

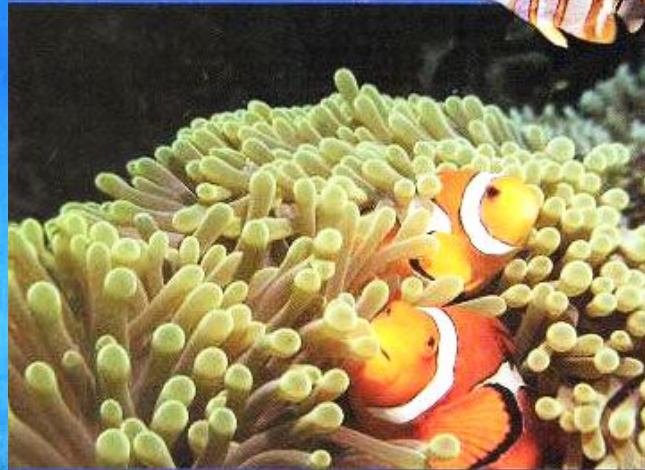


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The project was cooperated between the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) which funded by the French Development Agency (AFD) under the French Global Environment Facility (FGEF). The other supporting partner included the French Research Agency for Development (IRD), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and Chulalongkorn University. The project's main objective is to improve the natural resources management in the three marine national parks: Mu Kho Surin, Mu Kho Similan, and Mu Kho Lanta. The project is arranged with the following two major components:

Component 1: To develop the network and strengthen the management in Andaman Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) which focus on the three marine national parks: Kho Surin, Mu Kho Similan, and Mu Kho Lanta, the major activities will be:

- } Developing a model for co-management and implementing it with the participatory principles for MPAs, under management effectiveness manuals,
- } Strengthening the MPAs capacities on environmental awareness and nature education services to tourists,
- } Strengthening the financial sustainability of the MPAs through innovative trials and mechanisms for financing agreement,
- } Establishing a Regional Andaman Network supported by the Geographic Information System Monitoring Unit at the services of the MPAs.





Component 2: To reduce the tourism impact on MPAs
This component aims to strengthen the partnership between private sector of tourism and the MPAs, as well to reduce the environmental impacts of tourism activities by diffusing best practiced in relation to the MPAs. This component will strengthen capacities of green labels in relation to the tourism sector and will develop new system and regulation for accessing the MPAs (tour operator licenses, guides permit and training) as well as develop income system in tourism sector.

Objectives

To promote sustainable coastal resources management which interrelate with the biodiversity conservation, and sustainable economic activities in the Andaman Coastal, Thailand.

Main objectives

}] To strengthen the cooperation among the relating agencies on the three marine national parks management: Mu Kho Surin, Mu Kho Similan, and Mu Kho Lanta, which included the environmental quality, social and economic.

}] To promote Andaman Coastal, sustainable tourism activities, by using environmental standard and social criteria.

}] To reduce the tourism impact towards the Andaman Coastal and enhance the positive relation in natural resources and biodiversity conservation.

Specific objectives

}] To develop the co-management board and hold the forums for the appropriate financing sources for MPAs.

}] To develop environmental standard for marine tourism activities and for infrastructures links to the MPAs (Green Labels, code of best practices, licenses and permit for accessing the parks and for guides)

}] To enhance the financing sources (Grant, and Loans) for the environmental best practices and tourism industry.

}] To develop environmental education inside the national park area.

}] To establish the Geographic Information System Unit for monitoring and evaluating as the basis for Andaman MPAs network.

The sustainability of the program should be based on the following

}] The national park's sustainability income and the progress to attain UNESCO World Heritage Site,

}] The involvement of DNP's Training Unit and the MPAs high level officers in the project will enhance the learning processes,



}] The participation of all stakeholders will support the common economical, reduce conflicts, and building new financial sources capacities,

}] The establishment of the Regional Geographic Information System Unit for monitoring and evaluating will strengthen and integrate the DNP staff on GIS, mapping and long term monitoring which will enhanced the effectiveness on zoning, conservation, etc.,

}] Strengthening of the organizations and tourism sector towards better environmental practices (Green Leaf, Green Fins, Banks, Diving Federation, etc.).

Project Steering Committee

Overall programmatic direction will be driven by a Project Steering Committee (PSC) and as indicated in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between French Development Agency (AFD), Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP),

and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The Director General of DNP will chair the PSC, the steering committee will be composed of representatives of each agency as follows:

- } Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP) - Chairman
- } World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- } The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- } Department of Coastal Marine Resources (DMCR)
- } Department of Fisheries (DOF)
- } Office of Tourism Development, Ministry of Tourism and Sport



The entire role of SAMPAN Management Unit, Central Office in Bangkok and Project Management Unit (Local office) are as follows:

1. Project Management Unit, Central Office

The Project Management Unit, Central Office is located at the National Park Office, Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation.

The Project Management Unit will consist of National Director and Deputy Project Director who will supervise provide administrative support for effective coordination at the Department level and Project area level, as well approved the payment plan for the Project Management Unit, Local Office, before submit to The French Development Agency (AFD/FGEP).

2. Project Management Unit, Local Office

The Project Management Unit, Local Office is located at the Marine National Park Operations Center (1) Andaman, Phuket Province, will coordinate between the internal and external agencies. The Project Management Unit will consist of Project Manager, Project Technical Advisor, Project Technical Assistant, and Finance and Administration Officer which be employed by the World Fund for Nature (WWF). The superintendents of the three marine national parks: Mu Kho Surin, Mu Kho Similan, Mu Kho Lanta are the local project coordinators.

