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Opportunities on Regional Networking in the East Asian Seas

Collaborating towards 30x30

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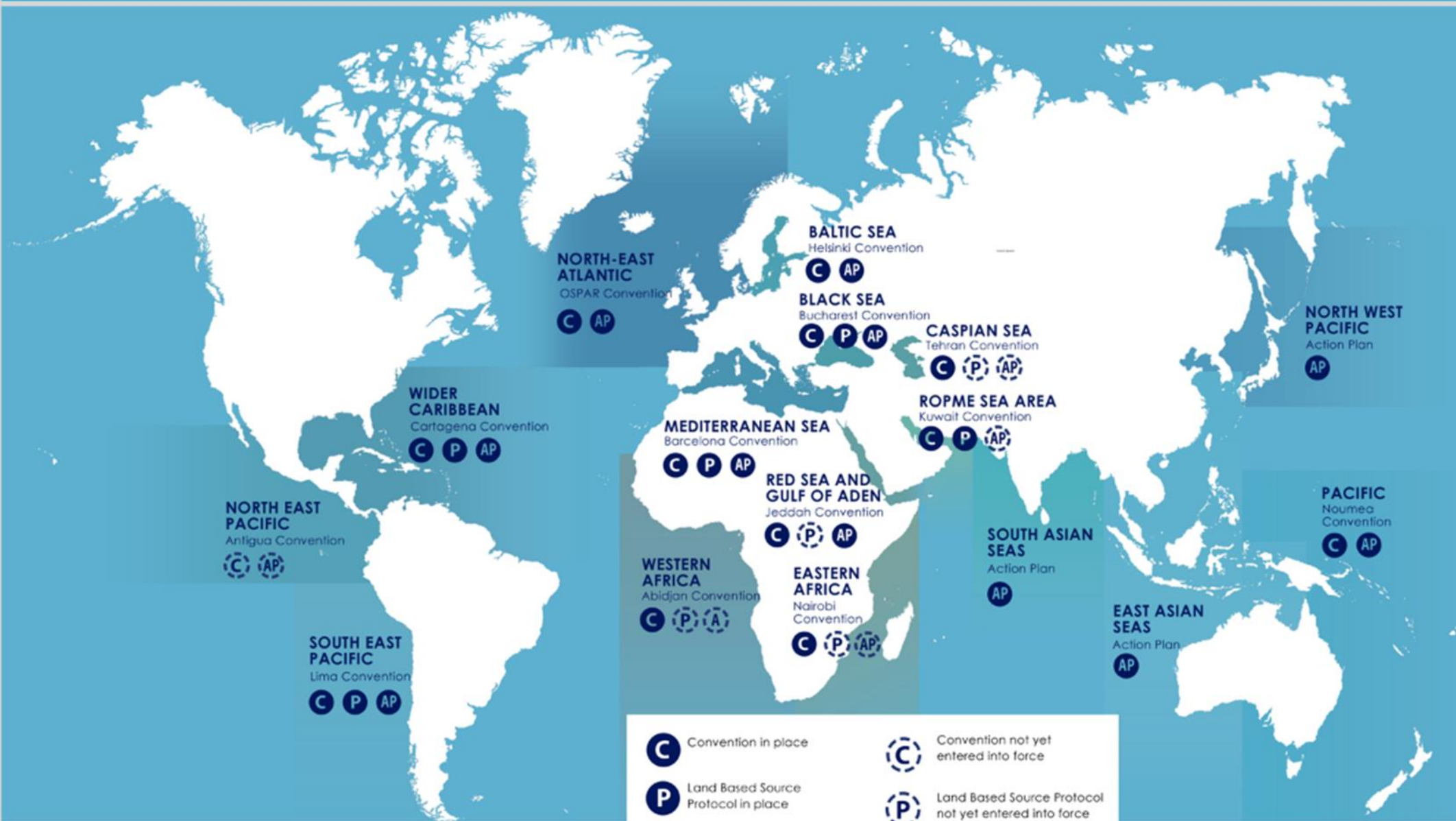
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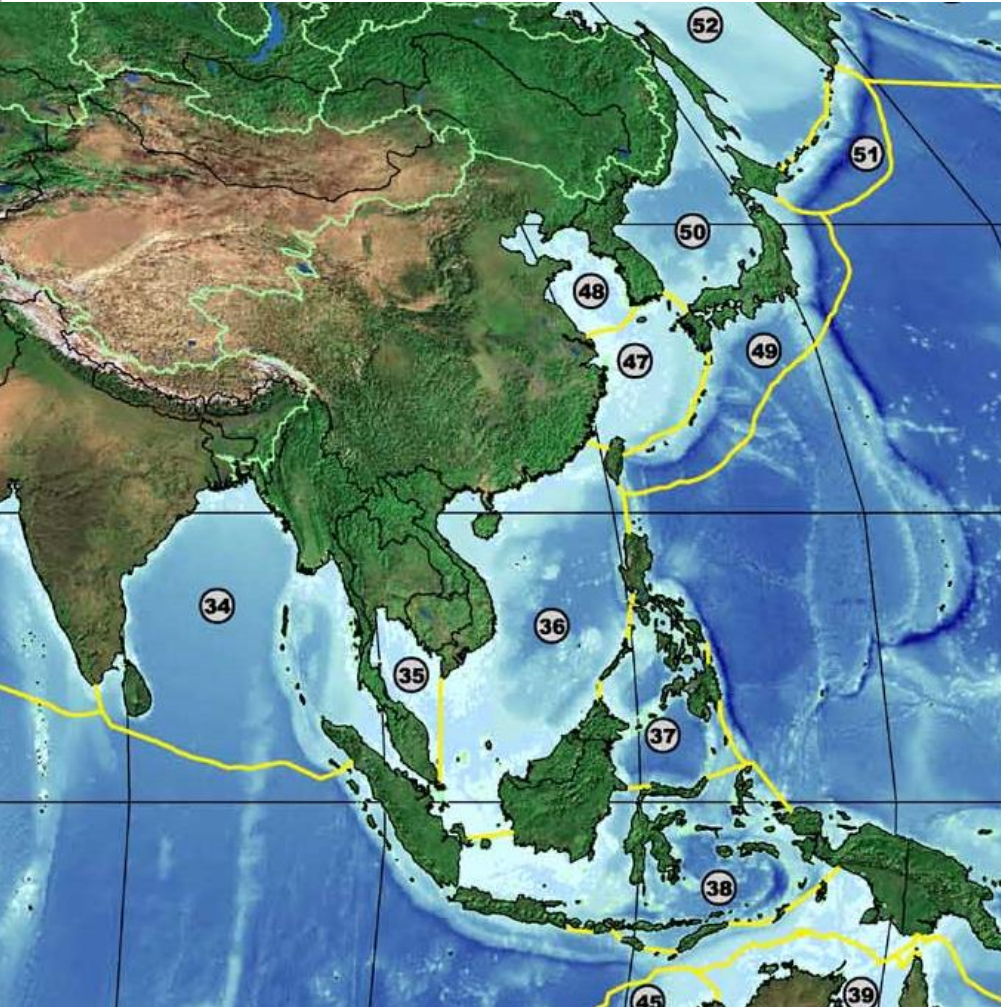
COBSEA
COORDINATING BODY ON THE SEAS OF EAST ASIA





