



**The 6<sup>th</sup> Ad-hoc Meeting of the Project Steering Committee for  
the SEAFDEC/UNEP/GEF Project on Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of  
Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

30 November 2021  
(08:30 – 12:00PM, UTC+7)  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Platform

**GEF SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FISHERIES REFUGIA PROJECT UNDER THE SAP/SCS**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

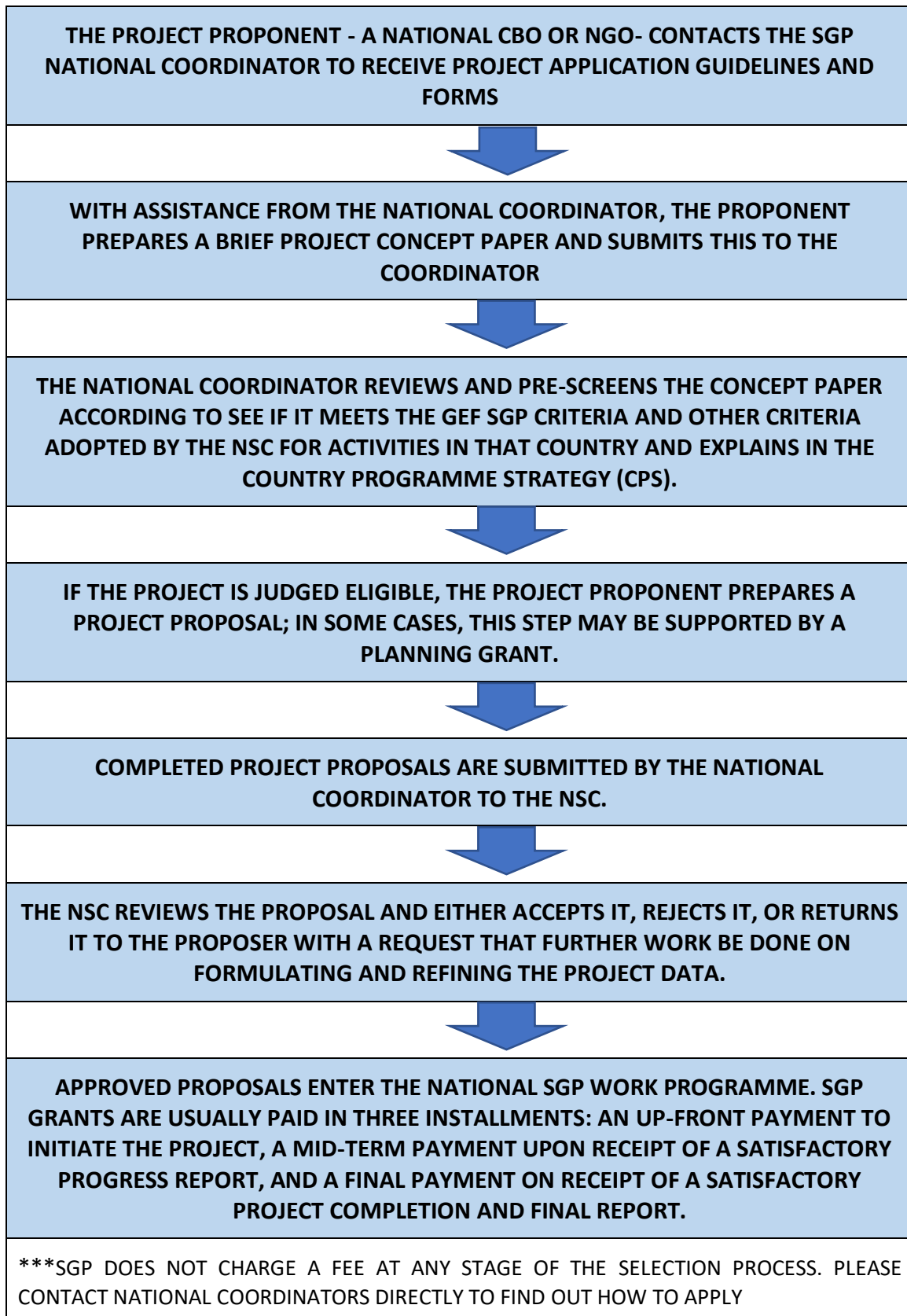
Considering the logical framework matrix for component 1 on identifying and managing fisheries and critical habitat linkages at priority fisheries refugia proposed by country, the strengthened community participation in fisheries refugia management is needed. The baseline information showed low-level civil society, community organization, and the private sector in site-based fisheries and habitat management. The opportunity is that the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) complements the large and medium-sized GEF project funding by providing a window for the direct participation of NGOs, local communities, and other grassroots organizations to apply for a grant. The SGP grants are made directly to community-based organizations (CBOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to recognize the critical role as a resource and constituency for environmental and development concerns. The maximum grant amount per project is US\$50,000 but averages around US\$25,000.

**II. A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN UNDP AND UNEP SAP/SCS**

A partnership agreement between UNDP and UNEP to implement the regional strategic action program for the south china sea (SAP/SCS) was entered in September 2008 to support the implementation of the regional strategic action program (SAP) in the south china sea. This partnership agreement was built upon a joint communiqué between the UNEP/GEF SOUTH CHINA SEA project entitled "Reversing Environmental Degradation Trends in the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand" (SCS) and the GEF SGP. Considering that the GEF/UNEP/SEAFDEC project on Establishing and Operations of a Regional System of Fisheries Refugia in the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand is a part of the SAP/SCS, while the partnership is still valid. It is an opportunity given to the project partnerships from civil society, community organizations, and the private sector to seek funds from SGP in supporting the project implementation.

**III. HOW TO APPLY FOR THE GRANTS**

Below is a graph that explains the usual steps to apply to SGP:



#### IV. EXPECTED OUTCOME AND TARGET OUTPUTS

The expected outcome is strengthened community participation in fisheries refugia management in the project sites. In addition, the target output is the operational partnership with the GEF Small Grants Programme to support civil society and community organization participation in the management of fisheries refugia at the project sites.

#### V. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All project proposals submitted to SGP country teams need to demonstrate:

- ❖ The proposed project proposal meets the GEF SGP criteria by articulating how project objectives and activities would impact the SGP areas of work -GEF focal areas.
- ❖ How they respond or are aligned to the targets and goals of their country's SGP country program strategy.
- ❖ Be proposed by national CBOs and NGOs that linked to the national fisheries refugia project implementation.

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**VII. ACTIONS BY THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE:**

- ❖ The committee is invited to note the issue on Gef Small Grants Programme to Support the Implementation of Fisheries Refugia Project under the SAP/SCS
- ❖ The committee is welcome to seek more clarification, advice, and intervention on country interest to seek the grant.

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