



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

First Meeting of the Regional Working Group on Seagrass

Teleconference, 3 December 2021

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

AND

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INTRODUCTION

According to the initial project document of the SCS SAP project in line with the Strategic Action Programme, Outcome 1.3 Conservation, management and sustainable use of 15,848 ha of known seagrass area in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand through the following:

- 1.3.1 Twenty-one seagrass areas totalling 15,848 ha under sustainable management with supporting laws and regulations
- 1.3.2 Amended management plans for 7 existing MPAs with significant seagrass areas, to include specific seagrass-related management actions and policy, legal & institutional reforms
- 1.3.3 Designation of 7 new Marine Protected Areas focusing on seagrass areas identified in the prioritized listings of the SCS Project
- 1.3.4 Established mechanism for monitoring management, ecological and socio-economic indicators at 20 sites [based on SAP results framework]

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

The RWG-SG of the SCS SAP Project shall consist of the Chairpersons of the National Seagrass 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-SG 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-SG will represent the RWG-SG on the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee (RSTC) and will attend the meetings of that Committee.

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

1. Present and discuss the SAP targets for seagrass, 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

The meeting will be conducted using Zoom, and therefore will be open for additional national experts to participate.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Friday 3 December 2021, 13.00 – 17.00 Indochina time (ICT)

12.40-13.00 Participants are requested to login to the zoom meeting at least 10 meetings before the meeting.

1. Opening of the meeting	
13.00-13.10	<p>1.1 Welcome address</p> <p>The SCS SAP Project Senior Manager will open the meeting and deliver the welcome address.</p>
13.10-13.20	<p>1.2 Introduction of members</p> <p>The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the members of the Seagrass Working Group and other participants</p>
2. Organization of the meeting	
13.20-13.30	<p>2.1 Designation of officers</p> <p>In accordance with the draft rules of procedure for the Regional Working Group on Seagrass, participants will be invited by the Secretariat to elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur.</p>
13.30-13.40	<p>2.2 Organization of work</p> <p>The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to brief participants on the proposed organization of work, the list of documents available to the meeting and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the meeting. The meeting will be conducted online in plenary. The meeting will be conducted in English.</p>
3. Adoption of the meeting agenda	
13.40-13.50	<p>The Chairperson will invite participants to consider the draft agenda prepared by the Secretariat as document SCSSAP RWG-SG.1/2, propose any amendments or additional items for consideration, and adopt the agenda.</p>
4. Consideration of the Terms of reference of the Regional Working Group	
13.50-14.20	<p>The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce document SCSSAP RWG-SG.1/3: Provisional Terms of Reference for the Regional Working Group on Seagrass UNEP/GEF SCS SAP Project, previously circulated. The RWG-SG is invited to consider, amend and adopt the Terms of Reference as outlined in this document.</p>

5. Review the SAP targets for seagrass focal area	
14.20-14.30	The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to briefly present the SAP targets on seagrass and the objectives and outputs of the SCS SAP project.
6. SAP evaluation at the national level during 2008 - 2020	
14.30-14.40	6.1. Introduction and rationale The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to briefly introduce document SCSSAP RWG-SG.1/4 Evaluation of SAP Implementations of the Seagrass Focal Area During 2008-2021.
7. Reviews and revision of SAP targets at the national level	
14.40-14.50	7.1. Introduction and rationale The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to briefly introduce document SCSSAP RWG-SG.1/5 SAP Implementation of the Seagrass Focal Area (2021-2023).
8. National Presentations on SAP implementation and future planning	
14.50-16.00	8.1. National Presentations on SAP implementation The Chairperson will invite National Seagrass Focal Points from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam to present key achievement in SAP implementation between 2008-2021 and the current status of consultations towards the revision of national targets and sites and NIRs.
16.00-16.30	8.2. Best practices in Seagrass management Presentations from invited experts on best practices on seagrass management in the region.
9. Execution arrangement and national work plans	
16.30-16.40	The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to present the next steps in the RWG towards execution of activities under the SCS SAP, including next meeting of the RWG-SG.
10. Any other business	
16.40-16.50	The Chairperson will invite members to consider and discuss any items of business introduced under agenda item 3.
11. Closure of the Meeting	
16.50-17.00	The Chairperson will call for a formal motion to close the meeting.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Meeting documents

The Regional Working Group on Seagrass members are required to review these documents

SCSSAP RWG-SG 1/1	Provisional Agenda
SCSSAP RWG-SG 1/2	Annotated Provisional Agenda
SCSSAP RWG-SG 1/3	Provisional Terms of Reference for the Regional Working Group on Seagrass UNEP/GEF SCS SAP Project
SCSSAP RWG-SG 1/4	Evaluation of SAP Implementations of the Seagrass Focal Area During 2008- 2021
SCSSAP RWG-SG 1/5	SAP Implementation of the Seagrass Focal Area (2021-2023)
SCSSAP RWG-SG 1/6	Report of the Meeting (to be prepared following the meeting)

Information documents

SCSSAP RWG-SG 1/Inf.1	Draft List of Participants
SCSSAP RWG- SG 1/Inf.2	Best practices in habitat management
SCSSAP PSC.1/Inf.3	Cambodia Summary Profile (draft)
SCSSAP PSC.1/Inf.4	China Summary Profile (draft)
SCSSAP PSC.1/Inf.5	Indonesia Summary Profile (draft)
SCSSAP PSC.1/Inf.6	Philippines Summary Profile (draft)
SCSSAP PSC.1/Inf.7	Thailand Summary Profile (draft)
SCSSAP PSC.1/Inf.8	Vietnam Summary Profile (draft)

Reference documents

SCS SAP full project document (see www.scssap.org)

SCS Strategic Action Programme (see www.scssap.org)

SCSSAP IP 3/5	3rd Regional Inception Phase Meeting – NIR Development and Completion [LINK]
SCSSAP PSC.1/9	1st Steering Committee Meeting of the UNEP/GEF Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (SCS SAP) Project [LINK]