Meeting Pollution, Dandong, China
- 9 12 September 3rd Regional Working Group Meeting Investment, Dalian, China
- 15 16 September 1st YSLME Youth Programme, Ansan, ROK
- 18 21 September 3rd Regional Working Group Meeting Ecosystem, Jeju, ROK
- 25 27 September, Training Workshop for Local Government Officers Coastal Development vs. Protection of Marine Environment: How to Make A Decision? Jeju, ROK
- 19-20, 27 October, 2nd YSLME Youth Programme, Byunsan, ROK
- 20 23 October ,3rd Regional Working Group Meeting Biodiversity, Weihai, China
- 25 28 October, 3rd Regional Working Group Meeting Fisheries, Weihai, China
- 20 22 November, 3rd Regional Science and Technical Panel Meeting, Jeju Island, ROK
- 24 25 November, 3rd Project Steering Committee Meeting, Jeju Island, ROK

#### 2007

- 6-8 February, Meeting of the Strategic Action Programme Consultation for the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project, Jinghong, Yunnan, China
- 10-12 April, First Meeting of the Strategic Action Programme Ad-hoc Working Group, Hongchun, ROK
- 14-15th May. Gene pool workshop for the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Project, Busan, ROK
- 18th 20th June. The YSLME Symposium and Workshop On the Sustainable Mariculture in the Yellow Sea. Taean, ROK

#### Small Grant Project in 2006

- Liaoning Ocean and Fishery Department The flack and education to public for the ecosystem protection and managing mode around the north Yellow Sea area
- Citizens' Institute for Environmental Studies, Korea Program for exchanging information and experience about reclamation work among local communities in west coast of Korea: For a sustainable Yellow Sea
- Shihwa Lake Saver, Korea Shihwa marine environmental education course for school teachers and youth groups in the Shihwa Lake region
- Global Village of Beijing, China Welcome to the green olympics and protect the Yellow Sea surrounding us
- Haimen Ocean and Fisheries Bureau, China Liyashan oyster reef ecosystem protection
- Dalian Maritime University Community-based conservation of coastal ecology in Dalian

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#### To Develop Partnership for Public Awareness-

#### Current Partners



















Global Village of Beijing (GVB)

Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI)

Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)

Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)

The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Beijing

UNEP Regional Seas Programme Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP)

UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) Project

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), China

Wetlands International (WI)

Worldwide Fund for Nature – China

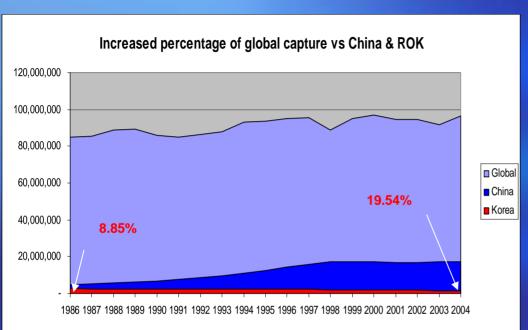
Worldwide Fund for Nature – Hong Kong

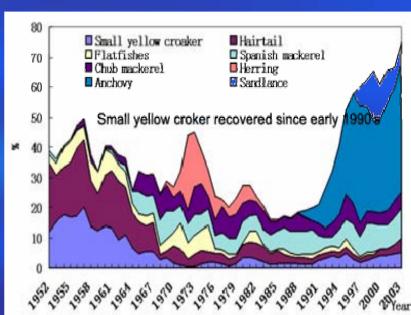
Worldwide Fund for Nature – Japan

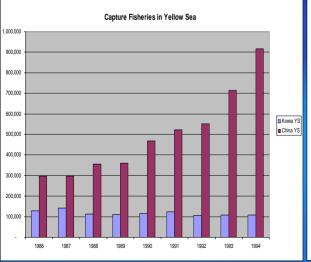
WWF/KORDI/KEI Yellow Sea Eco-Region Planning Programme (YSEPP)

