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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
(UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project)**

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of the UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project**

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Update of the YSLME SAP

1. This report was prepared by Prof. Paul GREMILLION, the international TDA/SAP development consultant contracted by UNOPS to assist in the update of the TDA and SAP under the guidance of the RWGs, MSTP and UNDP/GEF in consultation with the PMO.

Introduction

2. In the 3rd Meetings of the MSTP and ICC held on March 12-14, Qingdao, PR China, the partners reviewed the process and timeframe to update and adopt the transboundary diagnostic analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action Programme (SAP) of the YSLME and requested the Secretariat and the international consultant to proceed with preparation of the updated TDA and SAP as planned with participation of relevant stakeholders.
3. During the 3rd YSLME Science Conference held on July 15-19, 2019, Qingdao, PR China, the SAP update workshop reviewed and validated the key components of the 2007 TDA and updated the management actions of the 2008 SAP. The SAP workshop also realized that the updated TDA should be finalized and adopted in the first place to enable countries to discuss objectives, targets and management actions of the SAP.
4. Based on the findings of the SAP update workshop and taking into account the need for extensive consultation at national levels to develop a set of management actions in line with national priorities in updating of the SAP, a workplan and steps was prepared for review at the ICC-4 to guide the preparation and approval of SAP for implementation.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that:
 - a. the 4th Meeting of the ICC:
 - i. review and refine the workplan to contextualize with national approval processes for implementation by the two countries;
 - ii. direct the Secretariat to fully integrate the activities therein in the two-year workplan 2019-2020; and
 - iii. request the Secretariat to coordinate the preparation and submission of the final version of updated SAP for adoption at the next meeting of the ICC scheduled in 2020.

SAP Update Workplan

Activity	Responsible Parties	Timeframe	Output
1. ICC-4 Consultations	International consultant (IC), national experts	ICC-4 meeting on November 28-29, 2019	IC prepares summary document
	<p><i>Details:</i> Basic outlines of the SAP need to be agreed upon at ICC-4. These include discussion on the following aspects of the SAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The procedure for evaluating management actions and targets for inclusion in updated SAP. • How emerging issues fit into targets. • The structure and outline of the SAP update. • Agree on workplan and deadlines for activities. 		
2. National consultation	National experts, PMO	1 December 2019 – 1 February 2020	Draft Management Action Table and institutional actions.
	<p><i>Details:</i> This activity will take the longest amount of time. Propose that all other time durations are agreed upon and all remaining time be dedicated to this activity.</p>		
3. SAP first draft	IC	Mid-February: Propose two weeks after management actions from the two countries are received.	SAP first draft document
	<p><i>Details:</i> confirmed/redefined objectives, targets, and management actions, and performance indicators; proposed monitoring and evaluation indicators.</p>		
4. Regional Review of first draft SAP	National experts, PMO	Mid-March: Propose four weeks.	SAP document annotated with review comments.
	<p><i>Details:</i> objectives, targets and management actions more elaborated and agreed on; monitoring and evaluation indicators agreed; regional mechanism for coordination in implementation discussed;</p>		
5. SAP revision, second draft.	IC	April 1: Propose two weeks.	SAP second draft document
	<p><i>Details:</i> all comments and gaps are addressed for review</p>		
6. National Review of second draft SAP.	National experts, PMO	Mid-April: Propose two weeks.	SAP document annotated with review comments.

	<i>Details:</i> confirmation or proposals for revisions to the SAP document; translation of documents into national languages		
7. SAP Final Draft	IC	May 1: Propose two weeks.	Final SAP document.
	<i>Details:</i> If comments are minor, shorter timeframe possible.		
8. IMCC review	Members of the IMCC, National Coordinator,	Mid-May: propose two weeks	Final comments to SAP
	<i>Details:</i> clearance of the SAP by IMCC ready for approval at the ICC-5		
9. Final SAP adopted	Government representatives, UNDP, UNOPS,	Early July: ICC-5 meeting	Final SAP
	<i>Details:</i> final SAP presented at the ICC-5 meeting.		
10. Notification on the SAP implementation to IMCC members	IMCC Chair	Within three months of the adoption of the SAP by ICC-5	Final SAP
	<i>Details:</i> final SAP implementation integrated into ministerial processes; implementation status review mechanism defined.		