



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

FIRST MEETING OF REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON SEAGRASS

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

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Rationale

SCSSAP RWG-SG.1/5 SAP Implementation of the Seagrass 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 1.3 Conservation, management and sustainable use of 15,848 ha of known seagrass area.**
- 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 (Seagrass)

Country	NIR Status
Cambodia	Short-term PCA (UNOPS & Min of Environment) for the NIR developement. NIR well advanced and requires final review and full contract under development for execution. 3 sites including one new site (Chroy Bros). Total targets recalculated (with reduction)
China	Under preparation. Site visits and information gathering completed
Indonesia	Under preparation. SEAs identified to further work on the NIRs
Philippines	Inception Phase consultant (Romeo Trono) since 2020. Detailed NIRs completed, national consultations and information gathering. Increase of 3 to 4 sites, with reduction in target. Activities developed and PCA under development
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



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
- ✓ RWG-SG1/5 SAP Implementation report to be completed by end of 2021, with inputs from the RWG-CR
- ✓ Rationale in the design of activities is not consistent across countries submissions. Needs some careful review and reconsideration:
 1. To design actions that will lead to achievement of the outcomes and outputs (management & restoration)
 2. Do these actions address the gaps and needs identified in the national reports and recent baseline assessment?
 3. Will these actions result in long-term sustainability change beyond the lifespan of the project?

Is there any additional project development support needed?

