



Regional Seas Governance in East Asian Seas: the Need for Vertical Integration of Community-based Action to National and Regional Management Process

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Think Global Act Local

Funding and technical support to communities and civil society organizations

- Awareness and capacity development
- Foster a positive multi-stakeholder relationships, esp. the government-civil society
- Learning and testing



SGP's “small grants” means:

- **Level of grant: up to \$50,000 (average at \$25,000); with planning grants up to \$2,000.**
- **Fast delivery mechanism – aim for “shortest distance from idea into action”**
- **To build capacity of and provide access to GEF for the poorest, most vulnerable communities/CBOs/NGOs; SGP support is thus partly “venture capital” and risk taking**

SGP Portfolio in the East Asia Seas

**Our challenge: a drop of water
in the Ocean**

Countries	No.	SGP funding	Co-financing
Cambodia	5	\$204,376	\$97,210
China	9	\$416,219	\$428,871
Indonesia	19	\$413,000	\$531,629
Lao PDR	5	\$134,000	\$325,000
Malaysia	9	\$578,593	\$1,139,261
Thailand	24	\$557,342	\$1,149,339
Timor Leste	7	\$157,500	\$40,412
Vietnam	2	\$95,978	\$89,711
Total	80	\$2,557,008	\$3,801,433



Challenges of Management Scale

Conventional Approach

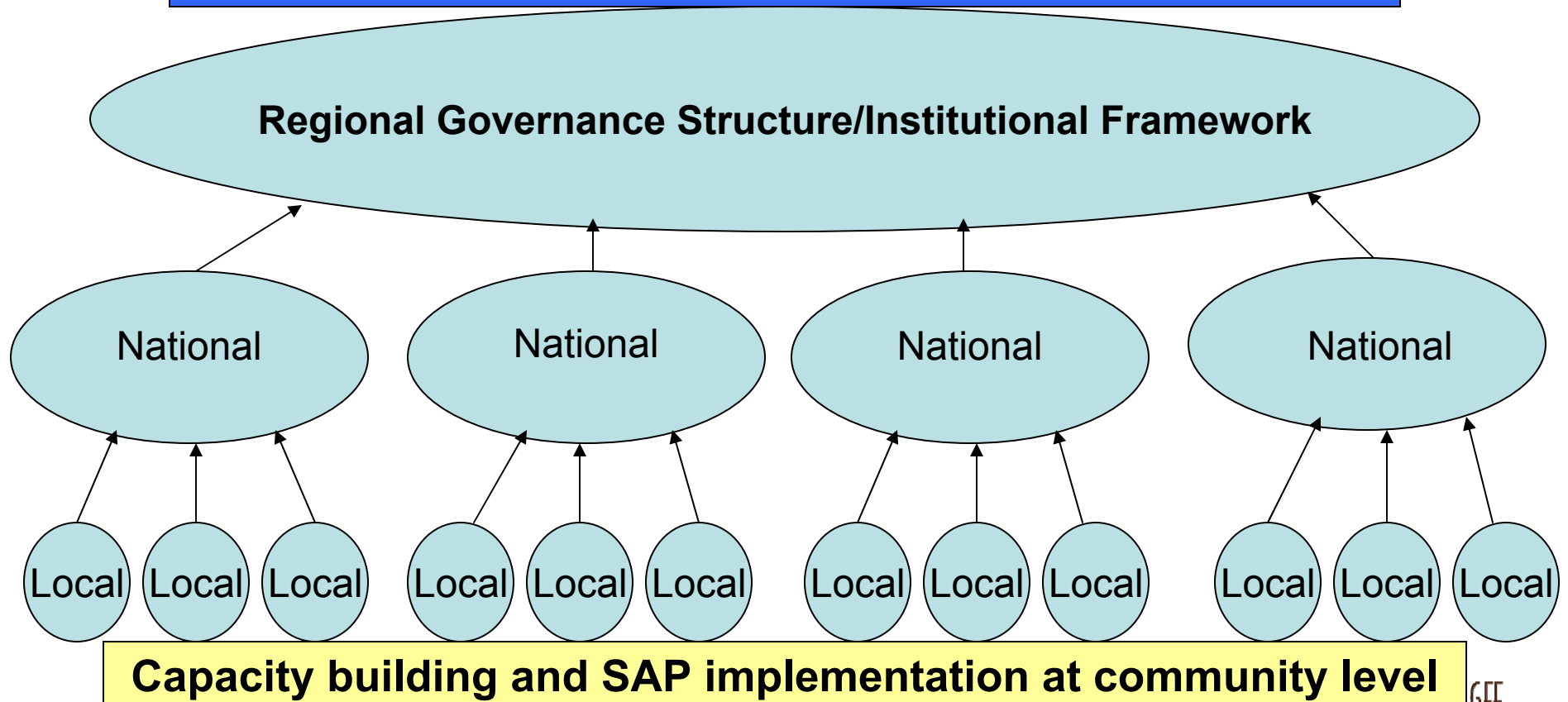
- Issue-based
- Dominant sectoral demand (habitat, pollution, or fisheries etc)
- Local linkages

