



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

## FIRST MEETING OF REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON SEAGRASS

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

## 9. Execution arrangement and national work plans

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# RWG-SG – Agreed follow up

## PCU

- PCU to share NIR guidance documentation (15 March 2021 meeting), and past national seagrass NAPs
- Revise RWG-SG TORs based on comments provided. Share by 10 December, to receive final comments by 24 December and adopt via silent procedure
- Draft report of the meeting, by 17 December 2021

## National level priority follow up:

- Adopt RWG-SG TORs by 24 December via silent procedure
- Pending SG NIR submissions by 17 December
- Reconfirm SG focal point (chairs of SG committee/working group) by 17 December (if needed)
- RWG-SG. 1/4 (SAP Evaluation 2008-2020) to be completed, and discussed at national coral reef committees/working group by 31 December 2021
- RWG-SG 1/5 (SAP Implementation 2021-2023) to be completed and discussed at national coral reef committees/working group by 31 December 2021

## Other follow up:

- Submit pictures of meetings/site visits to PCU (3 Dec 2021)
- Establish national SG committees/working groups and workplan of meetings. Share workplan and information on planned meetings. Recommend to include FR project experts as well as key seagrass initiatives and projects
- Establish NTWG with all habitat focal points and conduct first meeting to ensure synergies between habitats
- IMC meeting to confirm workplan and budget of NIRs
- Provide best-practices on seagrass management/restoration (2008-2021)





# Next steps for 2022

## Key steps and meetings

- ✓ ~Jan 2022 - Legal agreements (PCA's) to be signed with each SEA
- ✓ ~February 2022 - 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Scientific and Technical Committee (RSTC), back to back with workshop/training on best-practices, tools and guidelines)
- ✓ ~April 2022 - 2<sup>nd</sup> RWG-SG to discuss 1) Revision of National seagrass reports and 2) Progress in execution of activities 3) Monitoring and data management and 4) Any revision to workplans/budget as needed 4) Compiling best-practices
- ✓ ~June 2022 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting

## Considerations

- ✓ Travel restrictions to be assessed by PCU on whether meetings in first half of 2022 can be held in person
- ✓ Request what additional support PCU can provide, identify capacity and training needs
- ✓ To review what are the key impacts to seagrass, and consider new issues such climate change.
- ✓ PCU to compile seagrass resources from regional and global level, including UNEP and WCMC's work
- ✓ Small Grants Program to be launched in 2022, to include seagrass management. NTWG & IMC to review applications

