







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

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### South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand, from original project and SAP, to current implementation

#### **UNEP/GEF Project entitled** "Reversing Environmental Degradation Trends in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (SCS)" 2002 - 2008

#### **Participating Countries:**

Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

#### **Focal Ministries:**

Ministries of Environment

22 Government Departments, 20 Universities and Research Institutes, and 2 NGOs Engaged as Specialized Executing Agencies

In excess of 400 Institutions involved in project activities both directly and indirectly

#### **KEY OUTPUTS:**

**Strategic Action Programme** for the South China Sea (2008)

> **National Action Plans** Demonstration sites **Technical publications**

http://www.unepscs.org/

National profiles based on 2008 SAP

**Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of** Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and Gulf of **Thailand** 2018 - ongoing

Participating Countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam

https://fisheries-refugia.org/

#### **UNEP/GEF Project entitled** "Implementing the Strategic Action **Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf** of Thailand"

**GEF approval 2016** 

**Current completion date: 30th June 2023** 

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2019-2020 **INCEPTION PHASE** 

#### SAP Implementation Medium Sized Projects (MSPs)

Demonstration of Sustainable Management of Coral Reef Resources in the Coastal Waters of Ninh Hai District, Ninh Thuan Province, Viet Nam (GEF ID. 3187) 2010-2014

Demonstration of Community-based Management of Seagrass Habitats in Trikora Beach, East Bintan, Riau Archipelago Province, Indonesia (GEF Project ID 3188) 2007-2010

Participatory Planning and Implementation in the Management of Shantou Intertidal Wetland, China (GF/3309) 2009-2012

# Component 1. Reducing habitat degradation and loss via national and local reforms to achieve Strategic Action Programme targets for coastal habitat management in the South China Sea

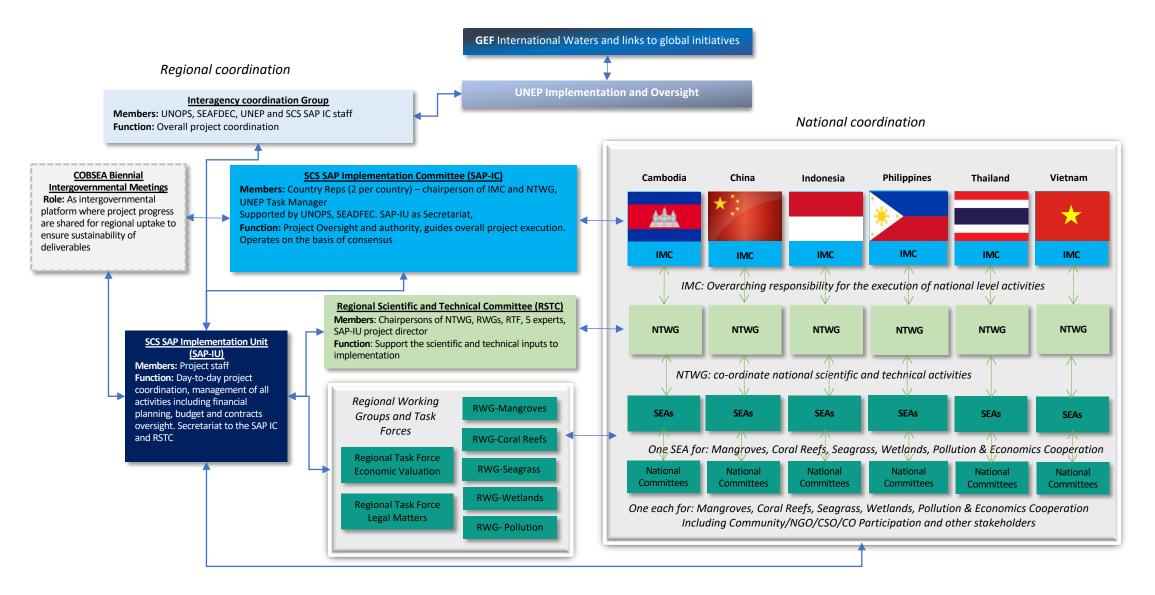
- Outcome 1.1 Appropriate forms of sustainable management established for 860,000 ha of mangrove by Yr
- Outcome 1.2 153,000 ha of coral reef at 82 priority sites managed sustainably by Yr 5, including a reduction in the decadal rate of degradation in live coral cover from 16 to 5%
- Outcome 1.3 Conservation, management and sustainable use of 25,900 ha of known seagrass area in the South China Sea by Yr
- Outcome 1.4 Integrated management of 783,900 ha of coastal wetland at 19 sites, including habitat restoration and protection strengthened at priority locations
- Outcome 1.5 National and regional level cooperation in tracking results of SAP actions for coastal habitat management

