



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

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PCA DEVELOPMENT AND FINALIZATION STATUS AND UPDATED SCS SAP TARGETS



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Part 1. PCA Development and Finalization Status

Status of Specialized Executing Agencies (SEAs)

Focal Areas	Specialized Executing Agencies (SEAs)					
	Cambodia	China	Indonesia	Philippines	Thailand	Vietnam
Mangroves	General Directorate of Natural Protected Areas, Ministry of Environment (MOE)	South China Institute of Environmental Sciences (SCIES), Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE)	Center for Coastal and Marine Resources Studies (CCMRS), Bogor Agricultural University (IPB)	Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)	Vietnam National University (VNU)
Coral Reefs						Institute of Oceanography (IO), Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)
Seagrass						Southern Institute of Ecology (SIE), Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)
Wetlands						Vietnam National University (VNU)
National Coordination						Vietnam Administration for Seas and Islands (VASI)

Status and Finalization of Project Cooperation Agreement (PCAs)

Focal Areas	Specialized Executing Agencies (SEAs)					
	Cambodia	China	Indonesia	Philippines	Thailand	Vietnam
Mangroves	PCA duly signed: UNOPS (7/9/22) MOE (12/9/22)	PCA signed by SCIES (7/10/22). Awaiting signing by UNOPS.	Draft PCA prepared and undergoing review and updating by MOEF and CCMRS-IPB.	PCA signed by UNOPS (19/8/22). Awaiting signing by DENR.	PCA duly signed: UNOPS (12/9/22) DMCR (14/9/22)	Draft PCA with VNU undergoing final review by PCU
Coral Reefs						PCA with IO finalized and awaiting signature by UNOPS.
Seagrass						Draft PCA reviewed and awaiting submission of revised version by SIE.
Wetlands						Draft PCA with VNU undergoing final review by PCU
National Coordination						Draft PCA with VASI undergoing review by PCU.

Part 2. Summary of the targets proposed for implementing in the SCS SAP Project, 2022-2024 (based on available PCA submitted by participating countries by October 10, 2022)

Mangroves

Regional targets (SAP, 2008)	Cambodia	China	Philippines	Thailand	Viet Nam	Total
Output 1.1.1 Declaration of 57,400 ha of mangrove as National Parks and Protected Areas		10,240	1,421	3,915		15,576
1.1.2 Designation and plans for the management of 166,600 ha of mangrove as non-conversion, sustainable use areas			4,358	35,440		39,798
1.1.3 Reform of laws and regulations for the sustainable use of 602,800 ha of mangrove forest	33,978	9,700	4,544	11,938	34,389	94,549
1.1.4 Replanting of 21,000 ha of deforested mangrove land	420	500		1,163	5	2,088
1.1.5 Biodiversity increased for 11,200 ha of mangrove forest via enrichment planting		880	51	38.4		969
1.1.6 Established mechanism for monitoring management, ecological and socio-economic indicators at 26 sites [based on SAP results framework]	33,978	3,400	4,542	35,440	34,389	111,749
Number of proposed sites for SCS SAP	3	5	4	3	2	17
Number of target sites of SAP (2008)	N/A	5	7	6	4	24

Notes: Specific mangrove targets (in ha) in the SAP adopted in 2008 for Cambodia: 49,900 for 1.1.3 & 2,500 for 1.1.4; China: 5,330 for 1.1.1, 500 for 1.1.4 & 5,000 for 1.1.5; Philippines: 631 for 1.1.1, 2,000 for 1.1.3, 2,000 for 1.1.4 & 1,000 for 1.1.5; Thailand: 1,400 for 1.1.1, 1,600 for 1.1.2, 10,000 for 1.1.3, 8,000 for 1.1.4 & 3,200 for 1.1.5