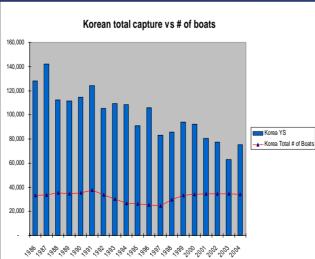


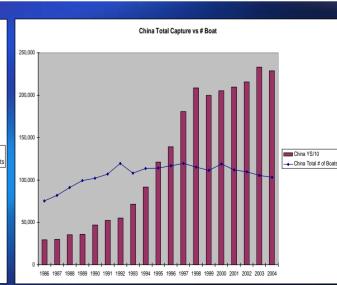
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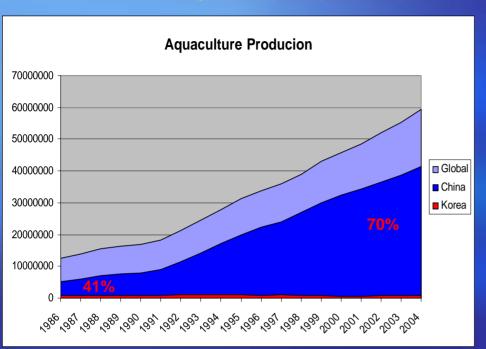


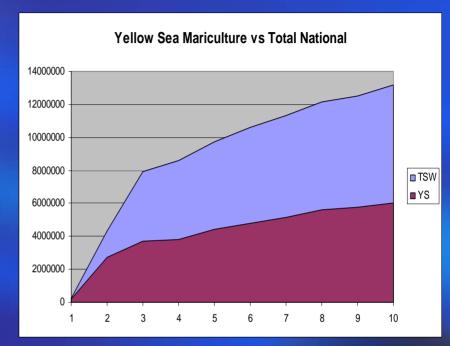


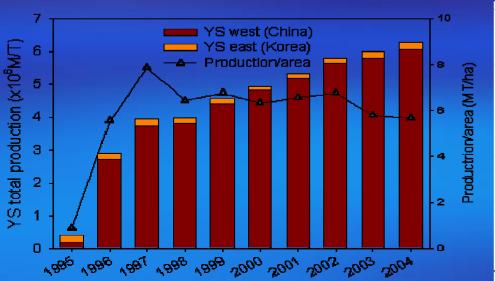


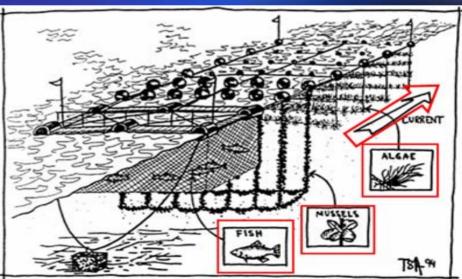


#### **Project implementation – Fisheries 2**





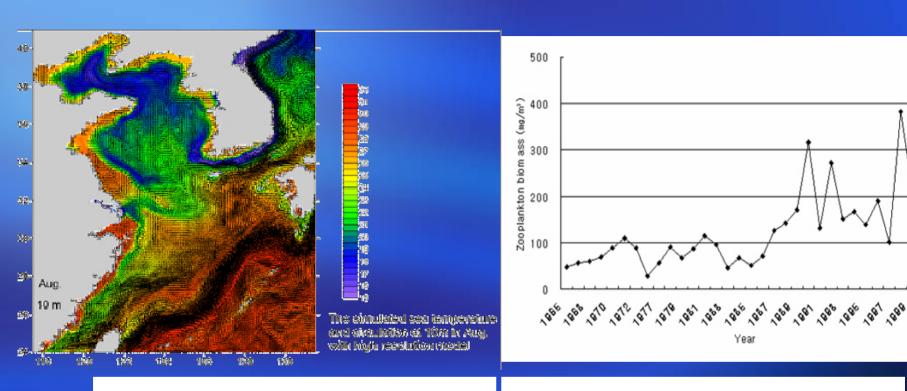


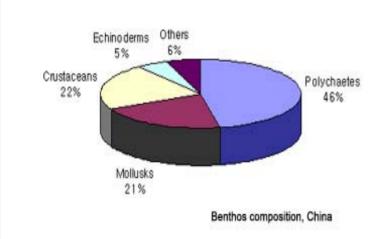


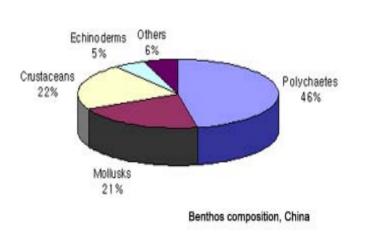
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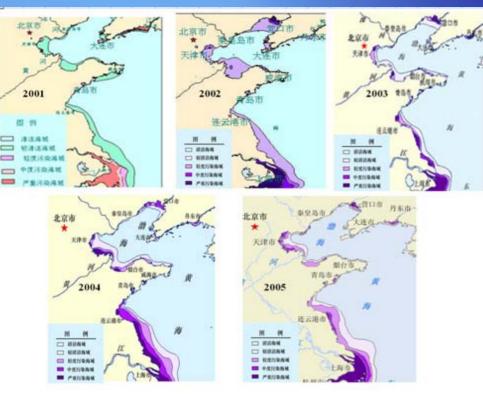
