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Subject:	<u>PDF - "Assessment and Support to the Management of Marine & Coastal Biodiversity of the East Asian Seas"</u>		

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Dear Rohit,

Please forward the attached to Mr. Mansfield as he has requested for this.

Thank you and regards,

Jasmin

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File: Project Proposal
East Asian Seas

M E M O R A N D U M

In: Mr William Mansfield III
Acting Deputy GEF Executive Coordinator

cc.: Reza Amini
Cyrie Sendashonga
Makram Gerges
Philomene Verlaan

From: Stjepan Keckes, consultant, GEF Coordination Office

Subject: Proposal for PDF Block A grant for development of a project on "Assessment and Support to the Management of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity of the East Asian Seas"

Nairobi, 25 May 1995

Attached is for your information the draft proposal, developed in cooperation with and inputs from Reza Amini and Cyrie Sendashonga.

I believe that the proposal merits, in principle, the support of UNEP's GEF Coordination Office and I am recommending it for your favourable consideration. Unfortunately, in spite of considerable time I spent on the draft, it is not complete. Annex III (ToR of the consultant) is missing. I expect Amini will attach it when submitting the proposal formally for your approval and, in my view, it should be cleared by Cyrie. My note to Amini (attached to this memorandum) refers to it and to other subjects relevant to the preparation of the final project proposal.

Keeping in mind the planned scope of the project expected to evolve from the activity, I believe that whoever will be UNFP's GEF Programme Officer for biodiversity, she/he should have a significant role in overseeing the implementation of the project.

Should be mention in more
detail potential future
activities involving UNFP
II 1 to 2
Also ref to the linkage of the
regional doc with world
network of regional seas
as a potential benefit II 3.

Nairobi, 25 May 1995

Reza,

Attached is the copy of last version of the proposal for PDF Block A grant for development of a project on "Assessment and Support to the Management of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity of the East Asian Seas".

Annex III (ToR for the consultant) is missing, because I haven't got anything from you on that. Neither could I check with you the final text of the draft (Cyril did it).

I was surprised, and annoyed, to find out today at 4 pm that although I have told you that today we would have to finish the draft, you have already left UNEP. I have asked you to postpone your return to Bangkok until the draft is completed, a room next to me was provided to you to facilitate our interaction, and I would have thought that you will give the work on the proposal the highest priority. Be as it is, you are on your own from now on because tomorrow is my last working day in Nairobi and I can not devote more time to the proposal. Submit it to Mr Mansfield with Annex III which should be at least cleared by Cyril, and while you are still in Nairobi try to collect as much information as you can get on the GFF projects listed in Annex II because without this information the consultant will be unable to prepare a good final proposal of the project.

The draft of the proposal is on the diskette attached to this note.





United Nations Environment Programme
Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement
 Regional Coordinating Unit for the East Asian Seas (EAS/RCU)

Your References :

Our References :

URGENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. William Mansfield III
 Ag. Deputy GEF Executive Coordinator
 UNEP

26 May 1995

From: Reza Amini
 Ag. Coordinator
 EAS/RCU

Subject: Proposal for PDF Block A grant for the development of a project on "Assessment and Support to the Management of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity of the East Asian Seas".

1. Kindly refer to the previous correspondence in connection with the concept paper the EAS/RCU submitted on the project proposal on "Assessment and Support to the Management of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity of the East Asian Seas".
2. Attached for your consideration is the *Proposal for PDF Block A Grant* of US\$ 25,000. As you note, the requested funds are required to augment the US\$ 20,000 already allocated by the Eleventh Meeting of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia for this purpose.
3. I hope the proposal will meet with your approval. In view of the discussions at our meeting of 24 May, in order to finalize the project proposal for submission to August GEFOP and hopefully the October GEF Council the EAS/RCU and the "consultant" will have to work on a very tight schedule. Therefore, may I request your urgent attention.
4. I would like to take the opportunity and gratefully acknowledge the invaluable assistance of Dr. Keckes and Ms. Sendashonga in the last three days, in the development of this PDF Block A. proposal.

Best personal regards.

