



YSLME

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TOR for A Study on the Options of A Regional Ocean Governance Mechanism for the YSLME



Introduction

- At the 2nd Meetings of the MSTP/ICC, the Members **endorsed the TOR of both Ocean Governance Specialist and Financial Specialist** for developing documents that will lead to the **establishment of YSLME Commission**.
- After consultations with the members of the ICC, the Secretariat was suggested to commission **a study of the feasibility for establishing a regional ocean governance mechanism, and if feasible, for review and approval of the necessary documents at the 4th meeting of the ICC.**

TOR – General Background



- At the meeting with representatives of Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) of PR China in December 2018,

An initial analysis should engage a study based on a few existing regional cooperative institutions in the northwest pacific region **to seek for a more effective regional coordinating body to sustain YS ecosystem between both PRC and ROK.**

- 1) to confirm that diagnosis and recommendations formulated in this assessment report are pertinent **to reflect current status of existing regional mechanism**, and
- 2) **to identify key challenges, best practices and innovative options** for widening the possible modalities of effective coordination mechanisms for **long-term good governance of the YSLME**



Objective of the TOR

to provide **assessment of the opportunities and options for a regional ocean governance mechanism** for the YSLME based on the needs and feasibilities.

Deliverables -1



A report basically answering the following questions:

1. 1) **Existing collaborative mechanisms** related with YSLME at national level between Chinese and Korean governments;
- 2) **Scopes of collaboration and key accomplishments** in the past years;
- 3) **Existing mechanisms between ministries of Korean government and the following Chinese Ministries**
 - Ministry of Natural Resources;
 - Ministry of Ecology and Environment;
 - Fishery Management Bureau of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs;
 - National Forestry and Grassland Administration; and
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Deliverables -2

2. 1) **Existing regional ocean initiatives in YSLME in geographical coverage, focal areas, approaches and financing**, such as the fishery agreement and similar regional approaches;
- 2) **Complementarity and add-value of YSLME Partnership** with these initiatives
3. How will the **new governance mechanism be structured to carry over these incremental benefits?**

Deliverables



4. 1) **Success and failure of existing interim YSLME Commission and subsidiary bodies**
 - 2) If a new mechanism will be established, how should the **regional ocean governance mechanism be structured differently?**
5. **Options for such a mechanism institutionally and financially**, considering identified strength, weakness, opportunities and threats of a sustainable regional ocean governance mechanism for the YSLME

Workplan

Milestones actions	Indicative schedule
Launch of call for proposal	March 15, 2019
Issue of contract	April 12, 2019
Submit Workplan	within one week upon signing of the contract
Submit draft final report for review through communication by ICC members	July 12, 2019

Recommendation

The Secretariat recommends that the 3rd Meeting of the MSTP/ICC:

- **Review the scope, relevance and adequacy of the TOR** and provide comments for revision;
- **Approve the TOR**, taking into account the comments of the meeting; and
- **Request the Secretariat to launch the call for proposal** and ensure submission of the report for review by ICC members on July 1, 2019.