



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

Second Meeting of the SCS SAP Steering Committee

30-31 January 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA



INTRODUCTION

The objective of the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (SCS SAP Project) is:

“To assist countries in meeting the targets of the approved Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the marine and coastal environment of the South China Sea (SCS) through implementation of the National Action Plans in support of the SAP, and strengthening regional co-ordination for SCS SAP implementation.”

Participating Countries:	Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam
Implementation Agency:	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Executing Agencies:	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
Funding Agency:	Global Environment Facility (GEF)
Funding:	15 million USD (with approximately 83 million USD in co-financing)
Web-links:	https://scssap.org

The SCS SAP Steering Committee’s role will be to provide managerial and governance advice to the project, and to guide the Project Coordination Unit (PCU), in the implementation and monitoring of the overall regional project. The SCS SAP Steering Committee will also provide a regional forum for reviewing and resolving national concerns, reviewing and approving annual work plans and budgets, and provide a regional forum for stakeholder participation. At the first meeting of the SCS SAP Steering Committee, the membership of the PSC was reconfirmed and reconstituted, and the terms of reference and meeting procedures were agreed upon by the members of the PSC.

The objectives of this Second Steering Committee Meeting include:

1. Discuss project progress and implementation at regional and national levels
2. Discuss habitats and land-based pollution achievements in implementing the SAP during 2008 – 2021
3. Discuss and adopt regional and national activities for implementation under Components 2 and 3
4. Discuss and adopt the revised workplan and budget

The Steering Committee is composed of two representatives from each participating country, the Chairs of the Inter-Ministry Committee (IMC) and the Chairs of the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) and UNEP. The SCS SAP Project Coordination Unit (PCU) and UNOPs will support the meeting. Key national team members will be invited to support the IMC and NTWG chairs.

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Tuesday, 30 January 2024, 09.00 – 16.30

1. Opening of the Meeting

09.00 – 09.20 **1.1. Welcome address**

- Welcome remark by the Representative of the Thailand Government
- Opening and welcome address by the Task Manager of the United Nations Environment Programme
- Welcome remark by the Head of Portfolio of Water Environment and Climate of the United Nations Office for Project Services

The Secretariat will invite: the representative of the Thailand government to deliver the welcome remarks as host country, and Ms. Isabelle Vanderbeck, UNEP Task Manager as implementing agency to open the meeting and deliver the welcome address on behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP; and Ms. Katrin Lichtenberg, Head of Portfolio of UNOPS to deliver the welcome remarks as executing agency.

09.20 – 09.30 **1.2. Introduction of members**

The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the members of the Project Steering Committee and other participants.

09.30 – 10.00 **1.3 Opening statements by Interministerial Committee Chairs (IMC)**

The Secretariat will invite the National Focal Points and Inter-Ministry Chairpersons of participating countries to make opening statements on behalf of their governments.

- Cambodia National Focal Point
- China National Focal Point
- Indonesia National Focal Point
- Thailand National Focal Point
- Viet Nam National Focal Point

2. Organisation of the Meeting

10.00 – 10.15 **2.1. Designation of officers**

In accordance with the draft rules of procedure for the Project Steering Committee Meeting, participants will be invited by the Secretariat to elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur. The Secretariat will remind the members that the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur shall hold office until the subsequent meeting of the Project Steering Committee and shall be eligible for re-election no more than once.

In the first PSC meeting in June 2021, the following members were elected:

- Chairperson: Thailand represented by Mr. Ukkrit Satapoomin, DMCR/MONRE
- Vice-Chairperson: Cambodia represented by Mr. Srey Sunleang, MOE
- Rapporteur: Philippine represented by Ms. Armida Andres, BMB/DENR

The Secretariat will invite members for nominations.

10.15 – 10.30 **2.2. Organisation of work**

The Secretariat will brief participants on the proposed organisation of work, the list of documents available to the meeting and administrative arrangements for the conduct of the meeting. The meeting will be conducted in plenary. The meeting will be conducted in English.

10.30 – 10.45 **3. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda**

The Chairperson will invite participants to consider the draft agenda and annotated agenda prepared by the Secretariat as documents SCSSAP PSC.2/1 and SCSSAP PSC.2/2, propose any amendments or additional items for consideration, and adopt the agenda.

10.45 – 11.00 *Break and Group Photo*

11.00 – 12:00 **4. Report on Status of Implementation of the SCS SAP Project**

The Chairperson will invite the Secretariat to introduce document SCSSAP PSC.2/3: Report on Status of Implementation of the SCS SAP Project, consisting of the Status and Progress from Inception to 2023, the Plans for 2024 and Onwards.

The Steering Committee is invited to review, provide comments and suggestions.

12.00 – 12.30 **5. Report on National Activities to Implement the SCS SAP Project**

The Chairperson will invite the National Technical Focal Points and National Technical Working Group Chairpersons of participating countries to present their national activities to implement the SCS SAP Project (SCSSAP PSC.2/4), following a template prepared and circulated previously by the Secretariat.

5.1 Cambodia National Technical Focal Point (15 mins)

5.2 China National Technical Focal Point (15 mins)

The Committee is invited to review, provide comments and suggestions and consider the national activities reported.

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch Break*

13.30 – 14.30 **5. Report on National Activities to Implement the SCS SAP Project**

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5.3 Indonesia National Technical Focal Point (15 mins)

5.4 Thailand National Technical Focal Point (15 mins)

5.5 Viet Nam National Technical Focal Point (15 mins)

The Committee is invited to review, provide comments and suggestions and consider the national activities reported.

14.30 – 15.30 **6. Report on Habitats and Land-based Pollution Achievements in Implementing the SAP at the National Level During 2008 – 2021 including Plans for Publication**

The Chairperson will invite the Chair of the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee (RSTC) to introduce document SCSSAP PSC.2/5: Report on Habitats and Land-based Pollution Achievements in Implementing the SAP at the National Level During 2008 – 2021, previously circulated including the planned publication and dissemination of good practices on habitats, fisheries and land-based pollution management.

The Committee is invited to review, provide comments and consider the proposed national activities.

15.30 – 15.45 ***Break***

15:45 - 16:30 **7. Conservation Finance Mechanism**

The Chairperson will invite speakers to introduce the project to good practices in local environment management and conservation finance approaches and opportunities for scaling up in the South China Project.

7. 1 Romeo Trono will present local Philippines' experience from Mabini municipality in integrated coastal zone management and local conservation financial mechanisms. (15 mins)

7.2 Isabelle Vanderbeck will present conservation finance mechanisms including blue carbon approaches. (15 mins)

The Committee is invited to comment and consider in the context of the South China Project.

18:00 - 20:00 ***Reception Dinner***

Wednesday, 31 January 2024, 09.00 – 14.00

09.00 – 10.45 **8. Discussion and Adoption of the Revised Overall Workplan and Budget**

The Chairperson will invite members to discuss, amend and approve the revised overall workplan and budget and proposed workplan for 2024.

10.45 – 11.00 ***Break***

11.00 – 12.00 **9. Meeting Recommendations and Next Steps**

The Chairperson will invite the Rapporteur supported by the Secretariat to present the agreements and next steps.

12.00 – 12.30 **10. Any Other Business**

The Chairperson will invite members to consider and discuss any items of business introduced under agenda item 3 including the selection of the next meeting host.

12.30 – 12.45 **11. Closure of the Meeting**

The Chairperson will call for a formal motion to close the meeting

12.45 – 14.00 ***Lunch Break***