



UNDP/GEF PROJECT ENTITLED “REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS IN THE
YELLOW SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM”

UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Project
Small Grants Project 2006
Conservation of Marine Environment: Education for Coastal Communities
Call for Proposals

1. Background and Objectives

The UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) Project aims to protect, conserve, and manage the Yellow Sea. The Project’s activities include encouraging participation from all stakeholders and strengthening their capacities to deal with marine environmental issues that affect their local livelihood. To invite more participation and build the capacities of stakeholders, especially local communities, the YSLME Project Management Office (PMO) has established a Small Grants Project with the following overall goals:

- To encourage and educate local communities of the Yellow Sea’s coastal area to facilitate marine conservation efforts;
- To provide the coastal communities with opportunities to observe the biodiversity and ecosystems in the Yellow Sea; and
- To build the capacity of the local communities to manage the marine and coastal environments.

This year’s Small Grants Project focuses particularly on the first objective: Education for the coastal communities.

The YSLME PMO invites all relevant organisations and institutions to submit a proposal for the Small Grants Projects. If interested in taking on this activity, please submit a proposal to the PMO, following the instructions mentioned below.

2. Eligibility and Guidelines for Application

- A proposed project must be conducted in the Yellow Sea region.
- The maximum implementation period of the project is 18 months.
- Proponents can be any type of entities, including government organisations, research/academic institutions, community-based organisations, NGOs, and private companies.
- Proposals with additional matching funds from other sources preferred. The proposals must mention the sources and amount of these existing funds.
- Active participation by local communities is crucial. Proposals limited to only research activities or training workshops without the involvement of local communities will not be accepted.
- There is no support for salaries, procurement of large equipments, and overhead fees. However, stipends for research assistants will be considered.
- **The deadline for proposals is 31 March 2006.** Late submissions will not be considered.



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3. Type of support provided

Grants of up to US\$ 10,000 will be provided in the form of financial assistance. Approximately 5 projects will be awarded, depending on the availability of funds for the year of 2006. An independent review panel consisting of regional experts in the field of marine and coastal environmental management and/or experts in engaging local community participation will review proposals and select the projects to be awarded.

The YSLME PMO invites the submission of proposals that will demonstrate their contribution to conservation of Yellow Sea’s marine environment in the following categories:

- Educate local communities about the importance of marine environment, the impacts of human activities on the environment, and the ways to restore and revitalise the damaged environment (e.g. seminar, workshop, research, educational tool development);
- Provide opportunities of hands-on activities to practice knowledge or lessons learned (e.g. field study, experiments, observation);
- Facilitate young people to have contact with nature (e.g. site visits, day camps, games, dramatics, festivals and fairs);
- Nurture conservation practitioners/leaders (e.g. practical training, school curriculum enhancement, enhancement of educational programmes at established nature centres); and
- Develop alternative livelihood opportunities to decrease the dependence of coastal communities on marine resources.

4. Format for proposals

The length of a proposal should be 5 to 7 pages (Arial, 11-point font with 1” margins), excluding Appendixes (project leader’s CV and budget). The proposal should include the following information:

- Title of proposed project
- Proponent’s contact address and e-mail
- Abstract (1 page maximum)
- Background
- Rational and objectives
- Relevance to other existing projects in the region
- Methods
- Expected outputs and outcomes
- Timeline of activities, including at least 1 progress report 3 months after disbursement of first instalment of project funds
- Project leader’s CV (2 pages), any collaborator’s CV (1 page)
- Project budget in US dollars; the extent of in-kind contributions and level of matching funds from other sources should be clearly indicated in the budget



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See Annex I for a suggested table of contents for the proposal.

5. Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Originality and quality of work that underpins proposed activity
- Level of contribution to the conservation of marine environment
- Level of involvement of coastal communities
- Capacity building
- Well-defined outputs/products/outcomes feasible for the duration of work
- Likelihood to match regional needs on conservation for marine and coastal environment

6. Inquires

Inquires and correspondence should be directed to:

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Annex I. Table of Contents

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7. Workplan

Appendixes:

- I. Contact information (address, e-mail)
- II. CVs (Project leader, collaborator(s))
- III. Budget (Total budget; budget requested from YSLME Project; matching funds, if any)