



SEA GRANTS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

BACKGROUND

The UNEP/GEF/UNOPS Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Seas and Gulf of Thailand (SCS-SAP) Project aims to assist countries in meeting coastal and marine environmental targets and strengthening regional coordination for ecosystems conservation. To scale conservation initiatives at the community level, the SCS-SAP Project is launching **SEA (Seas of East Asia) Grants** ranging from **USD5,000** to **USD50,000** to community-centered marine and coastal ecosystems projects in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam

CRITERIA

- Geographically located in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam in marine and coastal areas along the South China Seas and Gulf of Thailand
- Duration of 12-18 months valued at USD5-50K
- Focus on marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems conservation. While projects can center on specific topics, integrated and multisectoral projects will be prioritized across the following thematic areas:
 - Blue Economy Solutions
 - Conservation and Protection
 - Marine Pollution, Plastic, Nutrients, Wastewater
 - Climate Action related to Marine Ecosystems
 - Marine and Coastal Spatial Planning
 - Tourism
 - Livelihood and Community-based Businesses
 - Co-management, Partnerships, Collaboration, including private sector engagement
 - Participatory monitoring, citizen science, AI applications
 - Coral Reefs
 - Mangroves
 - Seagrass
 - Wetlands
 - Marine Mammals
 - Fisheries
- Ensure engagement with local communities and entail elements of community-based conservation
- Incorporate training or capacity building on science and management of coastal habitats and resources for the communities
- At least 25% of the proposed budget must be towards sustainability or income generating system to ensure the continuity of the conservation effort at end of the grant

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must come from community-based organizations, the academe (researchers, students, student organizations), small- to medium- sized non-government organizations, civil society, or social enterprise legally based in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, or Viet Nam.

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Concept Note. Saved as [Organization Name]_SEAGrants_CN.pdf
- Completed Budget. Saved as [Organization Name]_SEAGrants_Budget.xlsx
- Completed Profile of Applicant / Proponent
- Carefully read the **Instructions to Applicants** for more guidance.

TIMELINE AND PROCEDURE

30 April 2025

Submission of Concept Note and Budget Form to **grants@scssap.com** copy **margaritavi@unops.org**

31 May 2025

Notification of short-listed applicants

15 July 2025

Panel interview and selection process

15 August 2025

Notification of final selection and initiate procedure for fund disbursement

Timeline is subject to change

TEMPLATES

- **Concept Note**
- **Budget Template**

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