



# 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

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13.00 – 17.00 Indochina time (ICT)*

### 7. Reviews and revision of SAP targets at the national level

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# Rationale

## **SCSSAP RWG-M.1/5 SAP Implementation of the Mangrove Focal Area (2021-2023)**

- Given the 2008 SAP targets may not reflect the changes in the region, it was agreed that each country would propose if required revised targets and sites for execution under Outcome 1.1 Appropriate forms of sustainable management established for 860,000 ha of mangrove.
- These were to be reflected in National Implementation Reports (NIRs) to be the basis of the project cooperation agreements with each SAP execution agency (SEA) and UNOPS.
- This is a working draft that includes summarized information from all NIRs
- As such it needs to be finalized once all NIRs are completed



# The 2008 SAP

**Table 18** Estimated Areas (rounded to three significant figures) of South China Sea Mangrove under Different Forms of Land-use Designation and Management (based on Vo et al., 2013)

|  | Cambodia        | China           | Indonesia          | Philippines | Thailand        | Viet Nam                   | Total     | %   |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Total area (ha)  | 72,400          | 23,400          | 934,000            | 28,000      | 62,600          | 157,000                    | 1,280,000 | 100 |
| Production forest  | 0               | 0               | 611,000            | 0           | 1,600           | 18,000                     | 631,000   | 49  |
| Conversion   | 0               | 0               | 165,000            | 0           | 0               | 0                          | 165,000   | 13  |
| Parks & Protected Areas (Conservation) non-extractive use          | 13,600          | 15,800          | 158,000            | 27,100      | 11,500          | 20,000                     | 246,000   | 19  |
| Non-use of mangrove but extractive resource use (fish, crabs etc.) | 58,800          | 7,670           | 0                  | 942         | 39,500          | 119,000                    | 226,000   | 18  |
| Private land, unregulated use                                      | 0               | 0               | 0                  | 0           | 10,000          | 0                          | 10,000    | 0.8 |
| Area currently under management Regulated in laws/regulations      | 13,600          | 15,800          | 769,000            | 27,100      | 11,500          | 155,000                    | 992,000   | 78  |
| Areas estimated as currently under sustainable management          | 13,600<br>8,820 | 15,800<br>1,000 | 158,000<br>100,000 | 26,000      | 11,500<br>1,600 | 20,000<br>18,000<br>46,600 | 421,000   | 33  |

<sup>[1]</sup> Areas considered as currently being sustainably managed include all lands designated as production forest as it is a legal requirement that these be replanted; all mangrove lands contained within National Parks and Protected Areas; and a proportion of the mangrove area subject to extractive use of non-timber resources.

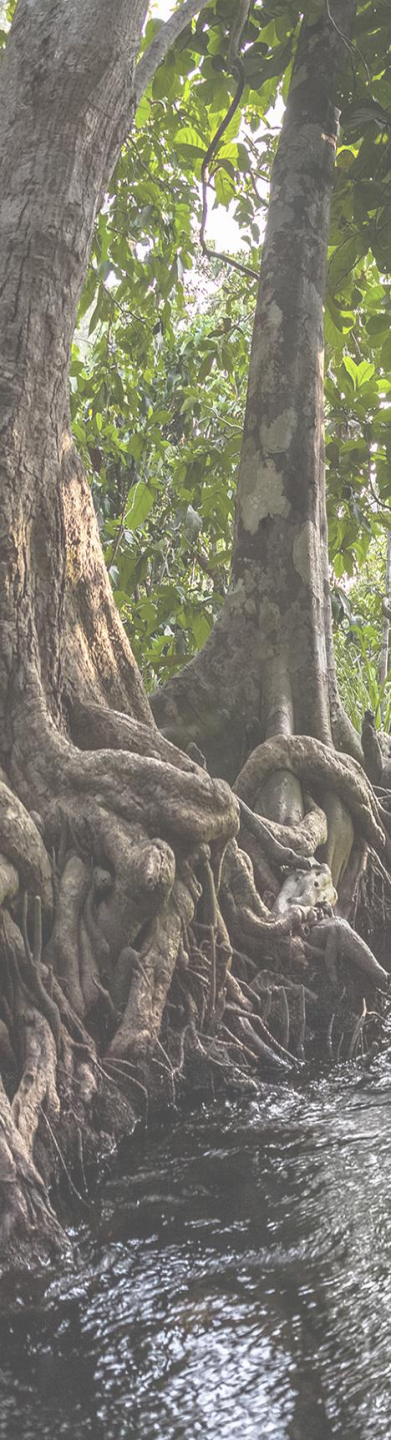
<sup>[2]</sup> Estimated area outside the protected area for which some form of management plans exist.



# The 2008 SAP

**Table 19** Strategic Action Programme targets [proposed areas in hectares to be subject to changes in designation and/or management regime] for future mangrove management

|  | Cambodia | China | Indonesia | Philippines | Thailand | Viet Nam | Total   | % of total area of mangrove |
|--|----------|-------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Area to be transferred to National Parks and Protected Area status | 0        | 5,330 | 20,000    | 631         | 1,400    | 30,000   | 57,400  | 4.5                         |
| Non-conversion of mangrove but sustainable use                     | 0        | 0     | 165,000   | 0           | 1,600    | 0        | 166,600 | 13.1                        |
| Improved management relating to sustainable use                    | 49,900   | 0     | 490,800   | 2,000       | 10,000   | 50,000   | 602,800 | 47.2                        |
| Replanting of deforested mangrove land                             | 2,500    | 500   | 0         | 2,000       | 8,000    | 8,000    | 21,000  | 1.6                         |
| Enrichment planting to increase mangrove biodiversity              | 0        | 5,000 | 0         | 1,000       | 3,200    | 2,000    | 11,200  | 0.9                         |



# Progress of NIRs (Mangroves)

| Country     | NIR Status   |
|-------------|--|
| Cambodia    | Short-term PCA and consultant hired. NIR well advanced and requires final review and full contract under development for execution. Total targets recalculated (slight reduction). Draft activities and budget |
| China       | Under preparation. Site visits and information gathering completed   |
| Indonesia   | Under preparation  |
| Philippines | Requested Inception Phase consultant (Romeo Trono) since 2020. Detailed NIRs completed, national consultations and information gathering   |
| Thailand    | Under preparation. Information gather and national consultations held. Initial activities identified under review. Revised targets to be assessed  |
| Viet Nam    | Under preparation  |

For past reports:

[http://www.unepscs.org/Regional\\_Working\\_Group\\_on\\_Mangroves.html](http://www.unepscs.org/Regional_Working_Group_on_Mangroves.html)



# Challenges and questions to consider

- ✓ Urgent requirement for core information of NIRs to be completed to be included in project cooperation agreements (PCAs) with UNOPS: Sites, targets, activities, budget and workplans. PCAs MUST be finalized by early 2022 to start execution
- ✓ 2020-2021 has been challenging, both in terms of work-load and COVID restrictions for Lead Agencies
- ✓ National Coordinators to be recruited by end of 2021 to support national coordination and execution (deadline for applications 5 December)
- ✓ The RWG-M is needed to support the PCU reviewing and commenting on planned national activities? To provide in-depth review and expertise
- ✓ Or is there a need for a regional or national expert(s)/consultant(s) on mangroves to oversee and support?

