



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

*Third Regional Inception Phase Meeting – NIR Development and Completion*  
14.00 – 16.00 Bangkok Time, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Microsoft Teams meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### **DRAFT AGENDA**

## INTRODUCTION

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The SCS SAP project was endorsed by the GEF in November 2016 and began implementation in April 2018. There were initial delays and the Inception Phase is now fully underway in order to fully elaborate national and regional activities, partnerships and co-execution arrangements, workplans and budgets in spite of the challenges of COVID-19. The First Inception Phase online meeting was held on Thursday 30th July 2020, with forty-five (45) participants from national lead agencies from Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam as well as implementing and executing agencies, UNEP, UNOPS, SEAFDEC, and the Inception Phase consultants. On 4th December 2020, the Second Inception Phase online meeting was held with sixty-five (65) participants from national lead agencies from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam as well as implementing and executing agencies, UNEP, UNOPS, SEAFDEC, the Inception Phase consultants, and regional and national advisors. The 1st Steering Committee/Inception Meeting is planned for May 2021 to adopt the revised detailed national and regional level activities, budget and workplan. Given the elapsed time since the adoption of the SAP in 2008, delayed implementation and restrictions from COVID-19, regular regional meetings are planned to fully discuss progress, challenges and recommendations to fully align the project with recent national, regional and global priorities.

The objective of this 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Inception Meeting is to focus on providing support and guidance to the national teams/consultants who will develop the National Implementation Reports (NIRs) over the next two months. Specific focus will be given on providing clear guidance on:

1. The role of the national and local coordination structures responsible for the national level coordination and execution of activities;
2. The NIR template, guidance and approach to its completion;
3. Clarifications on the structure of the project and the difference between local, national and regional level activities planned;
4. The methodology and approach to review selected sites in Component 1
5. Budget and co-financing requirements
6. Timeline and steps to complete the NIR
7. Discuss with national teams any challenges and questions.

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### **14.00 - 14.05    Welcome**

A general welcome remarks from Virginie Hart, SCS SAP Inception Phase Project Team Leader to the meeting and participants

### **14.05 – 14.15    Meeting objectives**

A brief presentation by Virginie Hart on the objectives of the meeting, general progress on the implementation of inception phase activities since the second regional inception phase meeting held on 4 December 2020

### **14.15 – 14.20    NIR development progress**

A brief presentation by Reynaldo Molina of the SCS SAP Project Team on the progress and status of the NIR elaboration and completion by the countries.

#### **14.20 – 15.10    NIR development process and guidance**

A presentation by Vo Si Tuan, the SCS SAP Project Regional Advisor on the background and guide in the development and completion of the NIR, following the NIR guidance document, with the assistance of the SCS SAP Project Team.

Part 1. Overall structure of the project

Part 2. Nomination and arrangement of national coordination

Part 3. Updating of policy/legislation, stakeholders, reports and projects

Part 4. Review of current sites and updated list of sites

Part 5. Designing activities at the national and site level

Part 6. Budget estimation including co-financing

#### **15.10 – 16.00    Open discussion on the development and completion of the NIR**

This is an open discussion with all participants, particularly those responsible in preparing/writing the NIR. As this is a working meeting, all participants are encouraged to actively participate in the discussion, share their experiences, issues and challenges in developing the NIR development, and ask questions and clarifications especially those needing immediate actions/solutions.

#### **16.00 – 16.20    Next Steps**

A presentation will be given by Virginie Hart on the next steps towards completing the NIR and preparation for the SCS SAP First Project Steering Committee/Inception Meeting

#### **16.20 – 16.30    Any Other Matters and Conclusions**

The meeting will be closed at 16.30 Bangkok time.

## **RELEVANT DOCUMENTS**

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### Meeting documents

SCSSAP IP.3/1	Meeting Agenda
SCSSAP IP.3/2	SCS SAP Summary factsheet and Inception Phase Progress
SCSSAP IP.3/3	Project Site Selection Guide
SCSSAP IP.3/4	UMOJA Budget Template with Guide
SCSSAP IP.3/5	Report of the Meeting

### Information documents

SCSSAP IP.3/Inf.1	Draft List of Participants
SCSSAP IP.3/Inf.2	Inception Phase Guidance for Countries with NIR Guide
SCSSAP IP.3/Inf.3	Draft Structure and Organogram with Terms of Reference
SCSSAP IP.3/Inf.4	Project Outcomes and Outputs
SCSSAP IP.3/Inf.5	SCS SAP Project Sites with the Fisheries Refugia Sites
SCSSAP IP.3/Inf.6	Terms of Reference for the Inception Phase National Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA)
SCSSAP IP.3/Inf.7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Regional Inception Phase Meeting Report <a href="https://www.scssap.org/scs-sap-2nd-inception-full-meeting-report/file">https://www.scssap.org/scs-sap-2nd-inception-full-meeting-report/file</a>
SCSSAP IP.3/Inf.8	1 <sup>st</sup> Regional Inception Phase Meeting Report <a href="https://www.scssap.org/scs-sap-online-meeting-full-meeting-report/file">https://www.scssap.org/scs-sap-online-meeting-full-meeting-report/file</a>

### Reference documents

SCSSAP IP.3/Ref.1	SCS SAP full project document (see <a href="http://www.scssap.org">www.scssap.org</a> )
SCSSAP IP.3/Ref.2	SCS Strategic Action Programme (see <a href="http://www.scssap.org">www.scssap.org</a> )

### Original SCS reports

Available at the SCS repository (<http://www.unepscs.org/remository.html>) including:

- Technical Publications and Guideline [LINK] (particularly Technical Publication 1-4)
- For more details on the site selection, see the 3rd Regional Working Group reports which includes a summary ranking as presented in Annex 7, Tables 1 and 2
  - Mangrove [LINK]
  - Coral reef sites [LINK]
  - Seagrass [LINK]
  - Wetlands [LINK] <http://www.unepscs.org/remository/startdown/370.html>
- Reports of the Regional Scientific and Technical Committee [LINK]