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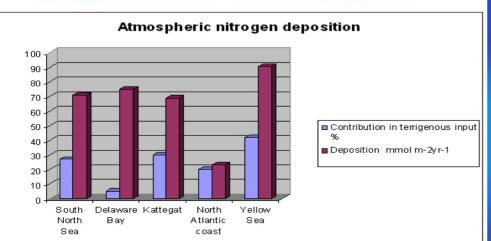


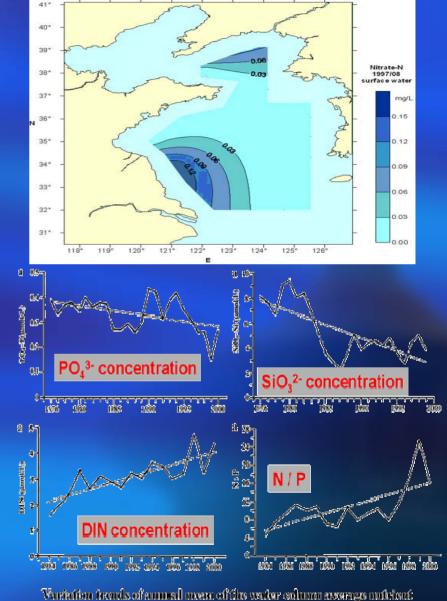




#### **Project implementation – Pollution**





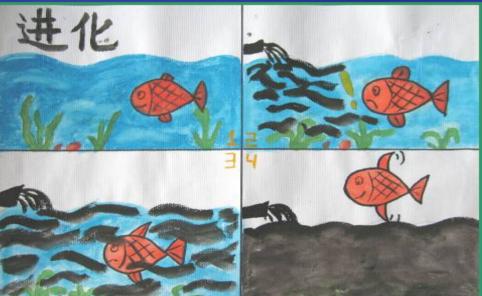


concentrations and NGP in the Yellow Sea (Lin et al., 2005)

#### **Project implementation – Investment**

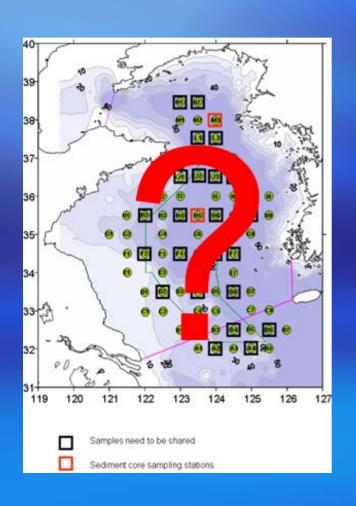








#### **Co-operative Cruise**



All relevant parties have strong willingness to have the cruise

There were 3 technical meetings organised;

