

Abstract

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Roundtable: Investing in a Blue Economy for Conservation and Impact

Investment Landscape Mapping in East Asia for ICM and Blue Economy



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The coastal ecosystem across East Asia faces increasing threats that diminish the ecological health, environmental resilience and socio-economic potential of such areas at the interface of land and sea. Available funds for ecosystem services and biodiversity remain small in comparison to the actual human cost of consuming, restoring, maintaining and managing such global commons. By some estimates, the financing gap exceeds at least \$US 300 billion per year and may reach into the US\$ trillions.

In partnership with PEMSEA, Shujog conducted an in-depth study (entitled Investment Landscape Mapping in East Asia 2015) that mapped over \$10 billion in financial funding flows to Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) projects in East Asia between 2005 and 2015. Based on the findings of this study, this presentation highlights key regional and country-level trends in the ICM investment landscape, emphasizes major donor and commercial investor priorities, and proposes recommendations to scale investments and close the funding gap.



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