

Integrated River Basin and Coastal Area Management Project in the Bohai Sea: Current Status and the Future Initiatives

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PEMSEA III – IRBCAM Project is the demonstration in China for Integrated River Basin and Coastal Area Management focusing on Pollution Reduction and Investment in the Bohai Sea. The project objective is to develop, adopt and initiate pollution reduction investment plans in the adjacent watershed and coastal areas of the Daling, Xiaoqing, Luan, Hai and Guangli Rivers in accordance with the Bohai Sea Sustainable Development Strategy, in collaboration with the concerned local governments. The project is implemented by 5 river-basin-related government agencies under the technical support from National Marine Environmental Monitoring Center. The site-oriented issues are recognized with the background of Bohai Sea environmental and ecological issues. The detailed targets and action options are finalized in the implementing plans for 5 river basin and coastal areas, which are ecosystem-based and coastal-environmental-quality-driven. The feasible pollution reduction programs (plans) and/or projects will be proposed in the near future with the pre-feasibility study/studies, the assessment of the local governments financing and investment capacity and the total-quantity-control scheme of pollutant discharge. Initiating the programs/plans is encouraged through various approach, such as public-private partnership, etc. which is not only the implementation of the Bohai Sea Sustainable Development Strategy with a particular focus on pollution reduction, but also the detailed activity to fulfill the Overall Plan of Environmental Protection in Bohai Sea, approved by the State Council in late 2008.



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