Copy to: Mr. Makram Gerges
 Ms. Cyrie Sendashonga

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PROPOSAL FOR PDF BLOCK A GRANT

PART I: ELIGIBILITY

1. LOG DATA

- (a) **Project Title:** Assessment and Support to the Management of Marine and Coastal Biodiversity of the East Asian Seas
- (b) **Identification No.:**
- (c) **Implementing Agency:** UNEP (EAS/RCU)
- (d) **IA Focal Point:** Reza Amini, Ag. Coordinator, EAS/RCU, UNEP
- (e) **Principal Focal Area:** Biodiversity
- (f) **Cross-cutting Area:** International Waters
- (g) **Scope:** Regional
- (h) **Countries:** Australia, Kingdom of Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- (i) **Country Endorsement:** Intergovernmental Meeting: Eleventh Meeting of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia: COBSEA (Bangkok, 28-29 October 1994)
- (j) **National Focal Points:** National Focal Points of the East Asian Seas Action Plan

2. COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY

(a) Convention: Convention on Biological Diversity

Dates of Ratification:	People's Republic of China	5/ 1/93
	Australia	18/ 6/93
	Philippines	8/10/93
	Malaysia	24/ 6/94
	Indonesia	23/ 8/94
	Republic of Korea	3/10/94
	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	16/11/94
	Cambodia	9/ 2/95
	Thailand	not ratified
	Singapore	not ratified

(b) GEF

The proposed project satisfies the criteria outlined in paragraph 9 (b) of the "Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF" with the proviso that out of the ten countries planned to participate in the project, three (Australia, Singapore and Thailand) are not eligible for financial support from the GEF in the context of this proposal.

The project is consistent with the programme priorities and criteria agreed by GEF Council with regards to international waters and biodiversity.

"Only developing countries that are Parties to the Convention [on Biological Diversity] are eligible to receive funding upon the entry into force of the Convention for them."¹

3. PROGRAMME ELIGIBILITY**(a) COP Guidance**

"In accordance with the provisions of the Convention, projects that seek to meet the objectives of observation on biological diversity and sustainable use of its components are eligible for financial support from the institutional structure."²

The first meeting of the parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nassau, the Bahamas 28 November - 9 December, 1994) identified as a programme priority projects promoting the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity of coastal and marine resources under threat.

(b) GEF Operational Strategy

"The 1995 programme would include activities designed to address urgent biodiversity conservation needs. Particular attention would be paid to projects: (i) in areas where the level of threat to the ecosystems and species diversity was especially high; (ii) where there was clear country commitment. Projects in these areas would include one or more of the following objectives: pursue innovative means to integrate conservation and development at the national, regional and local level (integrated conservation and development programmes); develop participatory management systems for formal protected areas production systems on nonprotected areas,"³

The project also meets the criteria for project eligibility, as stipulated in the "Scope and Preliminary Operational Strategy for International Waters", as agreed by the Council of the GEF in February 1995.⁴

¹ Report of the first meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Decision I/2, Annex I. UNEP/CBD/COP/1/17.

² *ibid.*

³ Extract from "GEF Programme Guidance". For the time being there is no strategy for biodiversity adopted by the GEF Council.

⁴ GEF/C.3/7, paragraphs 19/2, 25/1/3, 27/1, 32/4.

4. POLICY FRAMEWORK

(a) Country Priorities

(i) National/regional strategies/action plans

The Fifth Meeting of Experts on the East Asian Seas Action Plan (Singapore, 25-26 July 1994), in their advisory capacity to the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA)⁶, identified marine biodiversity and associated loss of ecosystems as the highest priority to be addressed by the countries of the region.⁶

On the basis of the above, as well as relevant projects previously implemented in the region, the participating countries of the Action Plan at their eleventh intergovernmental meeting (Bangkok, 28-29 October 1994) decided on the development of a project proposal for the GEF consideration and from the resources of the East Asian Seas Trust Fund allocated partial support (US\$ 20,000) towards the development of a project proposal.⁷

The development and implementation of this project accords with the priorities identified by the governments of the East Asian Seas region, as reflected in their Action Plan for the Protection and Sustainable Development of Marine and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Region and in the Long-term Strategy of the Coordinating Body of the Seas of East Asia⁸. Both of these were revised and refocused in a meeting of plenipotentiaries (Bangkok, 27-28 October 1994)⁹, to take into account the outcome of the UNCED (relevant chapters of Agenda 21), the Convention on Biological Diversity, and other relevant developments since the adoption of the original Action Plan in 1981.