Coral Reefs

Regional targets (SAP, 2008)	Cambodia	Philippines	Thailand	Viet Nam	Total
<i>1.2. 110,430 ha of coral reef at 46 priority sites managed sustainably*</i>	1,080	4,406	1,942	4,431	7,457
1.2.1 Management capacity (number/levels human resources, facilities and equipment, and sustainable financing mechanisms) built for 6 coral reef sites	1,080	4,406	1,942	4,431	
1.2.2 Management approaches (integrated, community-based, multiple use) improved at 6 coral reef sites	1,080	4,406	1,942	20	
1.2.3 Management tools (licensing and permit systems, seasonal closures, zoning) developed and utilized to address key threats at priority sites	1,080	3,658	1,942	4,431	
1.2.4 Established mechanism for monitoring management, ecological and socio-economic indicators at 6 sites [based on SAP results framework]	1,080	4,406	1,942	4,431	
Proposed targets (area in ha & sites) for SCS SAP Project	1,080 (3)	4,406	1,942 (6)	4,431 (5)	
Targets (ha and sites) for management of SAP (2008)	2,260 (7)	12,500 (9)	72,000 (14)	5,570 (9)	

*Note: The area (ha) of coral reefs under sustainable management adopted by SAP (2008) included also area of reefs managed until 2008

Seagrass beds

Regional targets (SAP, 2008)	Cambodia	China	Philippines	Thailand	Viet Nam	Total
1.3.1 Twenty seagrass areas totaling 26,036 ha under sustainable management with supporting laws and regulations	6,793	2,360	3,355	1,402	3,548	17,458
1.3.2 Amended management plans for 7 existing MPAs with significant seagrass areas, to include specific seagrass-related management actions and policy, legal and institutional reforms		2,360	3,355	N/A		8 sites
1.3.3 Designation of 7 new Marine Protected Areas focusing on seagrass areas identified in the prioritized listings of the SCS Project	3,187			170		2 sites
1.3.4 Established mechanism for monitoring seagrass habitat management	3,595	1,960	3,355	1,402	3,548	13,860
Targets (ha & site) of the SAP adopted in 2008	11,446 (3)	1,960 (4)	6,920 (3)	0	5,050 (4)	
Number of sites proposed for the SCS SAP	3	4	4	1	2	

Wetlands

Regional targets (SAP, 2008)	Cambodia	China	Philippines	Thailand	Viet Nam	Total
1.4.1 Integrated management plans developed and under implementation for at least 2 lagoons (21,818 ha), 10 estuaries (639,418 ha), 5 tidal flats (96,903 ha), 1 peat swamp (45,700 ha) and 1 non-peat swamp (9,808 ha)	14,122*	20,434	97,545	41,600	33,499	207,200
1.4.2 Declaration of wetland areas with protection status (i.e. non-hunting area, nature reserves, protected areas, Ramsar Sites)	2,152	9,077	12,546	41,600	N/A	65,375
1.4.3 Adoption of a regional monitoring scheme and its national implementation	2,152	20,434	97,545	41,600	33,499	185,230
Proposed targets (ha & sites) for SCS SAP Project	14,122 (3)	20,434 (4)	97,545 (3)	41,600 (1)	33,499 (3)	
Targets (ha & site) of the SAP adopted in 2008	12,000 (1)	20,276 (6)	54,515 (3)	55,508 (3)	264,110 (6)	

*Note: It seems 12,000ha of Koh Kapik Estuary (Cambodia) was managed with management plan developed during 2008-2021

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

For SEAs and PCAs:

- Acknowledgement/Confirmation of the Specialized Executing Agencies by the National Technical Working Group Chairs
- Signing of the PCAs for Philippines and China
- Completion and finalization of the PCAs for Indonesia and Vietnam
- Implementation/Execution of the signed PCAs for Cambodia and Thailand
- PCA reporting requirements submission
- Identify SEAs for Land-based Pollution, Economic Valuation and Legal Matters focal areas

For the targets proposed for SCS SAP Project implementation:

- Confirmation of the targets proposed for implementing in the SCS SAP Project, 2022-2024