

*From strategy to action: Charting the course
for enduring impact and a resilient future for the SEAs*



**Third Meeting of the Regional Project Steering Committee (PSC)
of the SCS SAP Project**

7-8 May 2025, Manila, Philippines

Workplan and Budget

January 2025 – December 2026

Project Coordination Unit (PCU)

Anders Poulsen, Senior Project Manager

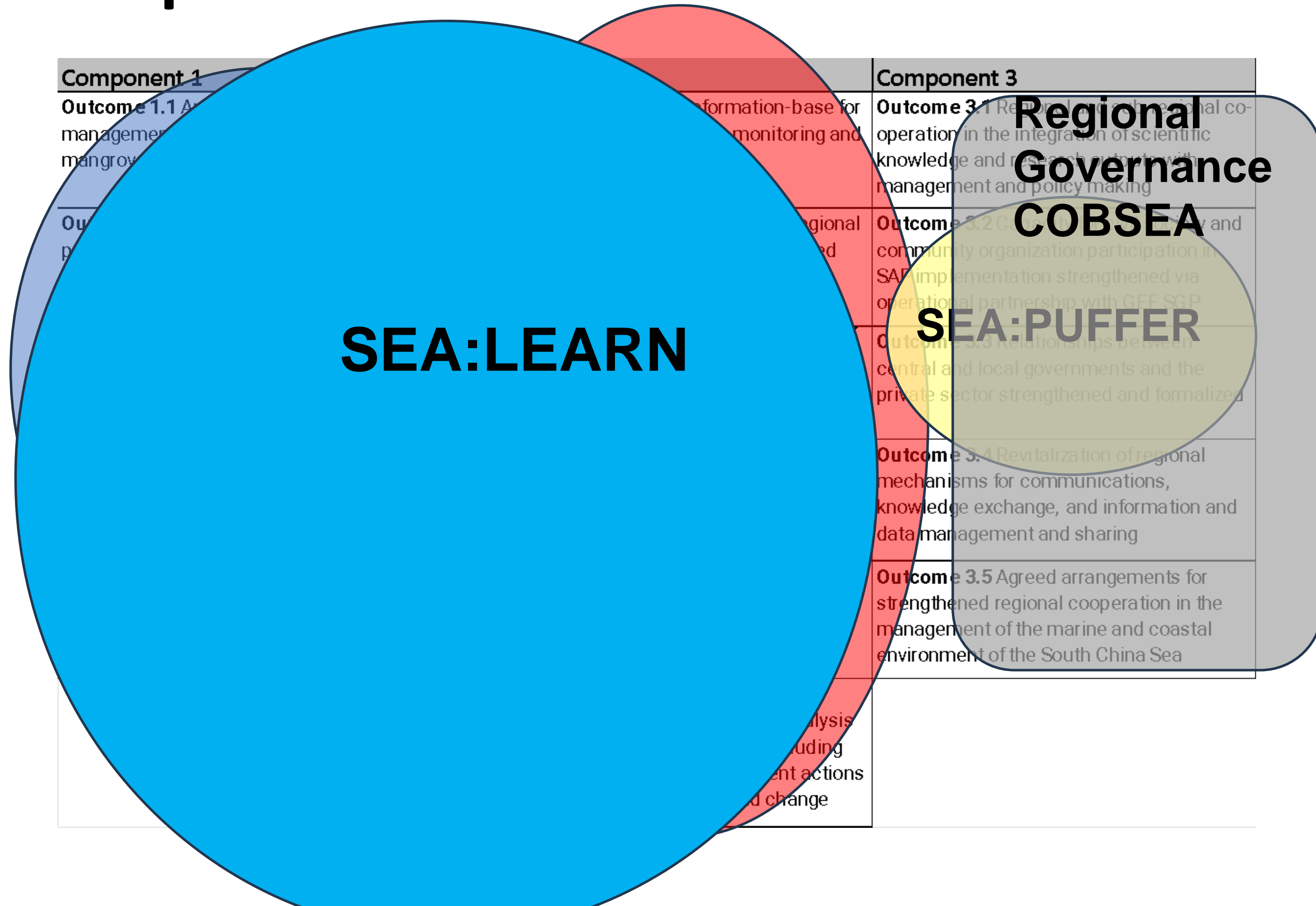


Project Retreat, Cambodia, October 2025

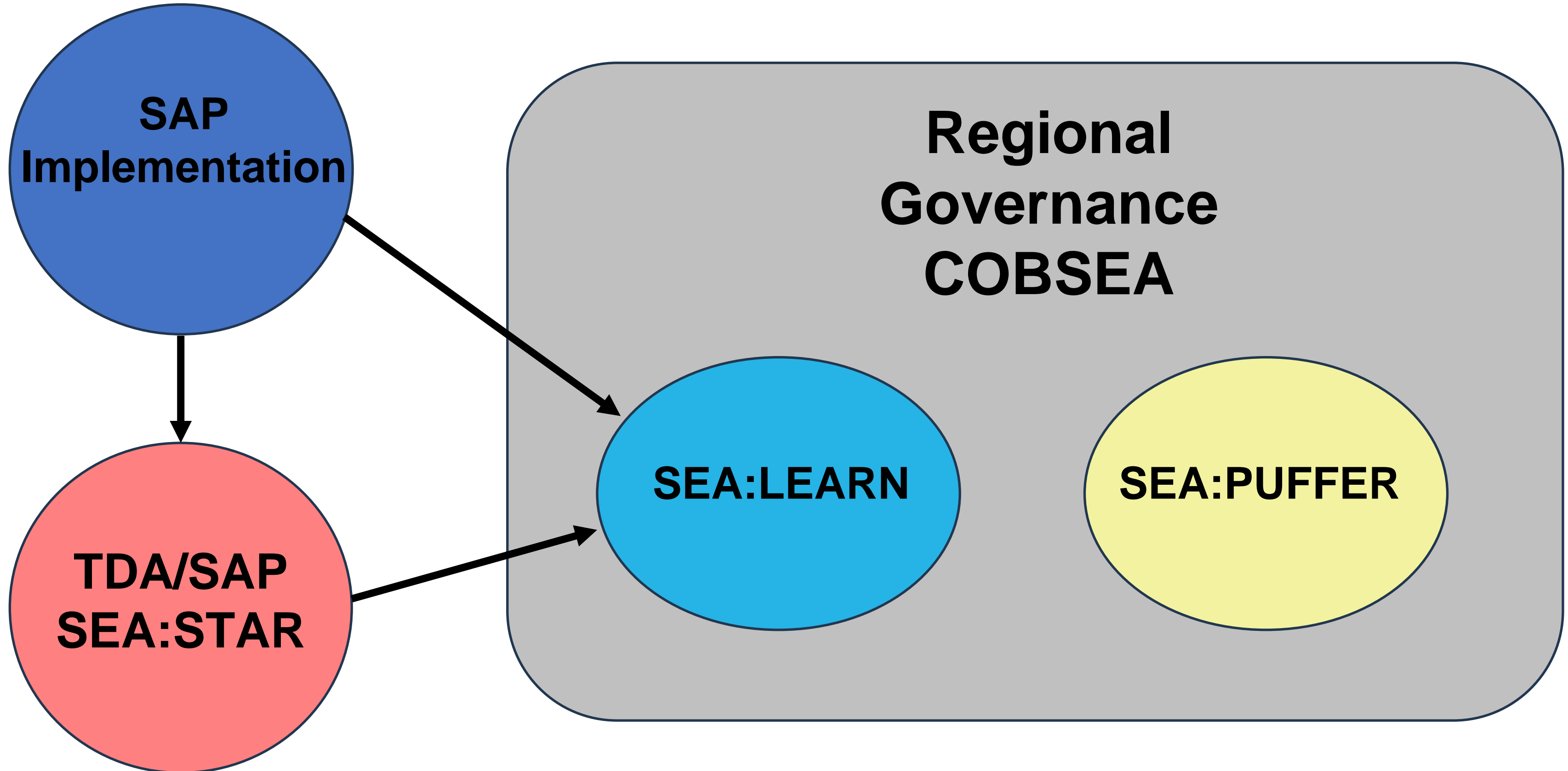
Key Outcomes:

- SAP Implementation
- Knowledge Management Platform – **SEA:LEARN**
- Integrated TDA SAP Process – **SEA:STAR**
- Grants Mechanism – **SEA:PUFFER**
- Regional Cooperation – **SCS SAP** ↔ **COBSEA**

Project Components and Outcomes



Connected Deliverables:



1. SAP Implementation

- Cambodia, China and Thailand ongoing PCAs, expected completion mid 2025
- The Philippines: Signed GSA Q4 2024 with Society for the Conservation of Philippines Wetlands (SCPW)
- Indonesia: MOU with MoE and GSA with Bogor University signed, ready for implementation
- Vietnam: Ministry of Agriculture and Environment (MAE) approval completed, PCA ready for signing

2. TDA / SAP Update – SEA:STAR

- Lead consultant onboard Q3 2024, other consultants onboard Q4 2024
- Development of TDA process completed, Q1 2025
- National TDA/SAP teams identified, Q4 2024
- Online meetings with each country, February 2025
- TDA expected to be completed by Q4 2025
- SAP expected to be completed by mid 2026 for PSC and COBSEA IGM endorsement (October 2026)

3. Knowledge Management Platform – SEA:LEARN

- Concept Note developed following Retreat
- Building on existing structures, exploring synergies
- Using data and information from SAP
Implementation and TDA/SAP process to start the development
- Completion by mid 2026



ABOUT ▾

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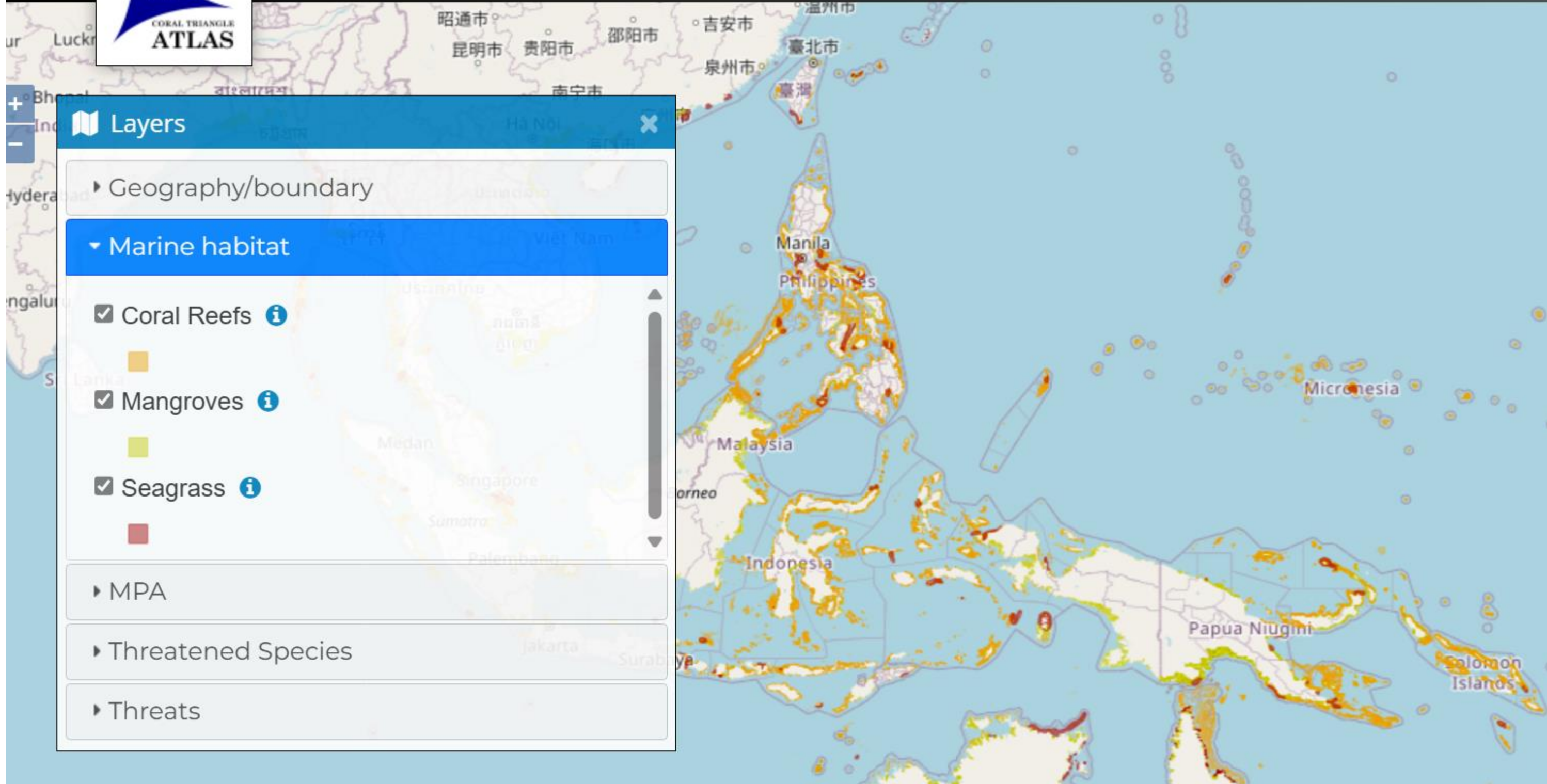
DATABASE ▾


M&E ▾

RESOURCES ▾

Layers [X]

- ▶ Geography/boundary
- ▼ Marine habitat
 - Coral Reefs ⓘ
 - Mangroves ⓘ
 - Seagrass ⓘ
- ▶ MPA
- ▶ Threatened Species
- ▶ Threats

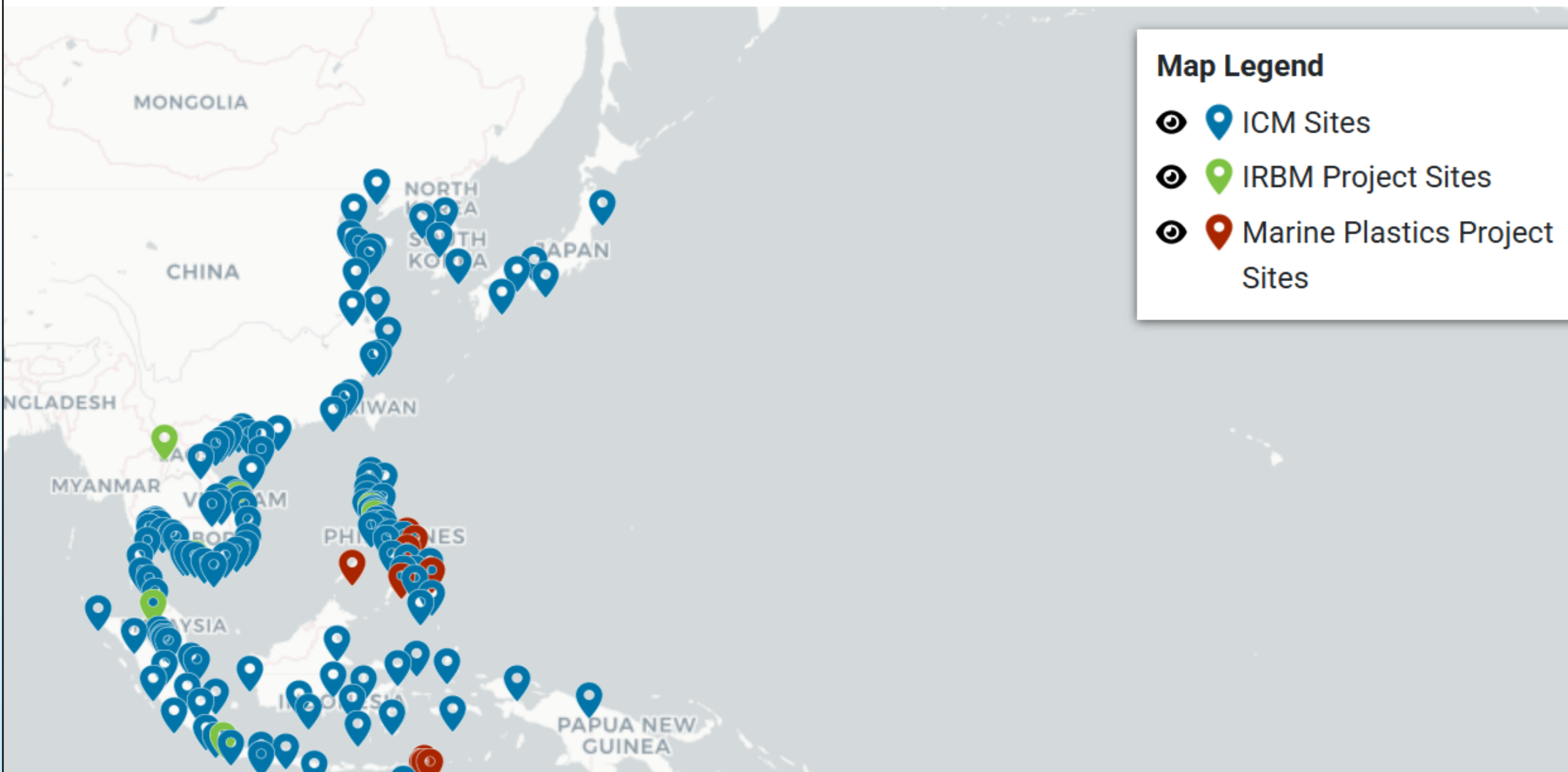


 **SEA**
Knowledge
Bank

EAS Interactive Map




Welcome to SEA Knowledge Bank

The Seas of East Asia (SEA) Knowledge Bank serves as a knowledge platform for policymakers, planners, managers, investors and other stakeholders to scale up Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) and investment in sustainable development of coasts and oceans across East Asia.



The map displays the Seas of East Asia region, including Mongolia, China, North Korea, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea. The map is populated with numerous location pins. A legend on the right side of the map identifies the pins: blue pins for ICM Sites, green pins for IRBM Project Sites, and red pins for Marine Plastics Project Sites. The Philippines and Indonesia show the highest density of ICM sites, while the Philippines also features several Marine Plastics Project sites.

Map Legend

-  ICM Sites
-  IRBM Project Sites
-  Marine Plastics Project Sites

4. Grants Financial Mechanism – SEA:PUFFER

- Concept Note developed following Retreat
- Phased approach: small grants for academia and SAP Implementation sites, Q2 2025
- Recruitment of consultant, Q2 2025
- Development of SEA:PUFFER, a SEA Conservation Fund



UNEP/GEF/UNOPS IMPLEMENTING THE
STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE
SOUTH CHINA SEAS AND GULF OF THAILAND



SEAS OF EAST ASIA (SEA) GRANTS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

18 months | USD 5,000 - 50,000

Community-based initiatives on marine and coastal ecosystems conservation in
Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam

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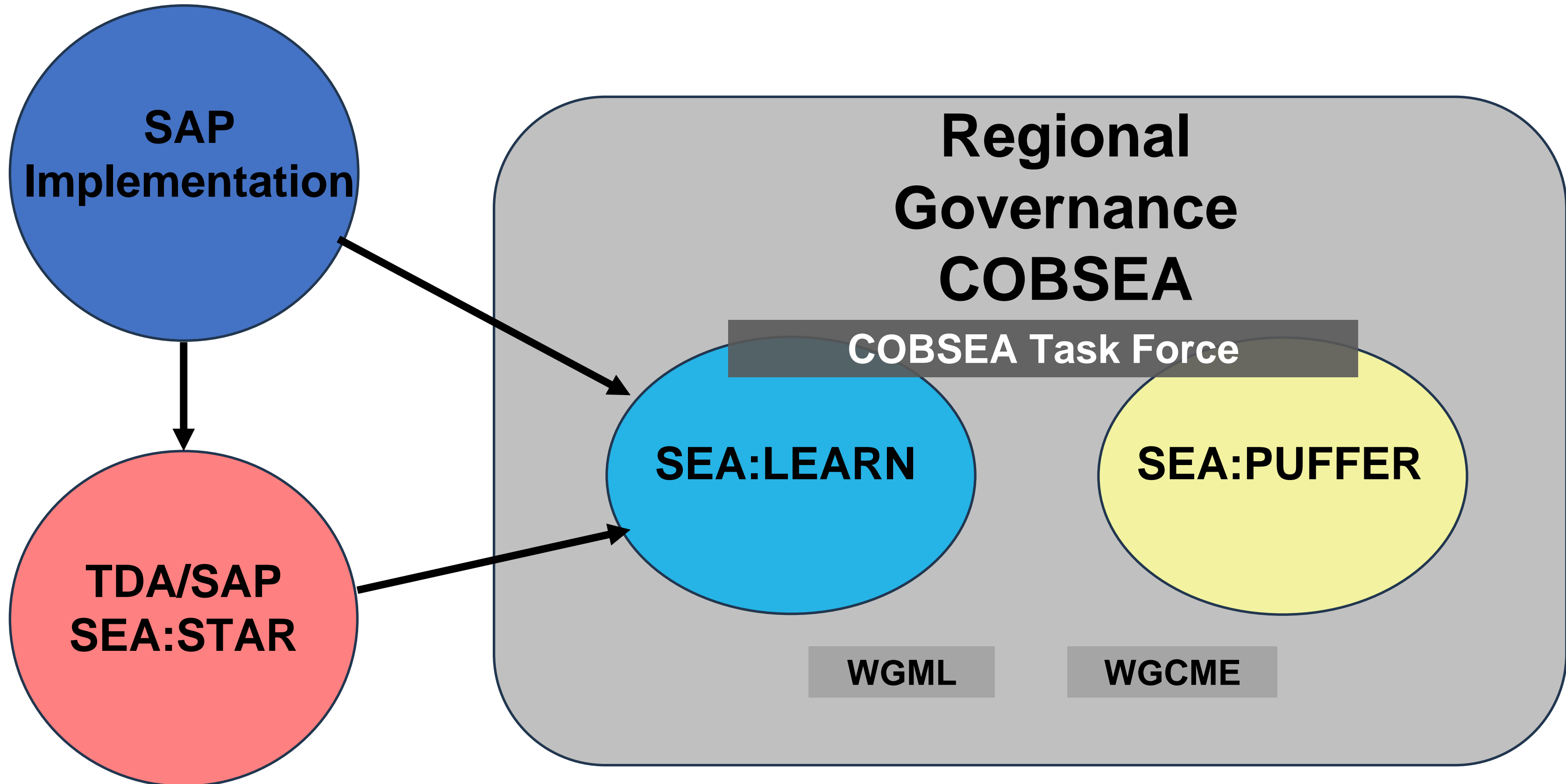


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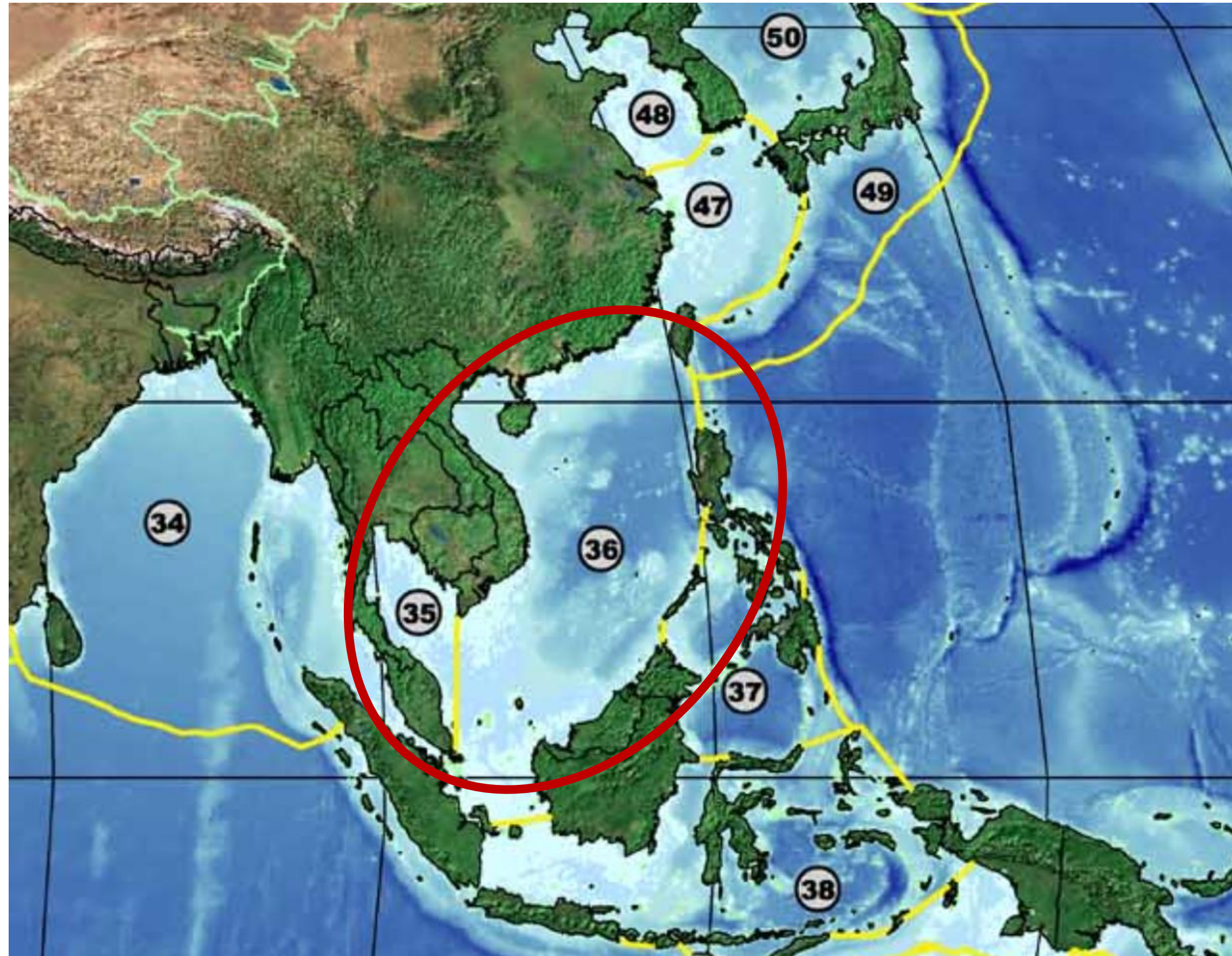
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COORDINATING BODY ON THE SEAS OF EAST ASIA

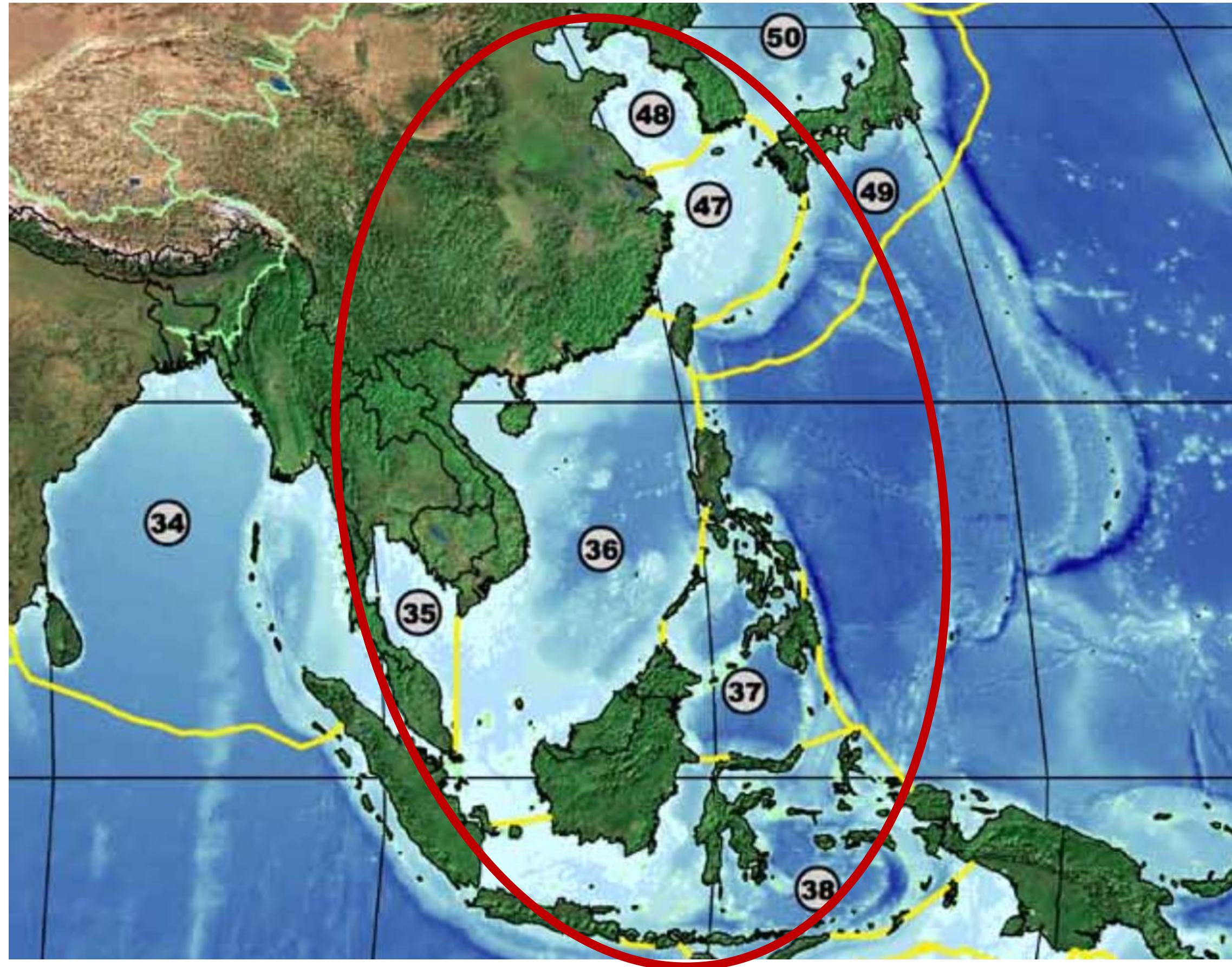
5. Regional Cooperation – Integration with COBSEA



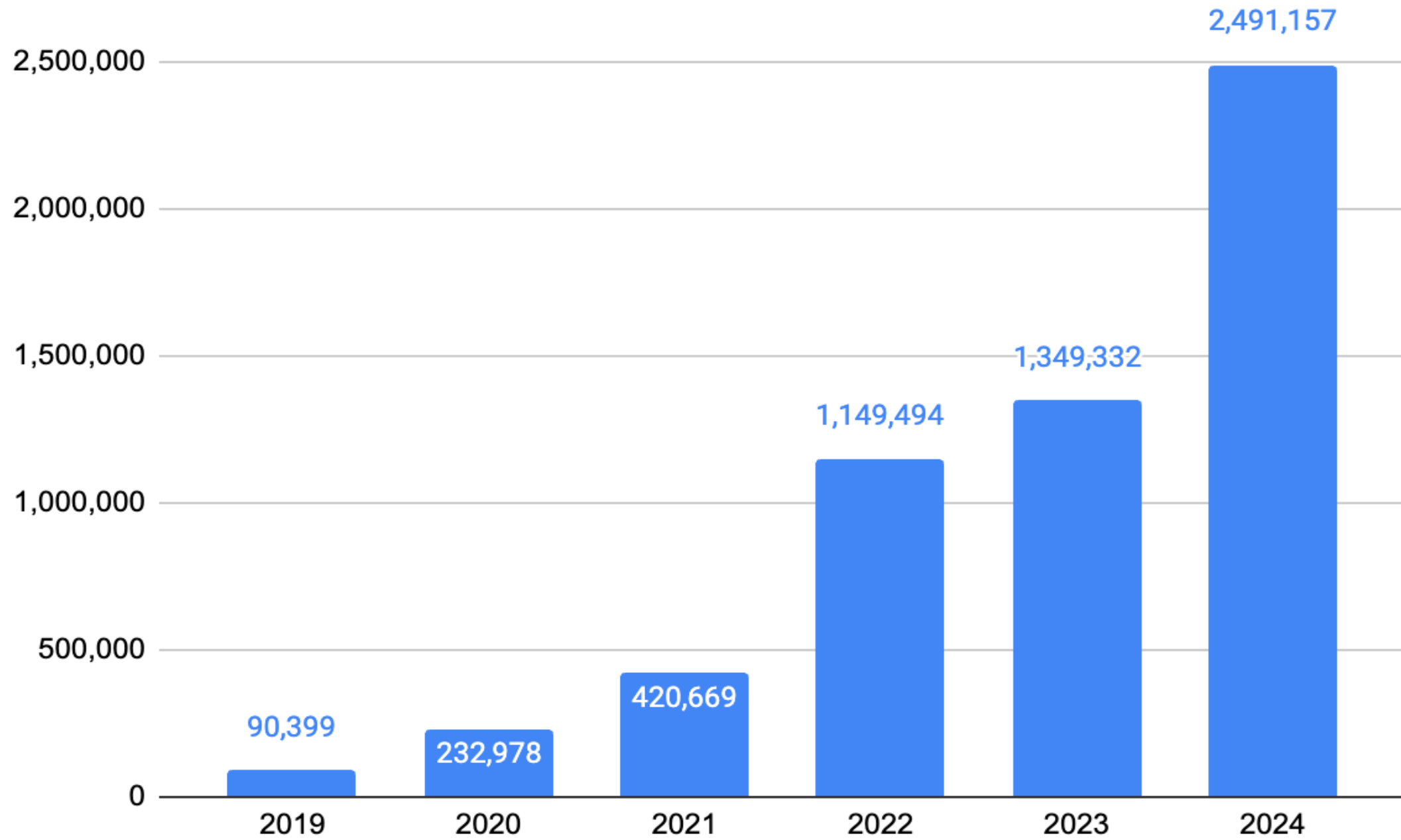
Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) 35 and 36: Gulf of Thailand and the South China Sea