(ii) Link to sustainable development planning

The countries of the East Asian Seas rely heavily on marine and coastal resources for their economic development, particularly in fisheries and tourism sectors which provide important opportunities for these countries' economic and social development.

Therefore, in designing the project, which will be carried out in close consultation with the National Focal Points of all participating countries, every attempt will be made to ensure the project's conformity and

⁶ COBSEA is the intergovernmental body supervising and guiding the implementation of the Regional Seas Action Plan in South East Asia.

⁷ Report of the fifth meeting of COBSEA, paragraph 25. UNEP(OCA)/EAS IG.6/5.

⁸ Report of the eleventh meeting of the COBSEA, Annex IV, activity (q). UNEP(OCA)/EAS IG.6/5.

⁹ Adopted by ten countries of the region: Australia, Kingdom of Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

⁹ Report of the meeting of Plenipotentiaries on the East Asian Seas, Annex IV and V. UNEP(OCA)/EAS IG.5/6

complementarily with the relevant components of the national development plans of all countries participating in the project. The desirable links between these plans and the project activities will be defined as part of activities undertaken under the present PDF grant proposal.

(b) Other Links

(i) Other global agreements/conventions

The project will address priorities identified in Chapter 17 of Agenda 21 which outlines actions required for protection of the oceans and coastal areas, and the protection and rational use and development of their living resources.

The project will assist the East Asian Seas countries to fulfil their obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) which includes obligations to take measures ensuring the protection and sustainable use of living marine resources.¹⁰

The project will also address the obligations of the East Asian countries towards other relevant international agreements, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the Ramsar Convention.

(ii) Regional agreements/conventions

For details see section 4(a)(i) above.

5. NATURE AND SCOPE OF EXPECTED PROJECT

(a) Investment

The project is not intended to be an investment type project. However, its implementation might lead to other projects, including investment projects which may be of interest to the World Bank, bilateral donors, or other financial institutions.

(b) Technical Assistance

Technical assistance will be provided to national institutions of participating developing countries to develop a regional strategy for the protection and management of their biodiversity, and to formulate or update existing management plans for one or two "demonstration projects" in each country. The assistance will include training in protection of marine biodiversity in natural reserves, controlled cultural and recreational use of marine parks, integrated management with respect to large marine ecosystems, involvement of local communities, and other areas which may be defined during the development of the project proposal.

(c) Convention-specific Enabling Activities

Although the Convention on Biological Diversity does not define enabling activities, the GEF Secretariat's Task Force on GEF enabling activities under

¹⁰ UNCLOS, Part XII, Article 192 *et seq.*

the Convention recommended to consider as enabling activities, *inter alia*, activities that help countries prepare and develop biodiversity planning steps, such as strategies and action plans, for implementation of Article 7 of the Convention.

The project will deal with issues relevant to the protection of marine areas of critical importance for sustainable management of marine biodiversity in the East Asian Seas. The project will also develop the long-term marine management capacity of countries in the region and their ability to take further action in managing marine biodiversity in a sustainable manner.

The project will meaningfully involve government agencies, local people, NGO's, the private sector and other groups in the sustainable management of marine biodiversity.

(d) Capacity Building

Training programmes will be developed and carried out to increase the capacity of developing countries participating in the project in the protection and management of their marine and coastal biodiversity. The training will focus on developing regional and national self-sufficiency to carry out further training.

A network of national institutions participating in the project will be set up.

Although the project's focus will be on marine and coastal biodiversity, it is expected to have impact on national and regional strategies related to such diverse activities as aquaculture, offshore oil, gas and mineral exploration and production, shipping and harbour management, tourism and fisheries.

Public education and awareness programmes will be integral part of the project, particularly in relation to the demonstration sub-projects (see II/1(b)(ii) and (iii) below). management of demonstration projects.

(e) Targeted Research

The project will incorporate targeted research which may be needed to lay a sound ground for the implementation of the project and contribute to the follow-up programmes after the end of the project. The type and extent of the research will be identified as part of the activities supported through the present PDF grant, taking into account the evolving GEF policy in this field.

6. LINKAGES OF EXPECTED PROJECT TO IA PROGRAMME

The project will complement (not supplement) the programmes/projects of the Action Plan for the Protection and Sustainable Development of Marine and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Region, which is one of the thirteen Action Plans of UNEP's Regional Seas Programme.

UNEP's contact person for the Regional Seas Programme is the Director of Oceans and Coastal Areas Programme Activity Centre

PART II: INFORMATION ON GRANT ACTIVITIES**1. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT OR PROGRAMME IN TERMS OF ITS****(a) Objectives**

The objectives of the project are:

- to develop a regional strategy for the protection and management of coastal and marine biodiversity;
- to implement 1-2 demonstration sub-projects in each participating country;
- to increase public awareness about the importance of protecting marine and coastal biological diversity; and
- to strengthen the national capabilities to deal with issues related to the protection and management of marine and coastal biodiversity; and
- to ensure coordination of the project's activities with other national and regional initiatives relevant to the protection of marine and coastal biodiversity in the East Asian region.

(b) Activities**(i) Development of regional strategy**

The development of a regional strategy within the framework of the project is fundamental for ensuring the sustainability of the activities in the post-project phase. Countries participating in the project will play a key role in the development of the strategy. As the basis for the formulation of the strategy, a comprehensive compilation and analysis of national strategies will be prepared and areas where regional cooperation may strengthen and contribute to the enforcement of broad management practices will be identified.

(ii) Demonstration sub-projects

The demonstration sub-projects, which will be identified as part of activities supported through the present PDF grant, may include, *inter alia*, concerns for:

- preservation of some key representative examples of marine or coastal biodiversity in strict nature reserves;
- marine and coastal national parks providing for their controlled use for cultural and recreational purposes;
- integrated management of larger coastal or marine areas to achieve sustainable development, with emphasis on approaches benefiting local coastal communities.

(iii) Public awareness

Public education and awareness programmes will be developed and carried

out to achieve community acceptance of, and involvement in the implementation of demonstration sub-projects.

(iv) Strengthening national capabilities

The needs related to the strengthening of national capabilities will be identified, in consultation with the national COBSEA focal points, as part of the activities supported through the present PDF grant.

The participation of national institutions in the development of regional strategy and in demonstration sub-projects, as well as their networking, will further contribute to the strengthening of their capabilities in the field of marine and coastal biodiversity protection and management.

(v) Coordination with other relevant projects and initiatives

During the preparatory phase of the project funded by the present PDF grant, the desirable links of the project with relevant projects and activities carried out in the framework of the East Asian Seas Action Plan (see Annex I) as well as those supported by the GEF (see Annex II) or others¹¹, will be analyzed and appropriate coordination arrangements identified.

The networking of national institutions participating in the project will be integrated with the International Marine Management Network being established by the IUCN.

2. GEF THEMATIC AREA

Biodiversity, with special reference to international waters.

3. EXPECTED GLOBAL BENEFITS

The expected regional and global environmental benefits of the project include:

- contribution to the protection of marine and coastal biodiversity on a global scale, and in the East Asian Seas region in particular; and
- development of replicable models for regional marine and coastal biodiversity protection within the context of sustainable development.

4. ACTIVITIES TO BE FINANCED BY THE PDF BLOCK A GRANT

The requested US\$ 25,000 PDF is to augment the US\$ 20,000 in cash from the resources of the East Asian Seas Trust Fund (EAS TF) allocated by the eleventh meeting of the COBSEA for the development of the project. The planned use of these financial resources is summarized below:

¹¹ For instance, the ASEAN-Australian project on "Living Marine Resources".

activity	PDF	EAS TF
consultant ¹² to prepare the first draft of the project proposal (2 weeks)	-	3,000
travel and DSA of consultant and one staff member of EAS/RCU ¹³ to countries participating in the project (2 weeks each)	5,000	13,000
preparation of the second draft of the project proposal by the consultant on the basis of country visits (2 weeks)	-	3,000
workshop of country nominated experts ¹⁴ to review and revise the second draft of the project proposal (20 experts, 3 days in Bangkok each)	20,000	1,000
preparation of the final draft of the project proposal by consultant and EAS/RCU staff (1 week)	-	-
TOTAL	25,000	20,000

5. EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND COMPLETION DATES

Final draft of the project proposal 8-10 weeks after the receipt of the PDF grant.

6. OTHER POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTORS/DONORS AND AMOUNTS

In addition to the contribution from the EAS TF (see sections I/4(a)(i) and II/4 above), the in-kind contribution from UNEP and UNEP EAS/RCU (staff time, etc.) towards the preparation of the project proposal is estimated as further US\$ 20,000.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (Australia) offered to

¹² The potential consultant(s) will be identified and contracted by EAS/RCU. Before entering into contract with the consultant, EAS/RCU will seek clearance for the consultant from UNEP' GEF Coordination Office, by submitting his CV to the Office. The terms of reference of the consultant are attached as Annex III.

¹³ Expert in the field of biodiversity.

¹⁴ PDF resources will not be used to support the participation of experts from countries which have not ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity (Singapore and Thailand) or from developed countries (Australia).

absorb a significant part of the fee of the consultant to be used for the development of the project proposal. This in kind contribution is estimated as US \$ 10,000.

7. TOTAL BUDGET AND INFORMATION ON HOW COSTS WILL BE MET (including the Block A grant)

The total cost (cash and in kind) of the development of the project is estimated as US\$ 75,000 (for details see sections II/4 and II/6 above).

PART III: BACKGROUND ON THE APPLICANT INSTITUTE

1. APPLICANT

The Regional Coordinating Unit for the East Asian Seas Action Plan (EAS/RCU), on behalf of the countries participating in the East Asian Seas Action Plan.

2. BACKGROUND (date established, purpose/mission, etc.)

The EAS/RCU was established by UNEP, on 1 May 1993, in Bangkok, in the framework of UNEP's Regional Office in Asia and the Pacific, to function, *inter alia*, as the Secretariat of the Action Plan for the Protection and Sustainable Development of Marine and Coastal Areas of the East Asian Region. Since the adoption of the Action Plan in 1981, and prior to May 1993, the functions of EAS/RCU were discharged directly by UNEP's Oceans and Coastal Areas Programme Activity Centre (OCA/PAC).

3. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The EAS/RCU is an organizational sub-unit of UNEP operating under substantive supervision of the Director of UNEP's OCA/PAC.

4. LEADERSHIP (names of Board members, officers, etc.) and Personnel (paid staff and volunteers)

The staff of the EAS/RCU consists of three professionals and three general service staff, in addition to two project staff.

The Ag. Coordinator is Mr.Reza Amini.

5. MEMBERSHIP

See information in III/2 and footnote no.8.

6. RECENT PROGRAMMES/PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

Recently completed and ongoing activities decided on and approved at the eleventh meeting of COBSEA (Bangkok, 28-29 October 1994) are listed in Annex I.

7. PUBLICATIONS

Reports of meetings convened in the framework of the East Asian Seas

Action Plan and technical reports related to projects coordinated by EAS/RCU.

8. ANNUAL BUDGET AND SOURCES OF REVENUE

The financial resources at the disposal of EAS/RCU are derived from the East Asian Trust Fund and from UNEP's Environment Fund. During the biennium 1994/95, they amounted to approximately US \$ 0.4 million from the EAS Trust Fund and US \$ 1.35 million from UNEP's Environment Fund. In addition to these resources, during the same biennium, project-specific funds of US \$ 750,000 and US \$ 40,000 were made available to EAS/RCU by the Asian Development Bank and the government of Norway, respectively.