 Convention in place	 Convention not yet entered into force
 Land Based Source Protocol in place	 Land Based Source Protocol not yet entered into force
 Regional Marine Litter Action Plan in place	 Regional Marine Litter Action Plan is being developed
 Regional Marine Litter Assessments under preparation	

ANTARCTIC
Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
 



East Asian Seas Action Plan 1981/1994

Intergovernmental body aimed at protection and sustainable development of the marine & coastal environment of East Asian Seas

Regional Seas

One of 18 UNEP Regional Seas Conventions and Actions Plans

COBSEA 9 countries

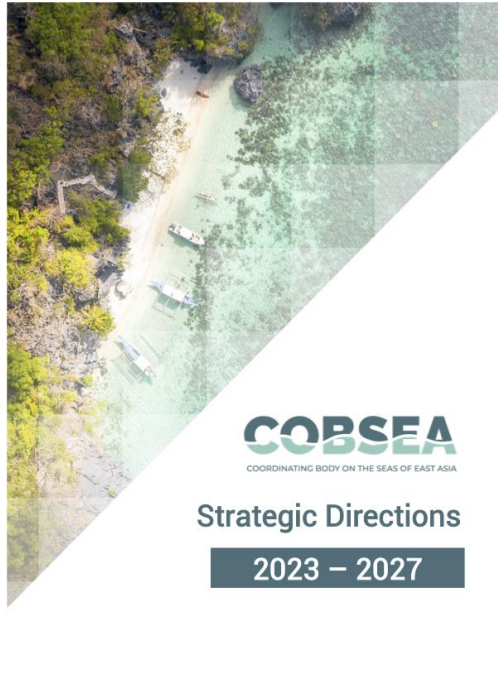
Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam

Secretariat

Hosted by Thailand (in Bangkok), administered by UNEP



COBSEA Strategic Directions 2023-2027



Marine Pollution Prevention, Reduction and Control

- ❑ COBSEA Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP MALI)
- ❑ GEF Clean and Healthy Oceans Integrated Programme (CHO-IP): Nutrients, waste water and sediment

Target 7, 16

Marine & Coastal Biodiversity, Ecosystems Conservation and Management

- ❑ Sustainable Blue Economy
- ❑ Marine and Coastal Spatial Planning
- ❑ Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and MPA Networks
- ❑ Marine and Coastal Habitats Conservation and Restoration

Target 1, 2, 3, 4, 11

Climate Action

- ❑ Climate Adaption, Resilience and Blue Carbon
- ❑ Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem-based Adaption

Target 8



Kunming-Montreal
Global Biodiversity
Framework



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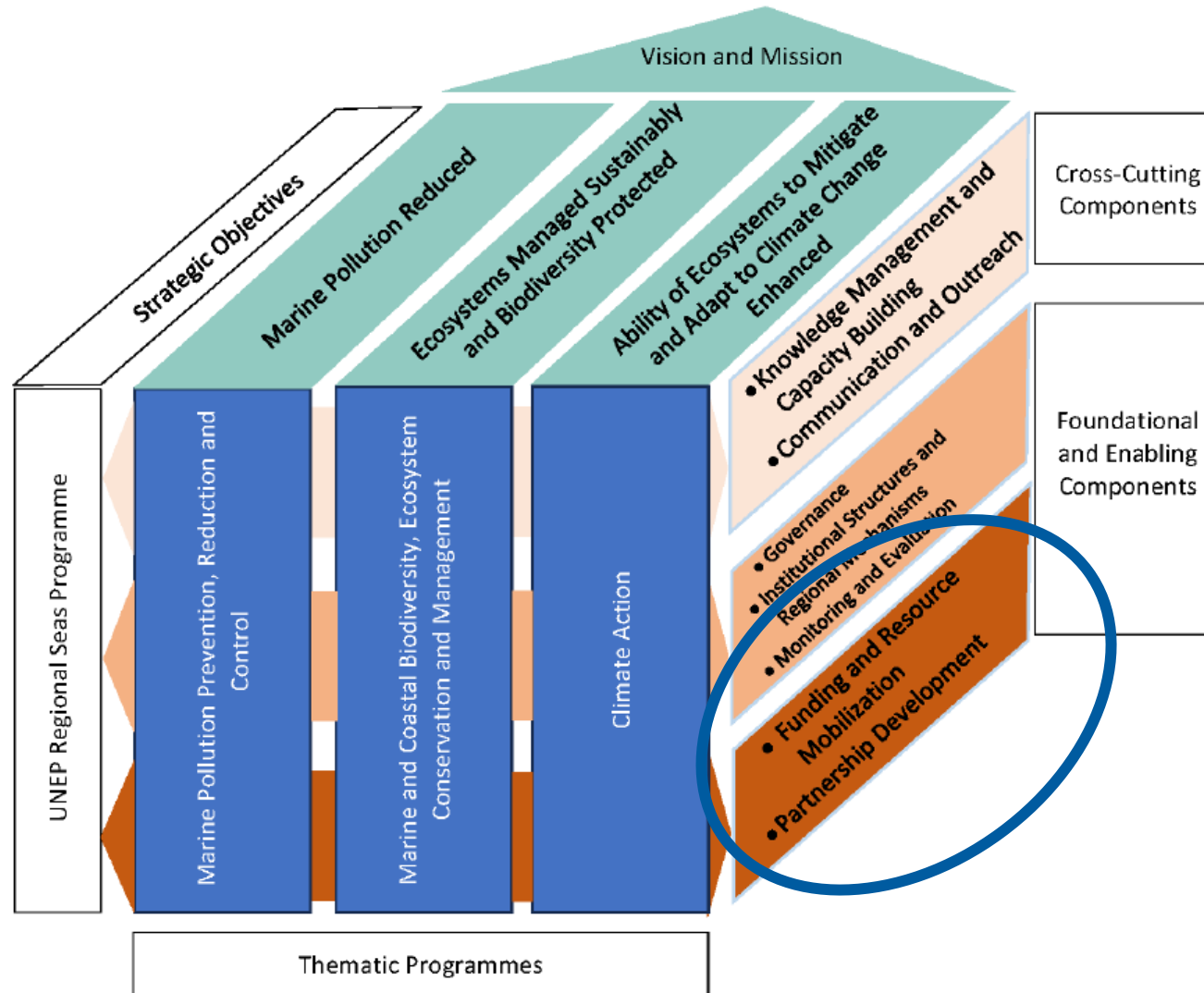


