

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:

THE PROJECT PROPONENT - A NATIONAL CBO OR NGO- CONTACTS THE SGP NATIONAL COORDINATOR TO RECEIVE PROJECT APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND FORMS



WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR, THE PROPONENT PREPARES A BRIEF PROJECT CONCEPT PAPER AND SUBMITS THIS TO THE COORDINATOR



THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR REVIEWS AND PRE-SCREENS THE CONCEPT PAPER ACCORDING TO SEE IF IT MEETS THE GEF SGP CRITERIA AND OTHER CRITERIA ADOPTED BY THE NSC FOR ACTIVITIES IN THAT COUNTRY AND EXPLAINS IN THE COUNTRY PROGRAMME STRATEGY (CPS).



IF THE PROJECT IS JUDGED ELIGIBLE, THE PROJECT PROPONENT PREPARES A PROJECT PROPOSAL; IN SOME CASES, THIS STEP MAY BE SUPPORTED BY A PLANNING GRANT.



COMPLETED PROJECT PROPOSALS ARE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR TO THE NSC.



THE NSC REVIEWS THE PROPOSAL AND EITHER ACCEPTS IT, REJECTS IT, OR RETURNS IT TO THE PROPOSER WITH A REQUEST THAT FURTHER WORK BE DONE ON FORMULATING AND REFINING THE PROJECT DATA.



APPROVED PROPOSALS ENTER THE NATIONAL SGP WORK PROGRAMME. SGP GRANTS ARE USUALLY PAID IN THREE INSTALLMENTS: AN UP-FRONT PAYMENT TO INITIATE THE PROJECT, A MID-TERM PAYMENT UPON RECEIPT OF A SATISFACTORY PROGRESS REPORT, AND A FINAL PAYMENT ON RECEIPT OF A SATISFACTORY PROJECT COMPLETION AND FINAL REPORT.

\*\*\*SGP DOES NOT CHARGE A FEE AT ANY STAGE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS. PLEASE CONTACT NATIONAL COORDINATORS DIRECTLY TO FIND OUT HOW TO APPLY

#### 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.

## VI. NATIONAL COORDINATORS

COUNTRY	CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS
CAMBODIA	Ms. Navirak Ngin
	National Coordinator
	phone: +(855-23) 860900 ext.1958
	email: <u>ngin.navirak@undp.org</u>
	Ms. Socheata Kim
	Programme Assistant
	phone:+ 855 860900 ext.1958
	email:socheata.kim@undp.org
	WEBSITE LINK TO UNDP PAGE
INDONESIA	Ms. Catharina Dwihastarini
	National Coordinator
	phone:+ (62-21) 720-6125/722-0905
	fax:+ (62-21) 722-0905 email: dwihastarini@sgp-indonesia.org
	WEBSITE LINK TO UNDP PAGE
MALAYSIA	Ms. Shin Shin, Lee
	National Coordinator
	phone:+ 603-8689 6055
	email: shin.shin.lee@undp.org
	Ms. Nurul Fitrah Mohd Ariffin Marican
	Programme Assistant
	email: nurul.fitrah.mohd.ariffin.marican@undp.org
	WEBSITE LINK TO UNDP PAGE
PHILIPPINES	Ms. Rochelle Villanueva

	Programme Associate phone: +63 2 2944082 email: rochelle.villanueva@undp.org  Atty. Rodolfo Ferdinand Jr Quicho Country Programme Manager phone: +63 2 2944082 fax: +63 2 2944082 EMAIL: rodolfo.quicho@undp.org  WEBSITE LINK TO UNDP PAGE
THAILAND	Ms. Suwimol Sereepaowong National Coordinator Email: <a href="mailto:suwimol.sereepaowong@undp.org">suwimol.sereepaowong@undp.org</a> Ms. Thadthana Luengthada Programme Assistant Phone:+ 66 2 3049100 ext 2131 Fax:+ 66 2 2804294 Email: <a href="mailto:thadthana.luengthada@undp.org">thadthana.luengthada@undp.org</a> WEBSITE LINK TO UNDP PAGE
VIET NAM	Mrs. Huyen NGUYEN National Coordinator Phone:+ (84 24) 38500150 Fax:+ (84-24) 37265520 Email:nguyen.thi.thu.huyen@undp.org  Ms. Nguyen Hai Yen Programme Assistant Phone:+ (84 24) 38500155 Fax:+ (84-24) 37265520 Email:nguyen.thi.hai.yen@undp.org WEBSITE LINK TO UNDP PAGE

# 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.

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx