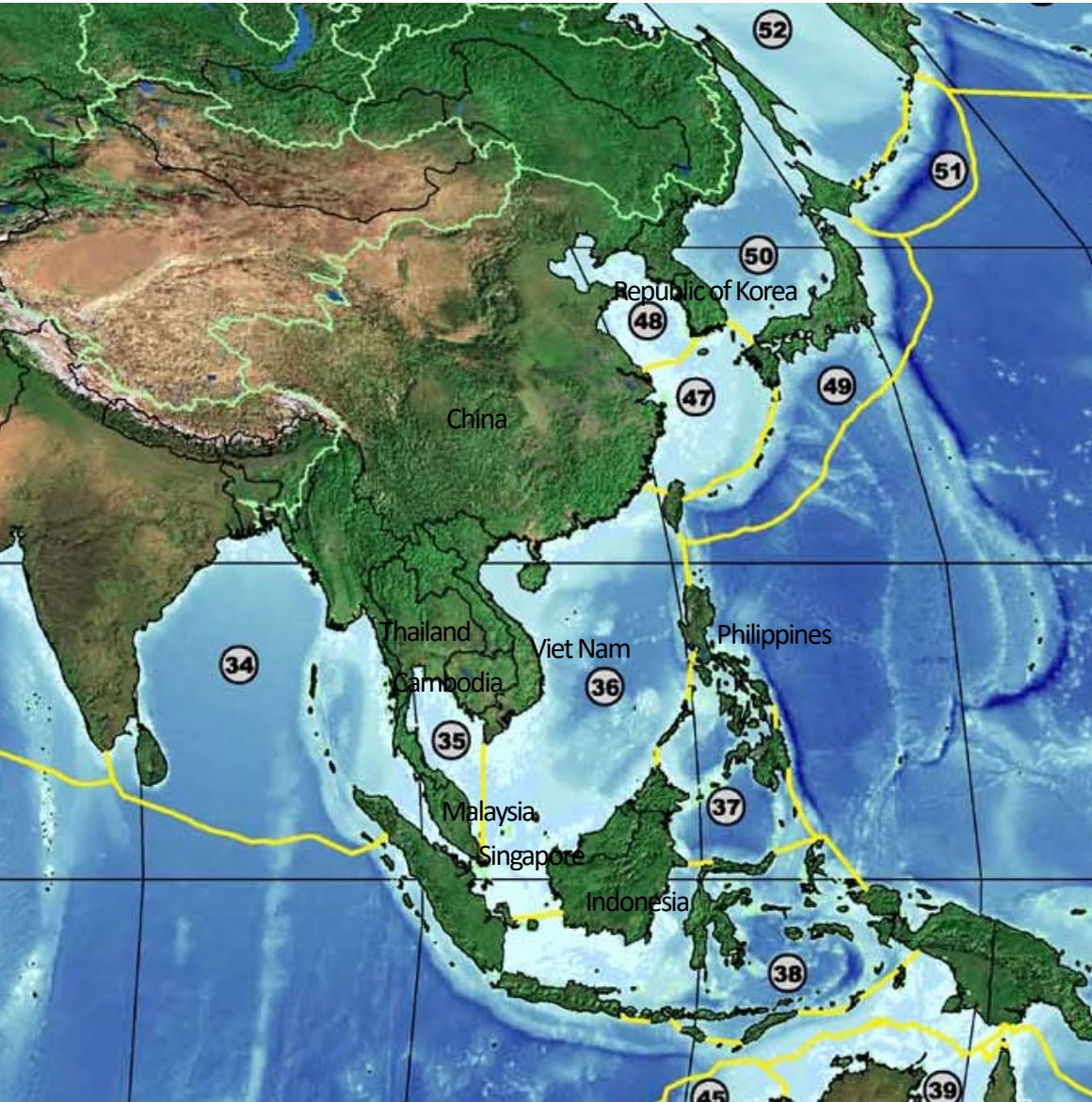


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Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia – COBSEA



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

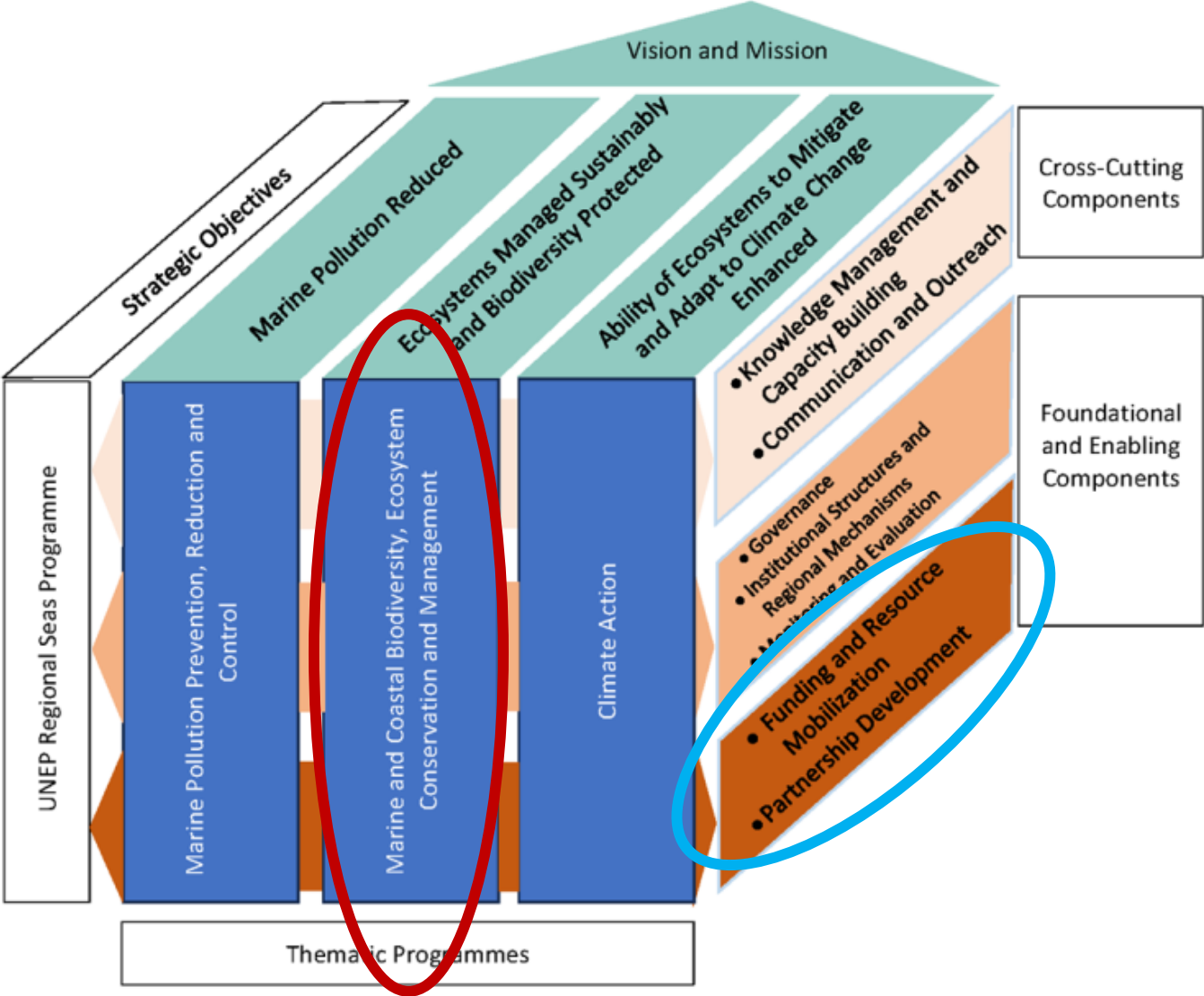
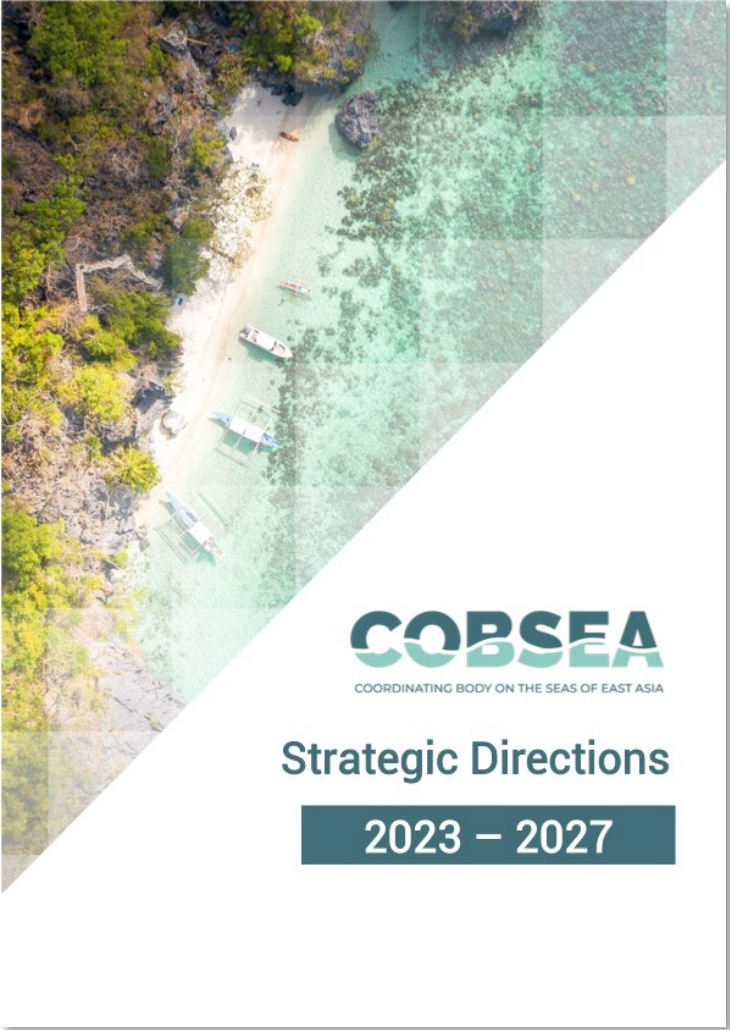
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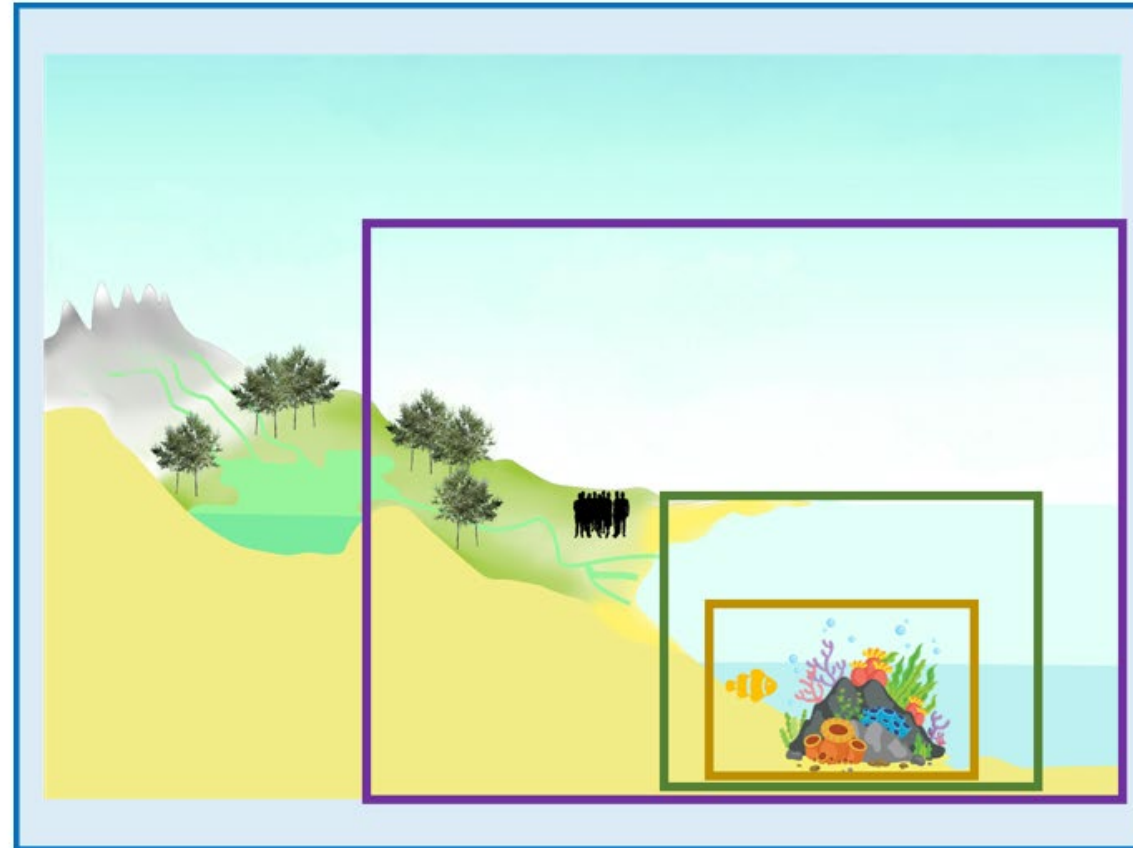
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COBSEA Strategic Directions 2023–2027