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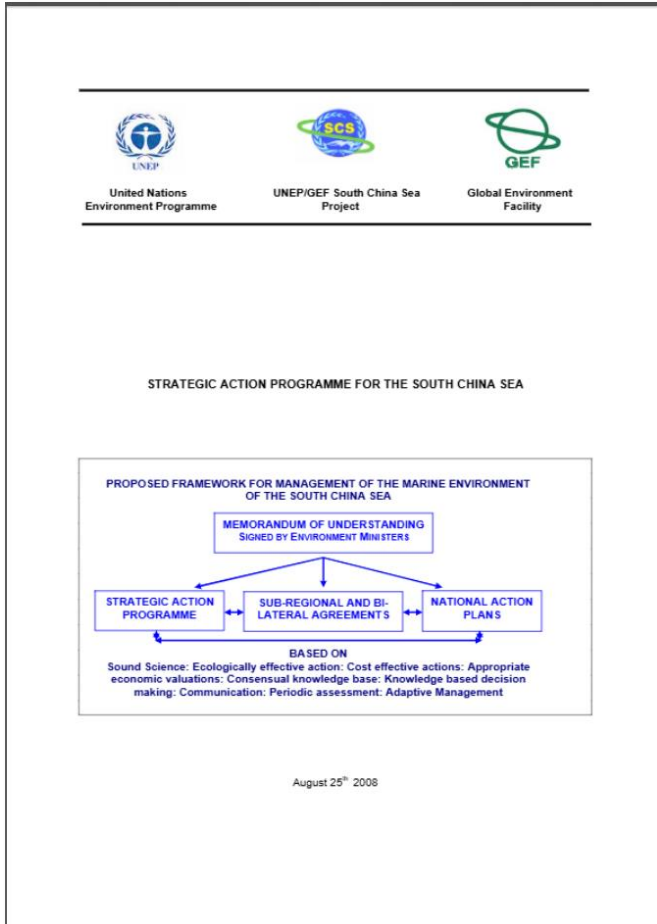
Blue Synergy for a Shared Future:
One Sustainable and Resilient Ocean

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Strategic Directions



UNEP/GEF SCS-SAP



Component 1.

Reducing habitat degradation and loss via national and local reforms to achieve Strategic Action Programme targets for coastal habitat management in the South China Sea

Component 2.

Strengthening knowledge-based action planning for the management of coastal habitats and land-based pollution to reduce environmental degradation of the South China Sea

Component 3.

Facilitating regional and national level integration and cooperation for implementation of the South China Sea Strategic Action Programme

Coastal Habitats and Ecosystems

Knowledge Management for a Sustainable Blue Economy

Regional Collaboration

Regional Cooperation, 8th APAN Forum

CONFERENCE

Our Oceans and Seas: Harnessing Nature-based Solutions and Regional Collaboration towards Ecosystems Resilience (8th APAN Forum Session)

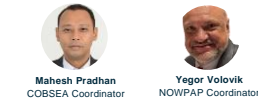
1 September 2023
Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea



OUR OCEANS AND SEAS: HARNESSING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION TOWARDS ECOSYSTEMS RESILIENCE

01 September 2023, 11h00 - 12h30 (UTC+9)
Songdo Convensia Convention Center, Incheon City, Republic of Korea

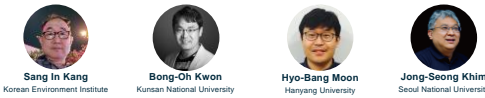
SESSION CHAIRS



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



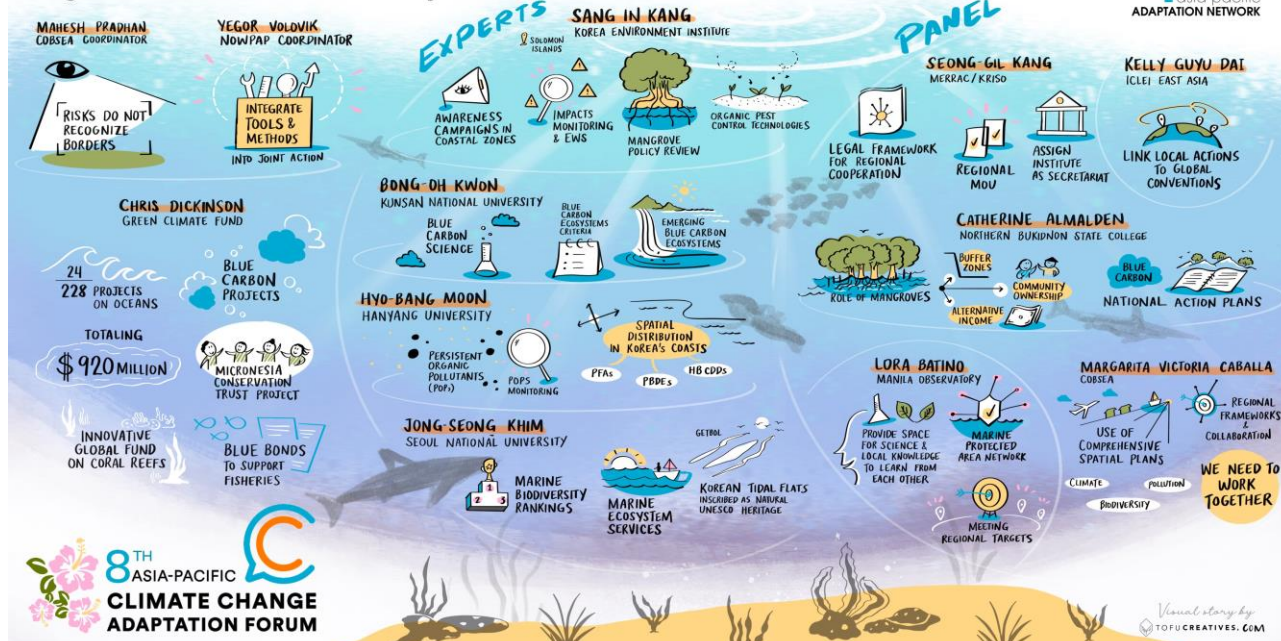
EXPERT SPEAKERS



PANELISTS



OUR OCEANS AND SEAS: Harnessing Nature-based Solutions and Regional Collaboration Towards Ecosystems Resilience



Climate Action Initiatives



COBSEA aligns with UNEP's work on **Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)**

UNEA Resolutions

EA. 1/8 – Ecosystem-based Adaptation

EA. 2/6 – Supporting the Paris Agreement

24 APR 2024 | WORKSHOP

UN Ocean Decade Action Workshop 7: Upscaling ocean observation, monitoring, and modelling for early warning in the East Asian Seas



Venue: Chelsea A, Berkeley Hotel, Bangkok

Time : 13:30-15:30 (2hrs), 24 April 2024

Conveners:

Joana Akrofi, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Mahesh Pradhan, Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA), UNEP



Support & promote **Nature-based Solutions** and **Ecosystem-based Adaptation**

Climate Resilience and Blue Carbon:

- Reduce vulnerability of livelihoods of small-scale fishers
- Food security of coastal communities to climate change
- Blue carbon storage capacity of marine and coastal ecosystems.



COBSEA participates in the **Asia-Pacific Climate Week (APCW)**


13-17 November 2023, Malaysia

Co-organized and moderated a hybrid panel on community engagement & private sector adaptation, **"Blue Horizons: Private Sector Investments and Upscaling through Regional Seas."**


Also a panelist for **"Ocean action and ocean-based solutions to leverage transformative adaptation and long-term resilience in the Asia-Pacific region"**


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STRATEGIC COLLABORATION IN TACKLING THE TRIPLE PLANETARY CRISES IN THE EAST ASIAN SEAS REGION - CLIMATE CHANGE AND MARINE IMPACTS; NATURE AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY LOSS; MARINE POLLUTION

ST 2.1; 07 November, 14h30 – 17h30

Objective

The overall aim of the session is to encourage collaborative efforts amongst regional marine organizations in the East Asian Seas to address the triple planetary crises.

Outputs

- Roadmap towards a potential collaborative effort for regional marine organizations to address the triple planetary crises.
- Working paper on this collaborative effort, including timeline, objectives, and activities.



Global MPA Network (Blue Nature Alliance)



What do we need?

How can we collaborate?

Who needs to be involved?

What is the main goal?





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