There were numbers of negotiations;

There were compromises from both countries:

However,

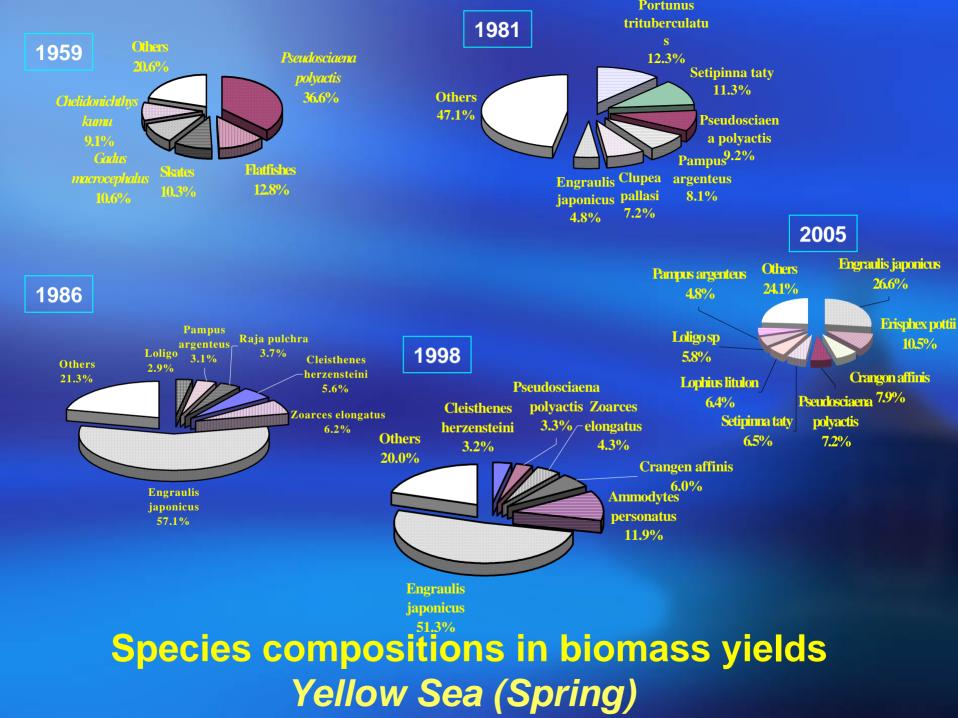
There were different approval mechanism;

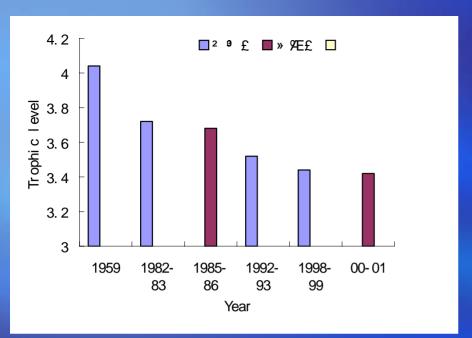
There was misunderstanding on the approval procedures

Finally,

The summer cruise could not be carried out as planned.



