



Country Progress: CAMBODIA

Review of mangrove policy in Cambodia. The final draft of the reviewed report is done and ready for a consultation workshop with the mangrove working group and stakeholders. [Link](#) to the latest version of the report.

Conducted a field survey to meet with local stakeholders, collect data for preparation and the site-based restoration guideline, and identify areas for mangrove restoration at the 3 target sites: Prey Nob, Butom Sakor and Peam Krasop.



Mangrove specialist meeting with key stakeholders and collecting baseline data at the project sites (September 2023)

Conducted a technical working group meeting for the Coral Reef Management Area and Management Plan at Koh Kong province and conducted training for 7 national and sub-national level fisheries officials on coral reef biology and survey.



Technical Working Group Meeting for Marine Fisheries Management Area in Koh Kong Province (28 August 2023)



Training on marine biology and Coral Reef survey delivered by the Marine Conservation Cambodia (MCC), Arch Ses Island, Kep province (25-29 September 2023)

Conducted a consultation workshop on “Seagrass sites-based management plan development” held on August 24-25, 2023 in Kampot province to 4 fisheries administration cantonments of 4 coastal provinces (Kep, Kampot, Presh Sihanouk and Koh Kong)



Workshop on the preparation of 3-year Action Plan for site-based seagrass management (at Kampot province on 24-25 August 2023)

Conducted data gathering and biodiversity and socio-economic assessment at Kampong Trach and Chumpo Khmao sites.



Bird and plant species identification in Kampong Trach site closed to Anlung Pring Protected Landscape

Country Progress: CHINA

Installed the Ramsar Internationally Important Wetland signboard on 15 September 2023 at the core area boundary of the Guangdong Haifeng Bird Nature Reserve which contains information on the wetland management at Dahu. The board includes the logos of UNEP, UNOPS, GEF and SCS SAP project, and was used as part of public outreach for the project.



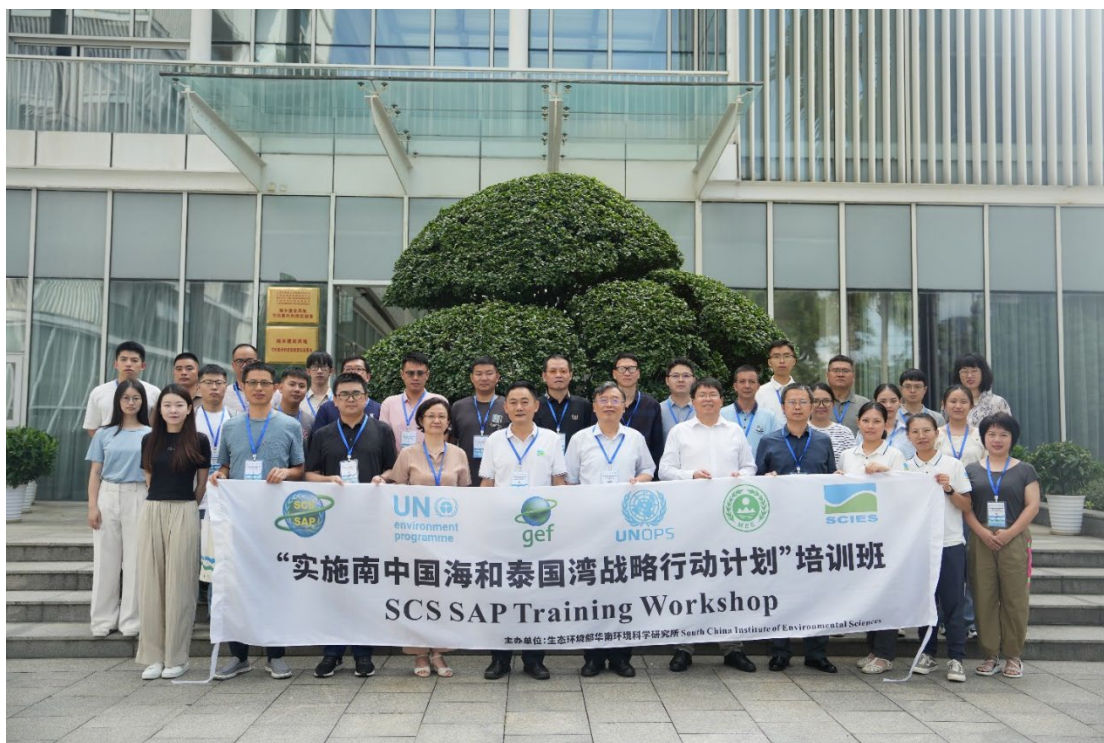
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South China Institute of Environmental Science, jointly with the Guangdong Haifeng Bird Nature Reserve Management Office, carried out the coastal cleanup activities at Dahu site on 16 September 2023 to mark the World Cleanup Day, a global initiative aimed at addressing one of the most pressing challenges of our time: environmental pollution. This has demonstrated their commitment to the implementation of SCS SAP project.



