



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

Fourth Meeting of the SCS SAP Project Steering Committee

22-24 June 2026, Hainan, China

PROVISIONAL AGENDA



INTRODUCTION

The objective of the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand (SCS SAP Project) is:

“To assist countries in meeting the targets of the approved Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the marine and coastal environment of the South China Sea (SCS) through implementation of the National Action Plans in support of the SAP, and strengthening regional co-ordination for SCS SAP implementation.”

Participating Countries:	Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam
Implementation Agency:	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Executing Agencies:	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
Funding Agency:	Global Environment Facility (GEF)
Funding:	15 million USD (with approximately 83 million USD in co-financing)
Web-links:	https://scssap.org

The SCS SAP Steering Committee’s role will be to provide managerial and governance advice to the project, and to guide the Project Coordination Unit (PCU), in the implementation and monitoring of the overall regional project. The SCS SAP Steering Committee will also provide a regional forum for reviewing and resolving national concerns, reviewing and approving annual work plans and budgets, and provide a regional forum for stakeholder participation. At the first meeting of the Steering Committee in June 2021, the membership of the PSC was reconfirmed and reconstituted, and the terms of reference and meeting procedures were agreed upon by the members of the PSC. The second meeting of the Steering Committee in January 2024 adopted the regional and national activities for implementation under Components 2 and 3, and approved the project extension until 2026 including the revised workplan and budget and new execution modalities with UNOPS as the sole executing agency. The third meeting of the Steering Committee in May 2025 considered the findings and recommendations of the project’s Mid-Term Review (MTR), including the TDA/SAP process and progress, and approved the revised workplan and budget for 2025-2026, including the project extension until 2027.

The objectives of this Fourth Steering Committee Meeting include:

1. Discuss the project progress and implementation at regional and national levels, its key outcomes and deliverables, and sustainability plan
2. Discuss the draft Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action Programme reports
3. Discuss and adopt the revised workplan and budget for 2026–2027

The Steering Committee is composed of two representatives from each participating country, the Chairs of the Inter-Ministry Committee (IMC) and the Chairs of the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) and UNEP. The SCS SAP Project Coordination Unit (PCU) and UNOPS will support the meeting.

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1. Opening of the Meeting

- 1.1 Welcome address
- 1.2 Introduction of members
- 1.3 Opening statements by the Chairs of the Inter-Ministry Committee (IMC)

2. Organisation of the Meeting

- 2.1 Designation of officers
- 2.2 Organisation of work

3. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

4. Report on Regional Activities to Implement the SCS SAP Project, its Key Outcomes, Deliverables and Sustainability Plan, including Synergies with COBSEA

5. Report on National Activities to Implement the SCS SAP Project

- 5.1 Cambodia
- 5.2 China
- 5.3 Indonesia
- 5.4 Philippines
- 5.5 Thailand
- 5.6 Viet Nam

6. Presentation and Discussion on the Draft Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis Report and Strategic Action Programme (TDA/SAP) Reports

7. Presentation and Adoption of the Revised Overall Workplan and Budget for 2026-2027

8. Recommendations and Next Steps

9. Any Other Business

10. Closure of the Meeting