



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

FIRST MEETING OF REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON CORAL REEFS

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13.00 – 17.00 Indochina time (ICT)

7. Reviews and revision of SAP targets at the national level

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Rationale

SCSSAP RWG-CR.1/5 SAP Implementation of the Mangrove Focal Area (2021-2023)

- Given the 2008 SAP targets may not reflect the changes in the region, it was agreed that each country would propose if required revised targets and sites for execution under Outcome 1.2. 110,430 ha of coral reef at 46 priority sites managed sustainably .
- These were to be reflected in National Implementation Reports (NIRs) to be the basis of the project cooperation agreements with each SAP execution agency (SEA) and UNOPS.
- This is a working draft that includes summarized information from all NIRs
- As such it needs to be finalized once all NIRs are completed





Progress of NIRs (Mangroves)

Country	NIR Status
Cambodia	Short-term PCA and consultant hired. NIR well advanced and requires final review and full contract under development for execution. Total targets recalculated (slight reduction) and reduction in sites to 3.
China	Under preparation. Site visits and information gathering completed
Indonesia	Under preparation. SEAs identified to further work on the NIRs
Philippines	Requested Inception Phase consultant (Romeo Trono) since 2020. Detailed NIRs completed, national consultations and information gathering. Reduction of sites to 4, with reduced target
Thailand	Detailed NIRs completed, under review. Information gather and national consultations held. Revised targets to be assessed. Reduction of sites to 6 (targets pending)
Viet Nam	Under preparation

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Challenges and questions to consider

- ✓ Urgent requirement for core information of NIRs to be completed to be included in project cooperation agreements (PCAs) with UNOPS: Sites, targets, activities, budget and workplans. PCAs MUST be finalized by early 2022 to start execution
- ✓ 2020-2021 has been challenging, both in terms of work-load and COVID restrictions for Lead Agencies
- ✓ National Coordinators to be recruited by end of 2021 to support national coordination and execution (deadline for applications 5 December)
- ✓ The RWG-CR is needed to support the PCU reviewing and commenting on planned national activities? To provide in-depth review and expertise
- ✓ Or is there a need for a regional or national expert(s)/consultant(s) on mangroves to oversee and support?