# Component 2. Strengthening knowledge-based action planning for the management of coastal habitats and land-based pollution to reduce environmental degradation of the South China Sea

- · Outcome 2.1 Enhanced information-base for coastal habitat management, monitoring and action planning
- Outcome 2.2 Effective integration of regional science in the management of land-based pollution
- Outcome 2.3 Strengthened and harmonized national policies and laws, and supporting financial mechanism, for the management of habitats and land-based sources of pollution
- Outcome 2.4 Improved national and regional values for the Updated Total Economic Values of coastal habitats for use in development planning and decision-making and blue economy
- Outcome 2.5 Regionally appropriate tools and mechanisms to guide the development of sustainable management systems for coastal habitats and land-based pollution
- Outcome 2.6 Updated and Ministerially adopted Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Programme, including prioritization of national management actions to address climate variability and change

# Component 3. Facilitating regional and national level integration and cooperation for implementation of the South China Sea Strategic Action Programme

- Outcome 3.1 Regional and sub-regional co-operation in the integration of scientific knowledge and research outputs with management and policy making
- Outcome 3.2 Capacity for civil society and community organization participation in SAP implementation strengthened via operational partnership with GEF SGP
- Outcome 3.3 Relationships between central and local governments and the private sector strengthened and formalized
- Outcome 3.4 Revitalization of regional mechanisms for communications, knowledge exchange, and information and data management and sharing
- Outcome 3.5 Agreed arrangements for strengthened regional cooperation in the management of the marine and coastal environment of the South China Sea



IMC = Inter-Ministry Committee; NTWG = National Technical Working Group; National Committee = Specialized Executing Agency; RWG= Regional Working Group

## SCS-SAP Organogram

Inception
Phase
deliverables

#### **Regional Implementation Report**

Including detailed activities, workplan, theory of change, results framework and indicators, stakeholder analysis, communication strategy and synergies with global, regional and national initiatives, projects and processes

#### **National Implementation Reports**

Including detailed activities (in particular under Component 1), workplan, stakeholders, synergies with national initiatives, projects and processes

#### **Revised Detailed Budget**

Both at the regional and national level as per UNEP budget template. Including co-financing

#### New issues to consider such as:

- ✓ Alignment with SDGs
- ✓ CBD Post 2020 framework
  - ✓ Climate Change
- ✓ New initiatives blue/green growth and circular economy, economic evaluations
- New technology in monitoring, data management and assessments
- New regional and national strategic priorities and initiatives

#### **Approximate Timeline**

#### **30 July 2020**

SCS SAP Introduction online meeting

#### Aug/Sept 2020

- ✓ Participating countries reconfirm focal points
- ✓ Review intervention sites
- ✓ Further develop national activities within the National Implementation Reports
- ✓ Review SCS SAP outputs for possible minor revision

#### **Sept 2020**

Online meeting to discuss any needed revisions to project outputs and draft regional implementation report, budget and cofinancing

#### **Sept - Oct 2020**

Finalization of regional and national implementation reports and budgets

#### **Dec 2020**

Adoption at Inception
Meeting/1<sup>st</sup> Steering
Committee Meeting

### Dec 2020 Implementation

August – October 2020

National consultations, IMC, NTWG meetings to discuss and approve national implementation reports and align with national priorities and initiatives

### SCS SAP Deliverables for 2020



### IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND GULF OF THAILAND

#### Project Document

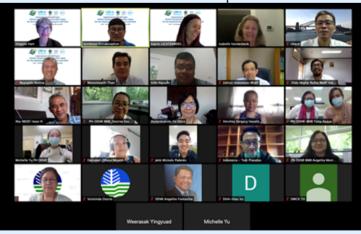


#### National Project Documents



https://scssap.org/ayants

Implementing and Aligning the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (SCS SAP) with recent global, regional and national priorities including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



The UNEP GEF Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (SCS SAP) Project held its first Inception Phase online

#### About the South China Sea



#### SCS Strategic Action Programme