South China Institute of Environmental Science carried out the coastal cleanup activities at Dahu site (16 September 2023)

The South China Institute of Environmental Science with support from the Ministry of Environment and Ecology of China and UNOPS organized a national training workshop to build and improve the local capacity to conserve and manage coastal habitats in the South China Sea on 19-21 September 2023 in Guangzhou City, China. The coastal habitat management in the South China Sea is the important components of the SCS SAP project. More than 30 participants completed the workshop from province/city/county agencies related to the implementation of SCS SAP project in Guangdong and Hainan Provinces, and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Regions, especially from priority sites of the project.



The workshop took the form of a combination of special lectures and interactive discussions. The workshop invited experts from Beijing Forestry University, East China Normal University, South China Sea Institute of Oceanology, CAS, Chinese Academy of Forestry, Guangxi Mangrove Research Institute, Guangdong Forestry Survey and Planning Institute to deliver lectures focused on conservation and management of tropical coastal ecosystem in the South China Sea, Wetland Protection Law of the People's Republic of China, national action plan for mangrove conservation and restoration, mangrove conservation and restoration by bio-control measure, biodiversity survey and evaluation of seagrass and mangrove ecosystem, mangrove and seagrass restoration/replanting technique, and effects of environmental stress on seagrass ecosystem, among others.

The workshop also included the presentation of case studies on Zhanjing mangrove national nature reserve management, Haifeng provincial nature reserve (Internationally important wetland) conservation and practice, seagrass restoration/replanting technique, and case study in Hainan province, the land-based pollution control, and prevention of Pearl River estuary, among others. This allowed the participants to share their experiences and tell successful stories about the implementation of SCS SAP in their own context.

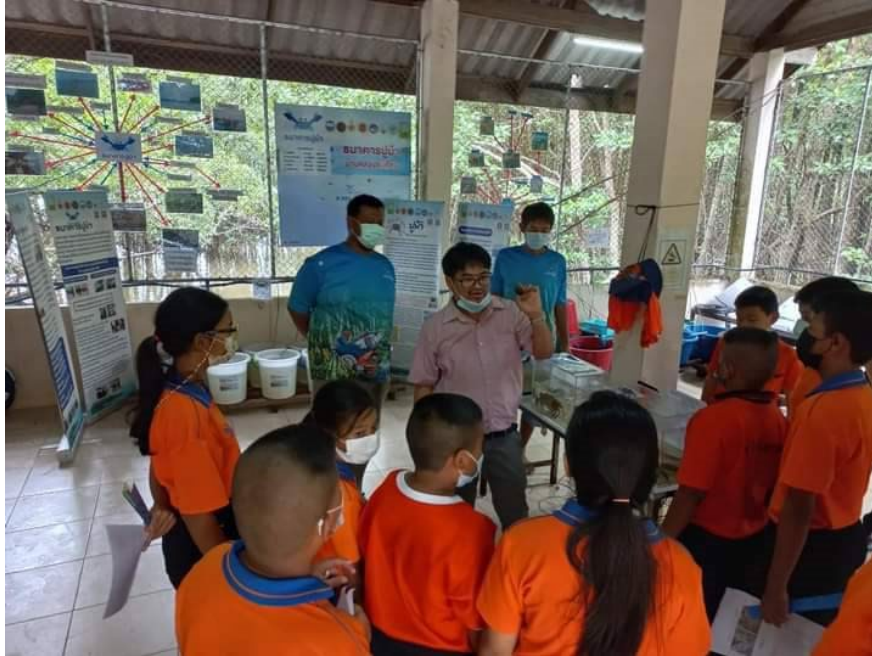
Participants highly praised the training and believed that the workshop was rich in content and closely combined theory with practice and would like to express sincere thanks for the project to hold the training workshop and said they benefited a lot from the workshop.