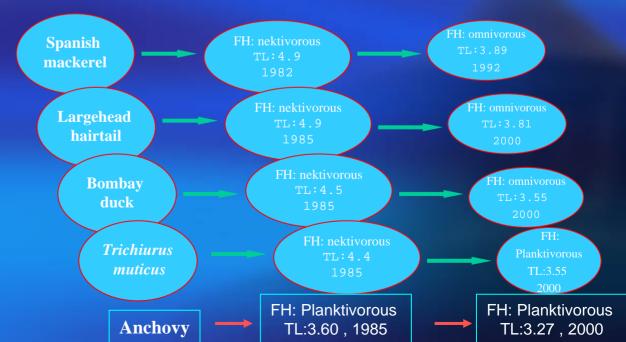




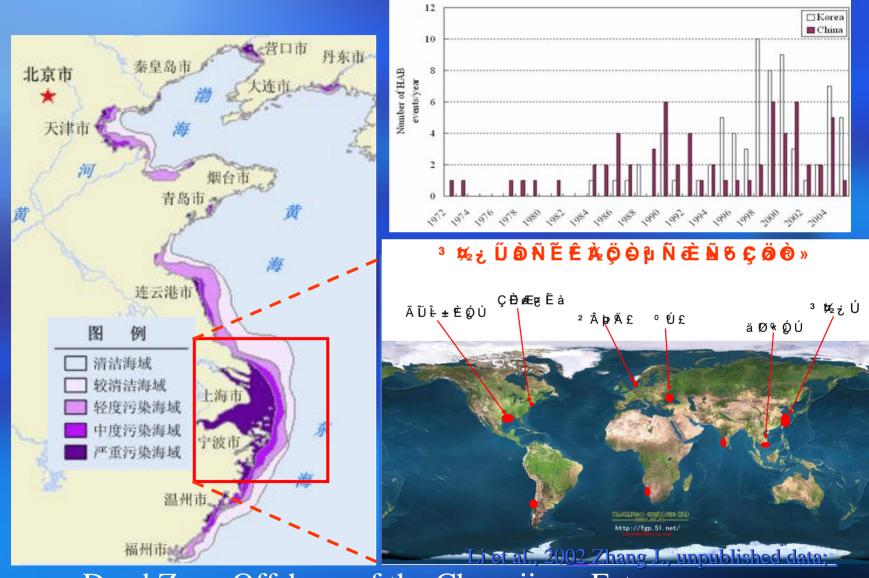
Trophic level (TL) of important species declined obviously from 4.1 in 1959~60 to 3.4 in 1998~99, the Bohai Sea; from 3.7 in 1985~86 to 3.4 in 2000~01, the Yellow Sea.

#### Changes in feeding habits in the YS

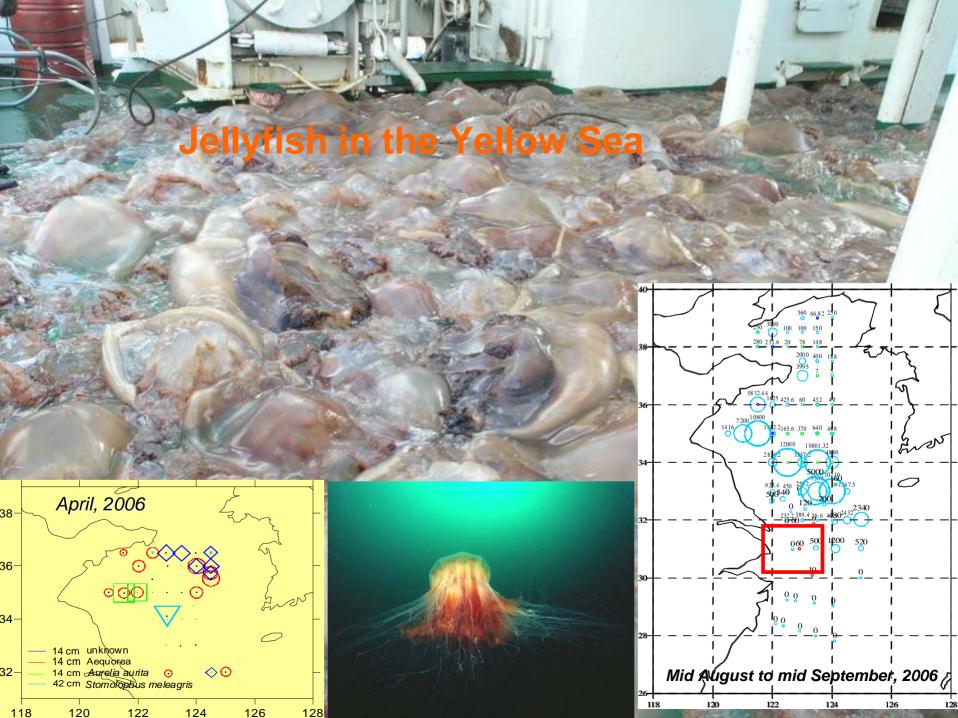
The results indicated ⇒ that feeding habits of some species changed significantly over past 20 years.