COBSEA Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Framework



Blue Economy

- Sustainable ocean ecosystems
- Economic and livelihood opportunities
- Community participation and empowerment
- Equitable and inclusive benefit sharing

Marine & Coastal Spatial Planning

- Support and guidance on MCSP
- Institutionalization of MCSP
- Transboundary and regional collaboration
- Vertical and horizontal integration

Marine Protected Areas

- Establishment of Regional MPA Network
- Strengthening of MPAs and MPA Networks in the region

Habitat Conservation and Restoration

(Coral Reefs, Mangroves, Seagrass, Coastal Wetlands)

- Small grants fund programme
- Green Fins Project
- Monitoring, restoration and protection

Cross-Cutting Priorities and Supporting Mechanisms

Community Participation | Knowledge Management

Regional Cooperation and Collaboration



APAN 2023 w/ NOWPAP



OBCA w/ UN ESCAP



RCF w/ IUCN



EAS CONGRESS 2024 (SCS-SAP, PEMSEA, NEAMPAN, IOC-WESTPAC, ACB, IUCN)



2ND UN Ocean Decade Regional Forum w/ SCS-SAP



Possible next steps on transboundary cooperation on the marine environment in the East Asian Seas

- Establish a Shared Knowledge Platform
- Enhance Communication of Success Stories
- Utilize/Enhance Existing Tools
- Map Regional Initiatives
- Increase Joint Capacity Building
- Elevate the EAS Profile Globally



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