



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

FIRST MEETING OF REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON WETLANDS

*Teleconference, 7 December 2021
13.00 – 17.00 Indochina time (ICT)*

**National Presentations on SAP implementation
China**




UNOPS



2002-2020

- *National Wetland Protection Program (2002-2030).*
- The 12th five year planning & the 13th five year planning.
- *Invested 1.5 Billion for 53 major projects of wetland conservation and 8.37 Billion for over 2000 projects. Conservation rate is 50%.*
- The candidates of the pilot projects in China were six sites. All of them are in good condition.
- Marine Functional Zoning (National Spatial Planning).





SAP Evaluation (2008-2020)

- The 14th *five year planning* of wetland protection is on the way, including national and provincial.
- The *Law of Wetland Protection* is under review by the *standing committee* of the National People's Congress (NPC).
- The three coastal provinces issued *regulations of wetland protection*.
- *Marine Ecological Red Line* issued in 2017.
- National Forestry and Grassland Administration was established in 2018, in charge of *wetland protection* and *protected areas*.
- *NGOs* are involved in the process of protection, both international and national.
- *COP14 of Ramsar Convention* will be held in Wuhan in Nov. 2022.



SAP Evaluation (2008-2020)

SAP Output/Target	Implication at the national level	Details at sites
Outcome 1.4 Integrated management of 783,900 ha of coastal wetland at 19 sites , including habitat restoration and protection strengthened at priority locations	<i>Total area (ha) of wetlands under integrated management</i>	<i>Site names & area (ha) at each site</i> Wenchang, Pearl River Estuary, Beilun Estuary, Shantou, Hepu, Danzhou
1.4.1 Integrated management plans developed and under implementation for at least 3 lagoons 9 estuaries, 5 tidal flats, 1 peat swamp and 1 non-peat swamp and associated policy, legal & institutional reforms	<i>Total area (ha) under management by each wetland type</i>	<i>List by roster site name, type & area under management</i> Wenchang, Pearl River Estuary, Beilun Estuary, Shantou, Hepu, Danzhou
1.4.2 Declaration of at least 7 wetland areas with protection status (i.e., non-hunting area, nature reserves, protected areas, Ramsar Sites).	<i>Number of wetland areas where protection status was declared</i>	<i>Site name, type and relevant area (ha)</i> Part of the six sites with protection status
1.4.3 Adoption of a regional estuary monitoring scheme and its national implementation [based on SAP results framework]	<i>Number of site where monitoring was conducted</i>	<i>Site names</i>

See RWG-W.4 Wetland SAP Evaluation



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SAP Evaluation (2008-2020)



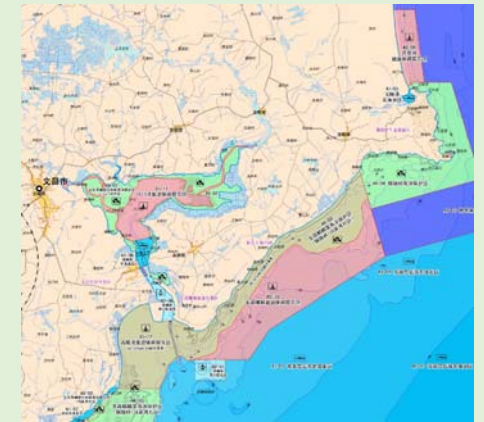
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SAP Implementation: Best Practices

Wenchang Wetland-Lagoon

- Listed a natural reserve in 1981, improved as a provincial natural reserve in 1992. Mangrove area 21667mu. Habitat restoration since 2018-2020. In 2018, 4159 Mu shrimp ponds were restored to mangroves in the core zone; in 2019, 2941 Mu and 4300 Mu were restored to mangroves.





SAP Implementation: Best Practices

Pearl River Estuary-Estuary

- Established as a natural reserve in 1999, improved as a national natural reserve in 2003.
- Other several natural reserves are in this estuary.
- Marine ecological red line in 2017.