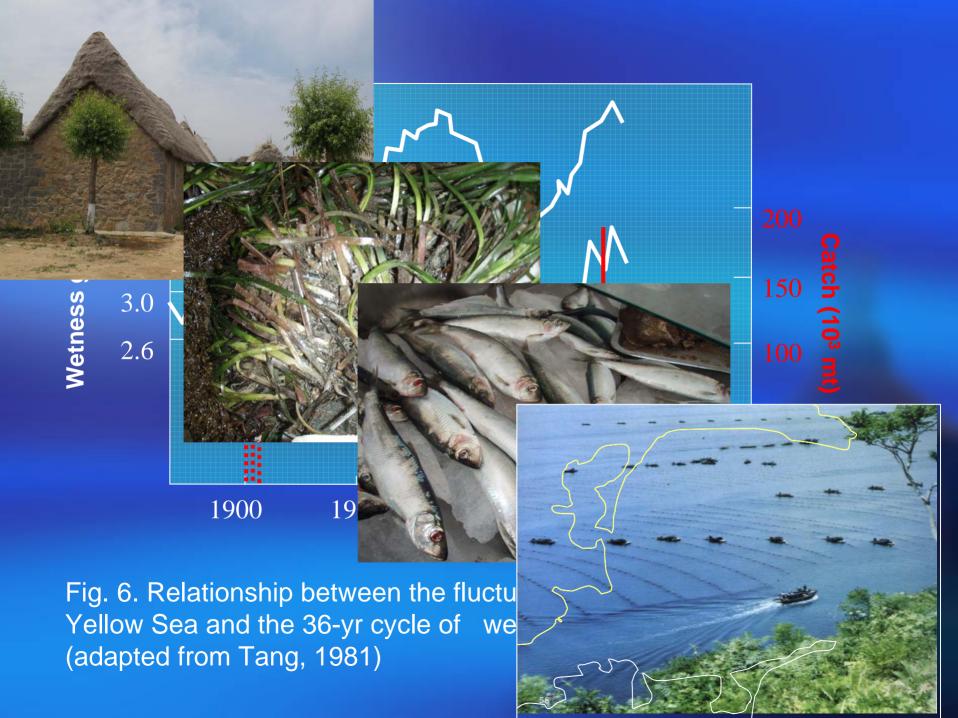


#### **Serious Eutrophication in Coastal Seas**



Dead Zone Offshore of the Changjiang Estuary





#### **GEF Focal Area and Strategic Program in IW**

STRATEGIC PROGRAM I: Restoring and sustaining coastal and marine fish stocks and associated biological diversity;

STRATEGIC PROGRAM II: Reducing nutrient overenrichment and oxygen depletion from land-based pollution of coastal waters in LMEs consistent with the GPA;

STRATEGIC PROGRAM III: Balancing overuse and conflicting uses of water resources in transboundary surface and groundwater basins;

STRATEGIC PROGRAM IV: Adapting to melting ice in high altitude basins and polar systems.

#### Strategic Program 1: Restoring and sustaining coastal and marine fish stocks and associated biological diversity. (entire program joint with Biodiversity focal area)

\* (a) Africa Regional LME Component (joint with Biodi), (b) Latin America/ Caribbean Regional LME Component (joint with Biodi), and (c) Global Component (joint with Biodi, with attention to East Asia/Pacific and reducing invasive species in ship ballast water).

### Strategic Program 2: Reducing nutrient over-enrichment and oxygen depletion from land-based pollution of coastal waters of Large Marine Ecosystems consistent with the GPA.