Seascape Approach

- Multiple Drivers
- Multi-sectoral Demands
- Long-distance linkages

Nested, Multi-layered and Coordinated

SAP: Regional Consensus & Confidence Building



Implications of Seascope Approach for SGP IW work

Seascope Approach

Identification and selection of priority areas for SGP IW interventions



Strategy development



Implementation: **nested**, **multi-layered** and **coordinated** portfolio

SGP Operations



SGP and FSPs



Country Program Strategy

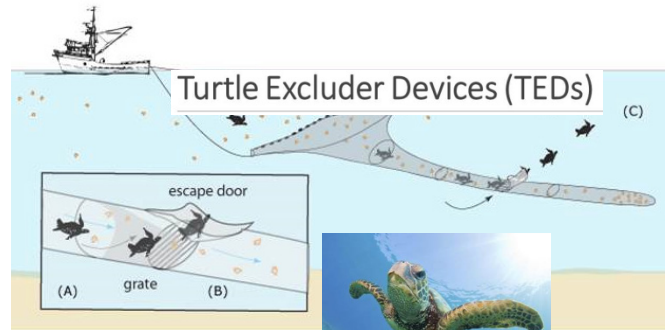


Grantees

Transitioning from a NGO to a Government Programme/Policy

2007

Through an **SGP** grant, MRF introduced TEDs for trawl fisheries in Sandakan, Sabah



2008



MRF signs MOU with Fisheries Dept of Sabah

2009

A 2nd **SGP** grant expands TED trials to new fishing ports & integrate with Federal Fisheries Dept

Director General of Dept of Fisheries Malaysia witnessed MRF TEDs trials & certification.

2013



2012



MRF brings policy makers on study visit, approaching the TED implementation plan from the bottom up and from the top down



A locally adapted TED is produced

2014

MRF receives a **Strategic grant** to expand the TEDs program nationwide

2017

National policy Compulsory for all fishing trawler to use TED in Peninsular Malaysia



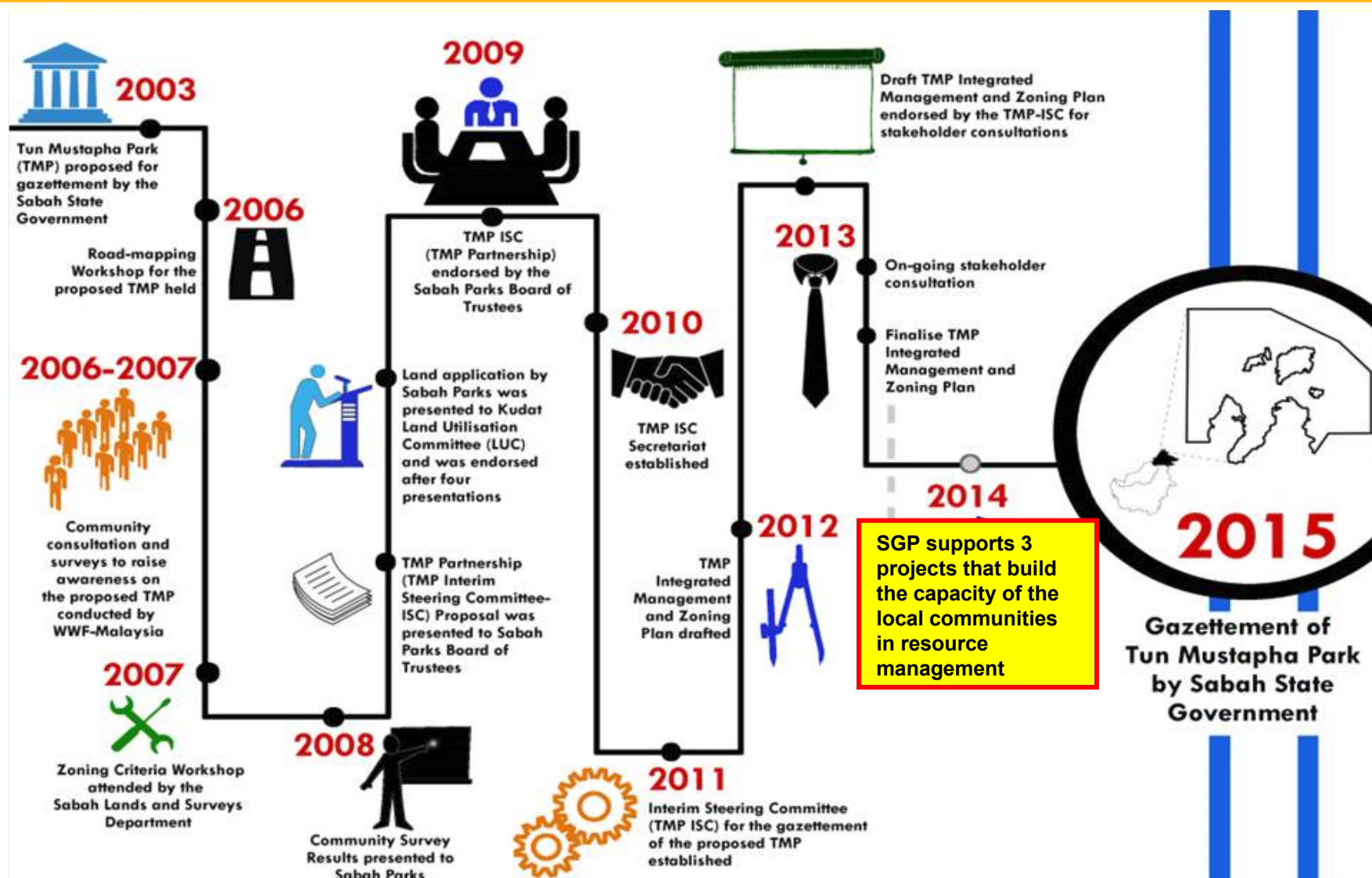
2015

MRF undertakes national workshops together with Dept of Fisheries



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Lessons Learnt

- Community development work takes **time**
- **Partnership:** upscaling to meet “downscaling”
- **Grantmakers+:** knowledge management, linkages and networking are not management cost



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small, dark, wet sea turtle chick. The chick is positioned in the center of the palm, facing towards the left. Its shell is dark and glistening with moisture. The hand is light-skinned and appears to be holding the chick gently. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The overall image conveys a sense of care and protection for marine life.

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