Chinese white dolphins
Sousa chinensis





SAP Implementation: Best Practices

Beilun River Estuary-Estuary

- Established as a marine natural reserve in 1983, improved as a provincial and national natural reserve in 1990 and 2000.
- Recorded number of bird species increased from 187 in 2008 to 296 in 2021.

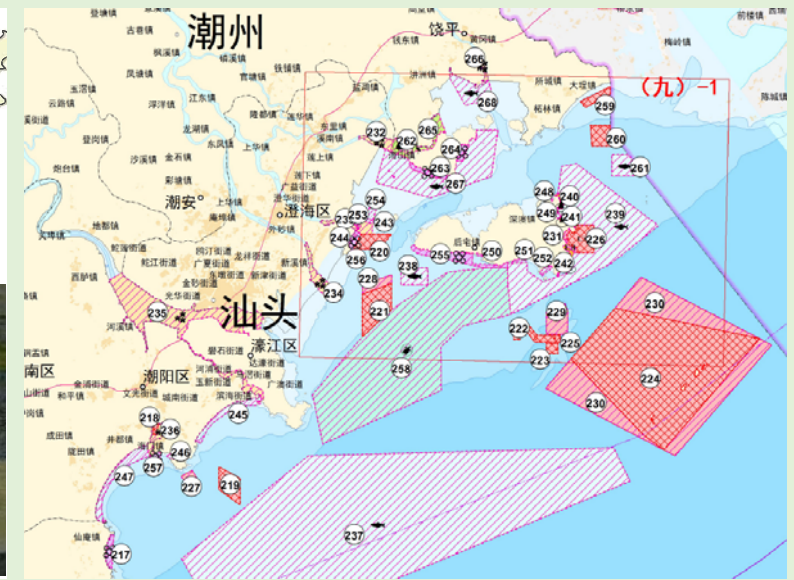




SAP Implementation: Best Practices

Shantou Coastal Wetland-Tidal Mudflats

- Established as a municipal wetland reserve in 2001.
- Marine ecological red line in 2017.



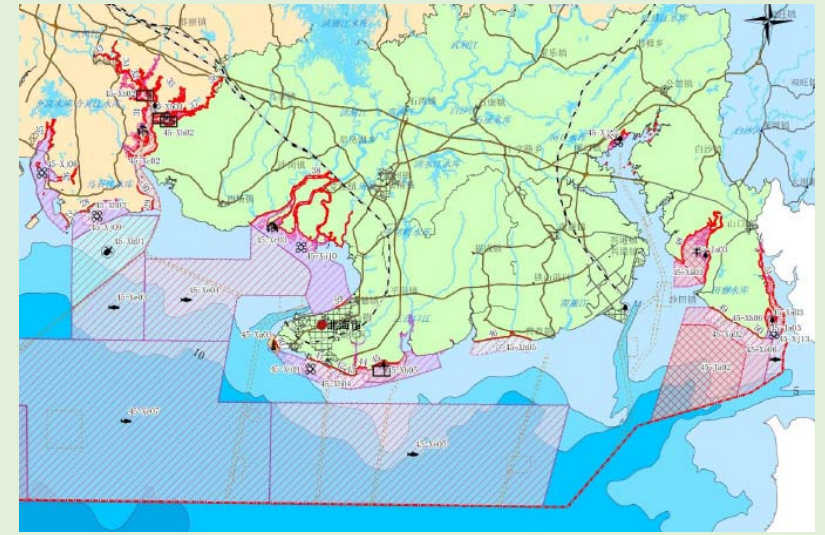
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SAP Implementation: Best Practices

Hepu Coastal Wetland-Tidal Mudflats

- Two national natural reserves, one municipal natural reserve, national wetland park.
- Marine ecological red line in 2017.



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SAP Implementation: Best Practices

Danzhou Coastal Wetland-Tidal Mudflats

- Two municipal natural reserves, national wetland park.
- Marine ecological red line in 2017.
- 199 species of birds recorded.



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Final considerations

- *NIR is under preparation*
- *National experts group will be established soon.*
- *Sites and activities will be decided on national consultation and by IMC.*



Thank you very much!



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