



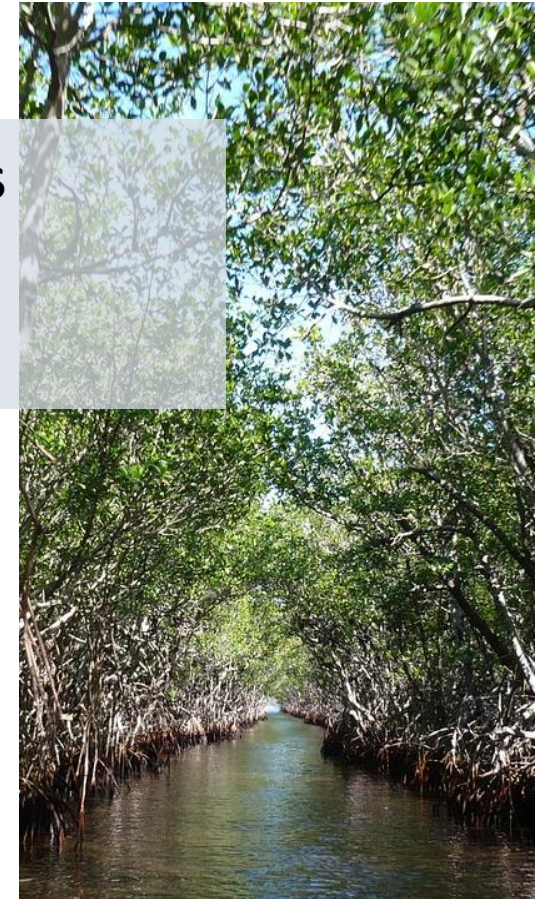
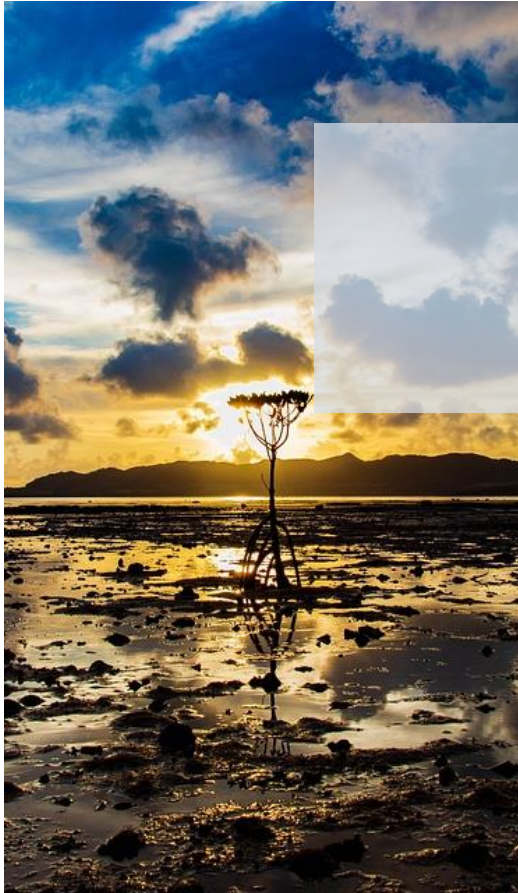
Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (SCS SAP Project)

FIRST MEETING OF REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON MANGROVES

*Teleconference, 1 December 2021
13.00 – 17.00 Indochina time (ICT)*

2.2. Organization of Work

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Summary facts

Participating Countries:	Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam
Implementation Agency:	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Executing Agencies:	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)
GEF Funding:	15 million USD (with approximately 83 million USD in co-financing)
Timeline:	2018-2024
Web-links:	https://scssap.org

The objective of the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (SCS SAP Project) is: ***“To assist countries in meeting the targets of the approved Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the marine and coastal environment of the South China Sea (SCS) through implementation of the National Action Plans in support of the SAP, and strengthening regional co-ordination for SCS SAP implementation.”***

The three components of the project correspond each to three main objectives:

- Component 1. Reducing habitat degradation and loss via national and local reforms to achieve Strategic Action Programme targets for coastal habitat management in the South China Sea;
- Component 2. Strengthening knowledge-based action planning for the management of coastal habitats and land-based pollution to reduce environmental degradation of the South China Sea; and
- Component 3. Facilitating regional and national level integration and cooperation for implementation of the South China Sea Strategic Action Programme





SCSSAP Component 1 Outcomes

Component 1. Reducing habitat degradation and loss via national and local reforms to achieve Strategic Action Programme targets for coastal habitat management in the South China Sea

Outcome 1.1 Appropriate forms of sustainable management established for 860,000 ha of mangrove

- 1.1.1 Declaration of 57,400 ha of mangrove as National Parks and Protected Areas
- 1.1.2 Designation and plans for the management of 166,600 ha of mangrove as non-conversion, sustainable use areas
- 1.1.3 Reform of laws and regulations for the sustainable use of 602,800 ha of mangrove forest
- 1.1.4 Replanting of 21,000 ha of deforested mangrove land
- 1.1.5 Biodiversity increased for 11,200 ha of mangrove forest via enrichment planting
- 1.1.6 Established mechanism for monitoring management, ecological and socio-economic indicators at 26 sites [based on SAP results framework]

- ✓ Supporting SAP implementation at the priority sites identified in the sites
- ✓ Led by National Lead Agencies
- ✓ Resulting in improved habitat management and restoration, increased capacity, knowledge exchange, monitoring and reporting status
- ✓ Integrating best-practices from within and beyond the region to achieve long-term impact and sustainability
- ✓ Contributing to key SDG targets and Convention on Biological Diversity Post 2020 targets

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Regional Working Group on Mangroves (RWG-M)

According to the Terms of Reference of the Regional Working Group on Mangroves (RWG-M), adopted at the 1st Project Steering Committee (29-30 June 2021), the purpose of RWG-M has the responsibility ***“for coordinating the work of the National Mangrove Committees established in each of the participating countries; for ensuring effective implementation of project activities undertaken in the context of the achievement of the mangrove management targets of the project; and to provide a mechanism for exchange of information and experience of mangrove management activities in each country.”***

The RWG-M of the SCS SAP Project shall consist of the Chairpersons of the National Mangrove Committees together with one member of the SCS SAP Project Coordination Unit and selected regional experts. The SCS SAP Project Coordination Unit in consultation with the National Technical Focal Points for the project shall nominate no more than four such experts to ensure a balance of expertise and specialization consistent with the mandate of the working group. The membership of the RWG-M shall be formally established at the first meeting of the Working Group, which shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chair from amongst its members. The Vice-Chair shall act as Chairperson of meetings in the absence of the Chairperson. The Chairperson of the RWG-M will represent the RWG-M on the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee (RSTC) and will attend the meetings of that Committee.





Objectives

The objectives of this First Meeting of the Regional Working Group on Mangroves include:

1. Present and discuss the SAP targets for mangroves, and selected sites
2. Present the compiled information provided on the status of SAP implementation between 2008-2020, which will be further developed into a publication in 2022
3. Present the compiled information on the national revisions to targets and sites, building upon recent and ongoing projects, initiatives and best practices;
4. Discuss executing arrangement and workplans for 2021-2022

- ✓ As well as agreeing on the RWG-M TORs and membership
- ✓ Next steps
- ✓ Recommendations from members
- ✓ Next meeting

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