Country Progress: THAILAND

Mangrove

Information, education, and communication materials on the value of the **Welu River** mangrove ecosystem were developed to present at the first exhibition in August 2023. Around 40 local community members and students participated in the exhibition. This aimed to raise awareness of local people on their resources.



Department of Marine and Coastal Resources staff explained biodiversity in mangroves to local students.

At **Bandon Bay** Mangrove area, an initiative on local vegetables for community food has been discussed since the beginning of 2023 on the direction and implementation plan. They continued seedling transplanting for 40% in July and collecting data on community income as a baseline to compare later when the plants grow and become local products.



DMCR staff and local community members transplanted seedlings for the initiative.

Coral Reef

Two trainings on coral rehabilitation and transplanting were organized in Q3 2023. One was in July at **Koh Tao** with 25 volunteers from various organizations including dive tour operators and community members. The other one was in August at **Koh Kra** with 30 volunteers aiming at providing knowledge on operation procedure and correct method of transplanting.



Trainees learned how to transplant coral.



Trainees conducted coral transplanting underwater.

Seagrass

A workshop to develop Dugong Conservation Plan and seagrass measures in Bandon Bay was organized on 2 November 2023 to get feedback from local stakeholders on the area and measures. This aims to conserve Dugong in Surat Thani and manage seagrass beds more effectively. 60 stakeholders from

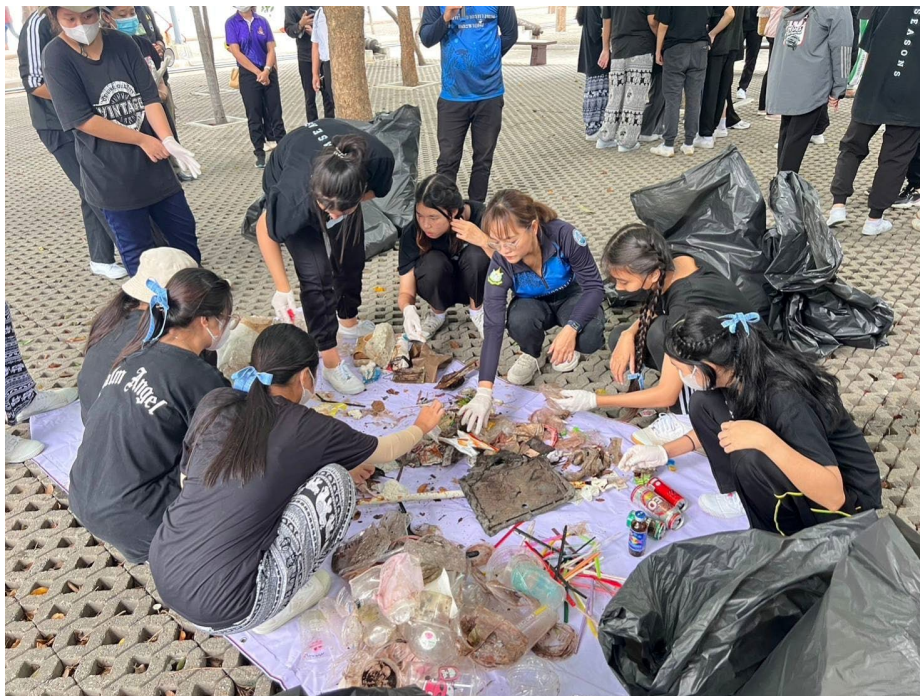
local government agencies, local experts, coastal communities, volunteer networks, and academics participated in the workshop.



Participants voted on areas for new measures to protect dugong and seagrass.

Wetland

Waste collection activity at **Don Hoi Lot** was conducted on 31 October 2023 with local government agencies, coastal communities, and teachers and students in the area participating. This aims to reduce coastal debris, raise awareness of local communities, and promote eco-tourism. 85 participants collected 775 KG. of waste with the top five wastes: plastic bags; plastic bottles; plastic plates; straws; and other wastes.



Participants segregated waste and weighed each type of waste.

About the GEF / UNEP SCS SAP Project

The project, "[Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand](https://scssap.org)" (SCS SAP Project), is funded by the GEF and implemented by UNEP. The project aims to assist countries in meeting the targets of the coastal and marine environment components of the approved Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the South China Sea through the implementation of the National Action Plans in support of the SAP and to strengthen the regional coordination for the South China Sea SAP implementation.

The SCS SAP Project will be implemented for five years and executed with the support of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in partnership with the Environment Ministries of Cambodia, PR China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Visit the project website for more information: <https://scssap.org>