



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 AGENDA



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 totaling 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’s include:

1. Present and discuss the SAP targets for seagrasses, 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.

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

1. Opening of the meeting

- 1.1 Welcome address by Project Senior Manager
- 1.2 Introduction of members

2. Organisation of the meeting

- 2.1 Designation of officers
- 2.2 Organisation of work

3. Adoption of the meeting agenda

4. Consideration of the Terms of reference of the Regional Working Group

5. Review the SAP targets for seagrasses

- 5.1 Recalling the objectives on seagrasses
- 5.2 Reviews of sites selected by the SAP

6. SAP implementation at the national level during 2008 - 2020

- 6.1 Cambodia
- 6.2 China
- 6.3 Indonesia
- 6.4 Philippines
- 6.5 Thailand
- 6.6 Viet Nam

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

- 7.1 Cambodia
- 7.2 China
- 7.3 Indonesia
- 7.4 Philippines
- 7.5 Thailand
- 7.5 Viet Nam

8. Execution arrangement and national work plans

9. Any other business

10. Closure of the Meeting