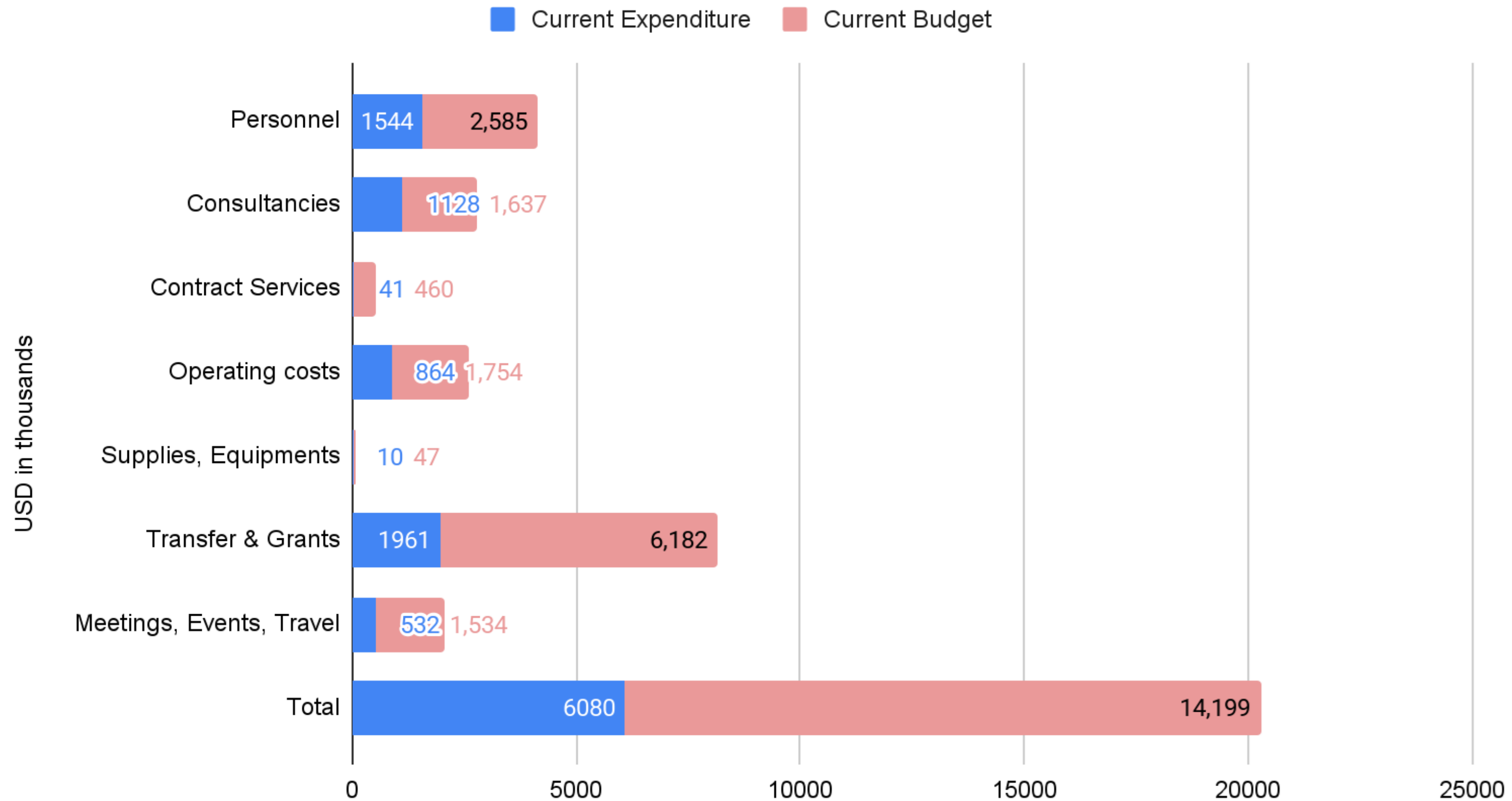
Large Marine Ecosystems (LME) and COBSEA:



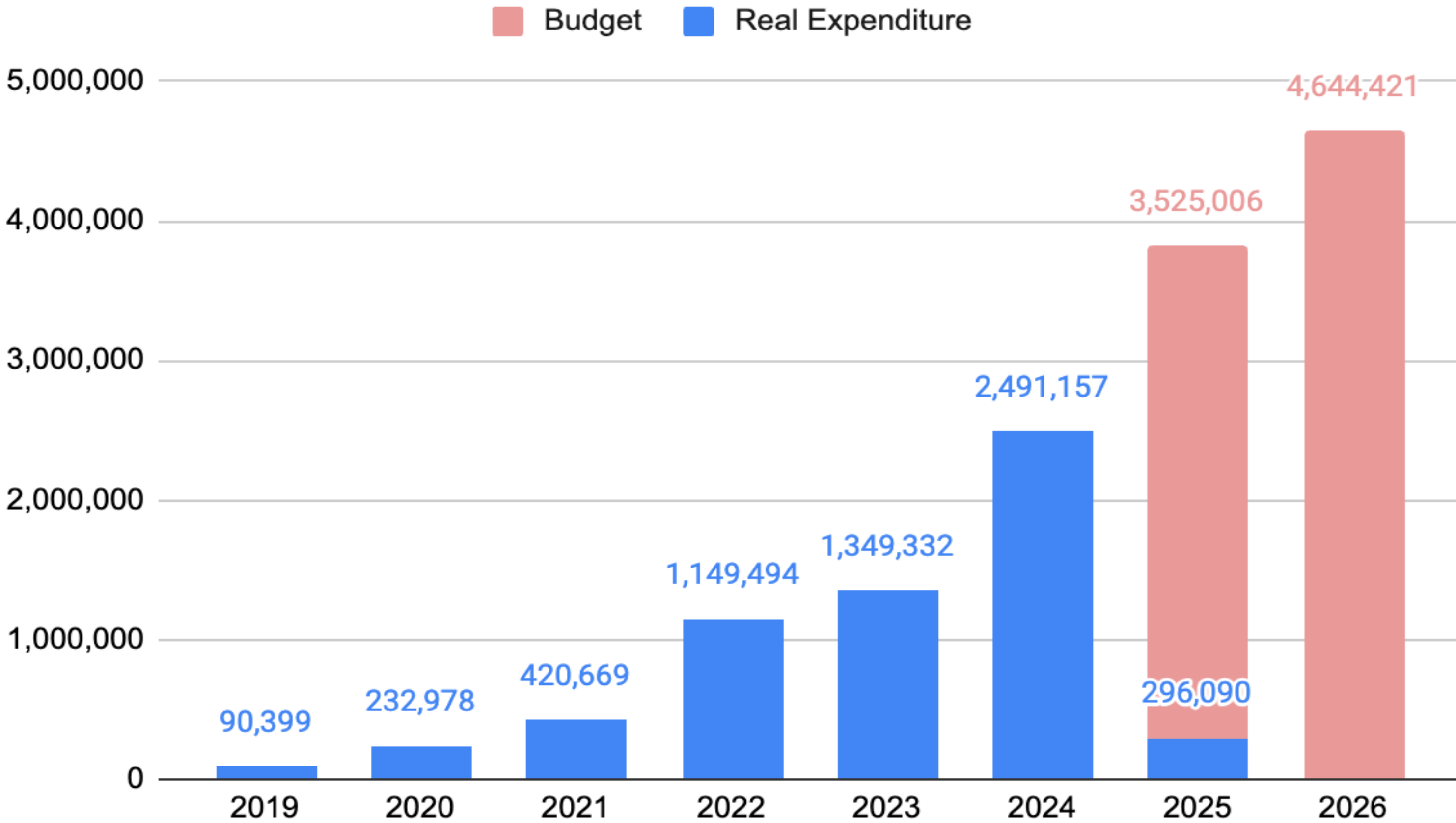
2024 marked a key stage in the project's financial implementation, with USD 6.2 million executed to date



As of now, 43% of the project budget has been implemented. While the financial performance reflects notable progress, some challenges are anticipated in the years ahead due to the limited time remaining.



For the 2025–2026 period, adaptive management actions are necessary to ensure continued successful implementation.



A revised budget reflects the prioritization of flagship outputs and strengthened capacity-building efforts to support successful completion

USD in thousands				
	Current Budget	Revised Budget	Difference	Comments
Personnel and Technical Support	2,585	2,723	137	Cost update for the Technical Specialist position recruited in 2024, the new Technical Support Officer, the Communications Specialist and and Assistant for regional events
Thematic Consultancies	1,637	1,778	141	Cost update for the allocation to National Coordinators
Contract / Admin Services	460	241	-219	Savings in Operational Costos (Website, Translations and Comms materials)
Operating costs	1,754	1,751	-3	Savings due to cost update for Rent
Supplies, Equipments	47	35	-11	Savings due to cost update for Office Supplies
Transfer & Grants	6,182	6,106	-76	Savings due to budget update for regional contracts
Meetings, Events, Travel	1,534	1,566	32	Budget update for regional and international events
Total	14,199	14,199		

USD in thousands						
	C1	C2	C3	PMC	M&E	Total
Total	6,585,752	3,345,011	3,328,477	667,194 (5%)	273,111 (2%)	14,199,545

3rd PSCM Decisions:

- Approval of Project Work Plan and Budget 2025-26
- Consensus on the Project Sustainability through COBSEA
- Endorsement of MTR Findings and Recommendations, including extension until December 2027
- Merging the Fisheries Refugia Outcomes and remaining funds with SCS SAP Project (SEA:LEARN, SEA:STAR and SEA:PUFFER)
- Endorsement of TDA-SAP Timeline



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

Special Meeting of the Regional Working Groups of the SCS-SAP Project

25 March 2025, Virtual Meeting

THANK YOU

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