9. CONTACT PERSON

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ANNEX 1**SELECTED LIST OF COMPLETED AND ONGOING PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES
UNDERTAKEN IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EAST ASIAN SEAS ACTION PLAN**

- Impact of pollution on the mangrove ecosystems and its productivity in South East Asia (EAS-3)
- Research into the toxicity of oil dispersant chemicals on tropical and subtropical marine species (EAS-7)
- Assessment of oil pollution and its impact on living aquatic resources in South East Asia (EAS-10)
- Study on coral resources and the effects of pollutants and other destructive factors on coral communities and related fisheries in the East Asian Seas region (EAS-13)
- Development of management plans for endangered coastal and marine living resources in East Asia: training phase (EAS-19)
- The management and exchange of environmental information (EAS-20)
- Development of management plans for endangered coastal and marine living resources in East Asia: marine park management-assessment case studies phase (EAS-25)
- The Phuket workshop on biological effects of pollutants (EAS-30)
- Oceanographic features of the East Asian Seas region: development of oil spill trajectory models (component (a) of EAS-23)
- Programme of action to control land-based source of pollution in the East Asian Seas region (EAS-27)
- Enhancement of the public awareness and participation on environmental issues related to coastal and marine areas in the East Asian Seas region: Phase I (EAS-29)
- Feasibility study on a comprehensive preparedness and response plan to oil and chemical spills, integrating national, sub-regional and regional plans (implemented under a Letter of Agreement with IMO)
- Southeast Asia seminar on the management of coastal cities (implemented under a Letter of Agreement with ACOPS)
- Biological effects of pollutants in the East Asian Seas region (EAS-33)
- Development of training materials on coastal zone management (EAS-34)
- Integrated Management of Watersheds in Relation to the Coastal and Marine Pollution in the East Asian Seas Region (EAS-35)

ANNEX II**GEF-SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE EAST ASIAN SEAS REGION
WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT TO THE PROJECT¹⁸**

- (a) Indonesia: Biodiversity Collection (World Bank project, US \$ 7.2 million)
- (b) Philippines: Conservation of Priority Protected Areas (World Bank project, US \$ 20.0 million)
- (c) Viet Nam: Conservation Training and Biodiversity Action Plan (UNDP project, US \$ 3.0 million)
- (d) China: Nature Reserves Management (World Bank project, US \$ 17.9 million)
- (e) China: Ship Waste Disposal (World Bank project, US \$ 30.0 million)
- (f) Thailand: Biodiversity (UNDP PRIF study, US \$ 0.7 million)
- (g) Indonesia: Biodiversity (UNDP PRIF study, US \$ 1.6 million)
- (h) Regional: Prevention and Management of Marine Pollution in East Asian Seas (UNDP project; US \$ 8.0 million)
- (i) Global: Support for the Preparation of Biodiversity Country Studies - Phase I and II (UNEP project, US \$ 5.0 + 2.0)
- (j) Global: Biodiversity Data Management Capacitation and Networking Biodiversity Information (UNEP project, US \$ 4.0 million)
- (k) Global: Support for Regional Oceans Training Programmes (UNDP project, US \$ 2.6 million)

¹⁸ The titles of the projects/activities, and GEF's support to them, are given as indicated in GEF Quarterly Operational Report (April 1995)

ANNEX III**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CONSULTANT
ASSISTING IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL**

1. Under the supervision of the Coordinator of UNEP's Regional Coordinating Unit for the East Asian Seas Action Plan and the overall guidance of GEF Coordinating Unit the consultant will undertake the following tasks:

- (a) On the basis of the project concept already developed the consultant will prepare the first detailed draft of the project proposal on **ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT TO SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE BIODIVERSITY OF THE EAST ASIAN SEAS**. In the preparation of the first draft specific attention will be given to the relevant GEF-supported projects and other national and/or regional initiatives in the region. The first draft of the project proposal requires the clearance of EAS/RCU, in consultation with GEF Coordinating Unit;
- (b) The consultant accompanied by a staff-member of the EAS/RCU will visit all the member-states of the East Asian Seas Action Plan and in each country review the first draft of the project with government nominated experts and/or institutions, noting the specific requirements of the member-states for inclusion in the proposal;
- (c) The consultant will prepare the second draft of the project proposal, incorporating all the comments and requirements of the member-states. The second draft will require the clearance of the EAS/RCU, in consultation with the UNEP GEF Coordinating Unit;
- (d) The consultant will participate in a meeting of Government nominated experts, organized by the EAS/RCU, to review and further refine the project proposal;
- (e) The consultant with the assistance of the EAS/RCU will prepare the final draft of the project proposal, incorporating all the comments and amendments suggested by the meeting of experts; and
- (f) The consultant will submit the final draft of the project proposal to the EAS/RCU.