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| **UNDP/GEF Project 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)** | | |

**Vacancies for Interns**

**As a collaborative initiative between YSLME and Incheon Metropolitan City through**

**the “International Organizations Career Experience Program”**

# Background

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with support from the Global Environment Facility (the GEF) and the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS), has been assisting countries bordering Yellow Sea in addressing the increasing trends of depleting fishery stocks, loss of coastal wetland, eutrophication caused by land and sea-based pollution and other challenges to the ecosystem carrying capacity of the Yellow Sea. Its first initiative coordinated the development of transboundary diagnostic analysis of the Yellow Sea and the adoption of the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Strategic Action Programme (YSLME SAP) by China and RO Korea with commitments of DPR Korea as well. The current efforts of the UNDP and the GEF is to help countries to implement the YSLME SAP through the project entitled *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*, or the UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project.

The objective of this regional project is to achieve adaptive ecosystem-based management of the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem bordered by China, RO Korea and DPR Korea by fostering long-term sustainable institutional, policy and financial arrangements for effective ecosystem-based management of the Yellow Sea in accordance with the YSLME SAP.

The key benefits of the project include:

* recovery of depleted fish stocks and improved mariculture production and quality;
* improved ecosystem health;
* maintenance of habitat areas;
* strengthened stakeholder participation in management and improved policy making; and
* skills and capacity significantly developed for region-wide ecosystem-based management.

# Vacancies

In order to help students to enhance their educational experience and gain experience in the work of the United Nations, the Project Management Office wishes to provide internship opportunities to two students as a collaborative initiative between YSLME and Incheon Metropolitan City through the “International Organizations Career Experience Program”.

Specific responsibilities of interns include:

1. to assist in file management, including scanning of documents, filing of e~documents under categorized folders, regular review and check to avoid overlapping;
2. the development of inventory of equipment, filling of inventory list, design and assist in shopping of service for production of equipment sticker.
3. to assist in organization of YSLME Project meetings, workshops, training and other events. Tasks include photocopying meeting documents, preparation of document files, preparation of name badges for participants, preparation PPT slides for presentation, learning to use mobile printer and photocopying of documents and distribution to participants;
4. at the workshop or other events, in charge of registration of participants update a list of participants;
5. to assist in research in marine related news reports, such as advancement in marine science and technologies, progress of initiatives of other international or regional ocean governance frameworks and events, and identification of news articles for publication on YSLME website;
6. to participate in weekly Project Management Office (PMO) meetings and take notes of meetings;
7. to provide orientation to new interns and update guide for interns;
8. additional responsibilities assigned by the Project Manager, Environmental Economist or Operations Associate.

# [Competencies](https://jobs.unops.org/Pages/ViewVacancy/VADetails.aspx?id=11786#2)

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* Integrity
* Professionalism
* Respect for Diversity
* Communication
* Teamwork
* Planning & Organizing
* Accountability
* Creativity
* Client Orientation
* Commitment to continuous Learning

# [Education/Experience/Language requirements](https://jobs.unops.org/Pages/ViewVacancy/VADetails.aspx?id=11786#3)

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* be enrolled in a graduate school program (second university degree or equivalent, or higher); or
* be enrolled in the final academic year of a first university degree program (minimum Bachelor’s level or equivalent)

Experience:

* Excellent organizational and communication skills; attention to detail; and determination to meet deadlines.
* Computer literacy with strong knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.
* Familiarity with the work of the United Nations Organization, its mandate, main areas of focus, United nations Bodies, agencies, entities and departments, current priorities issues.

Language:

Applicants must have an excellent knowledge of English with advanced written and verbal skills. Knowledge of Korea is an advantage.

# About Yellow Sea and the Project

Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem is a water body bordered by China, RO Korea and DPR Korea, covering an area of 400,000 km2. Rivers discharge about 1.6 billion tons of sediment and 1,500 billion tones of freshwater into the Yellow Sea. The low flushing rate between Yellow Sea and East China Sea of one every seven years, combined with weak water circulation, makes this sea vulnerable to pollution and its coastal areas highly susceptible to localized pollution discharges. Qingdao, Dalian, Shanghai, Seoul/Incheon (RO Korea) and Pyongyang/Nampo (DRP Korea) are the five cities with over tens of millions of inhabitants bordering the sea. This population replies on the Yellow Sea’s ecosystem carrying capacity to provide capture fisheries resources in excess of two million tonnes per year, mariculture over 14 million tonnes per year, support for wildlife, provision of bathing beaches and tourism, and its capacity to absorb nutrients and other pollutants.

Yet fishing efforts increased threefold between the 1960s and early 1980s, during which time the proportion of demersal species, such as small and large yellow croakers, hairtail, flatfish and cod, declined by more than 40 percent in terms of biomass. Other major transboundary problems include increasing discharge of pollutants; changes to ecosystem structure leading to an increase in jellyfish and harmful algal blooms; 40 percent loss of coastal wetlands from reclamation and conversions projects.

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The inception workshop of the project is scheduled on July 11-14, 2017 where the stakeholders from China and RO Korea will meet and build consensus on the project objectives and approaches, agree on the project workplan for 2017-2019, and discuss on the roadmap towards a sustainable arrangement for effective ecosystem-based management of Yellow Sea in accordance with YSLME Strategic Action Programme.

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# The Project Management Office (Secretariat)

The Secretariat is located on the 5th floor of G-Tower, addressed at 175 Art center-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon 22004. The PMO consists of three full-time staff and two interns:

* Mr. Yinfeng Guo, Chief Technical Adviser and Manager;
* Dr. Sangjin Lee, Environmental Economist;
* Mr. Minsoo Kim, Operations Associate;
* Ms. Nera Mariz Puyo, intern on communication; and
* Ms. Xiaoxuan Chen, intern on environmental law

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