\* (a) East Asia Regional LME Component (joint with Land Degradation) (b) Mediterranean Sea LME Component (IW/ POPs/ Biodi) and (c) Global Component

#### Strategic Program 3: Balancing overuse and conflicting uses of water resources in surface and groundwater basins

\* (a) South America Basin Component (joint with Climate Change Adaptation and in the Pantanal basin, joint with Biodi and possibly Land Degradation), (b) Groundwater component including NENA Regional Component (joint with Land Degradation), and (c) Global Component

#### Strategic Program 4: Adapting to melting ice in high altitude basins and polar systems

\* (a) Polar and melting ice component (joint with Climate Change Adaptation) and (b) PTS reduction component (joint with POPS).



#### The strategy of the project

## Four major components were developed for the project

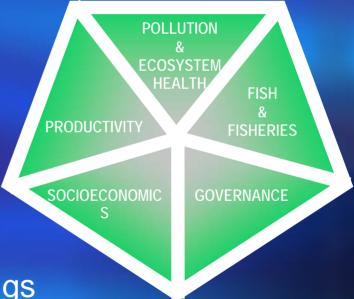
- The first component, "Regional Strategies for Sustainable Management of Fisheries and Mariculture",
- The second component, "Effective Regional Initiatives for Biodiversity Protection",
- The third component, "Actions to Reduce Stress to the Ecosystem, Improve Water Quality and Protect Human Health",
- □ The fourth component, "Development of Regional Institutional and Capacity Building".

#### The strategy of the project

### The project is conducted by 5 Regional Working Groups in the implementation plan

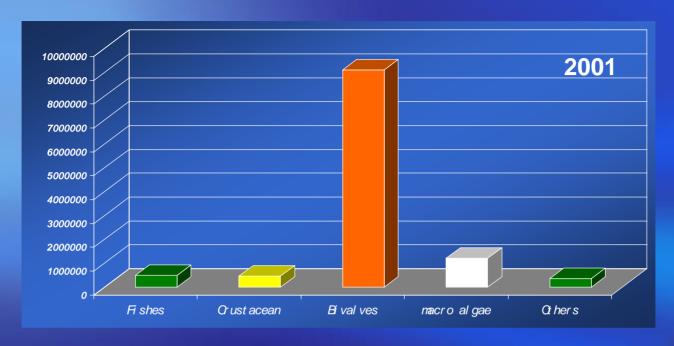
- Fisheries
- Biodiversity
- Ecosystem
- Pollution
- Investment

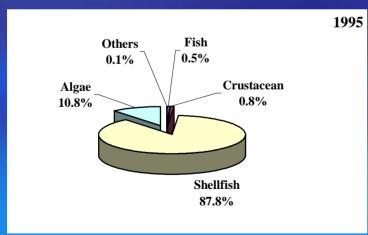
5 Module for the Monitoring, Assessment and Management of LMEs

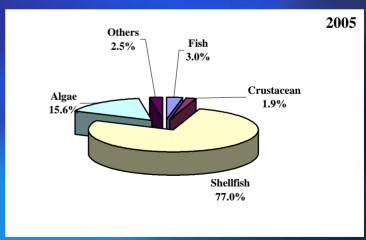


#### Activities in 2005-2006

- Two PSC meetings
- Two regional technical meetings
- Ten meetings of the Regional Working Groups (RWG)
- One special technical meeting for the co-operative study cruises







Species composition of mariculture in the Yellow Sea



- Chind-6LOBEC I: Ecosystem Dynamics and Sustainable utilization of Marine Living Resources in the Bohai Sea, 1997-2000; Budget: US\$ 0.6 Million.
- China-GLOBEC II: Ecosystem Dynamics and Sustainable utilization of Marine Living Resources in the East China Sea and Yellow Sea, 1999-2004; Budget: US\$ 4.5 Million.
- China-GLOBEC III /IMBER I: Key Processes and Sustainable Mechanisms of Ecosystem Food Production in the Coastal Ocean of China, 2006-2010; Budget: US\$ 4. Million.

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