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CAMBODIA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AND BEST PRACTICE ON MANGROVE RESTORATION

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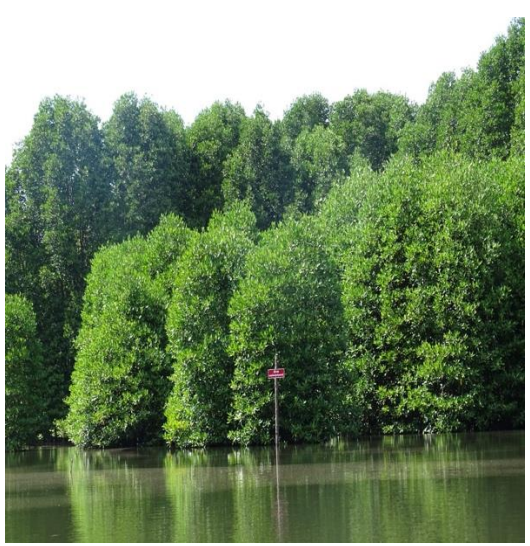
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- **Coastal Areas of Cambodia:** Stretching 435 km along the coast and Supported by 4 provinces
- **Biodiversity**: Rich biodiversity includes: 8,260 plant species, 250 amphibian and reptile species, 874 fish species, and 500+ bird species
- **Over 70 islands and reef ecosystems**
- **Key Coastal Habitats:**
  - ➢ *Wetlands*
  - ➢ *Mangroves (58,800)*
  - ➢ *Seagrass Beds (30,000ha)*
  - ➢ *Coral Reefs (2,800ha)*









II. NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

2.1 Institutional Responses

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Managing and supporting biodiversity conservation while promoting the sustainable use of natural resources in protected areas

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES

Through Fisheries Administration (FiA), a part of MAFF is responsible for managing and conserving the fishery sector and all related matters

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF CAMBODIA COASTAL AREA

Develop policies, strategic plans, master plans, and action plans for managing the development of coastal areas

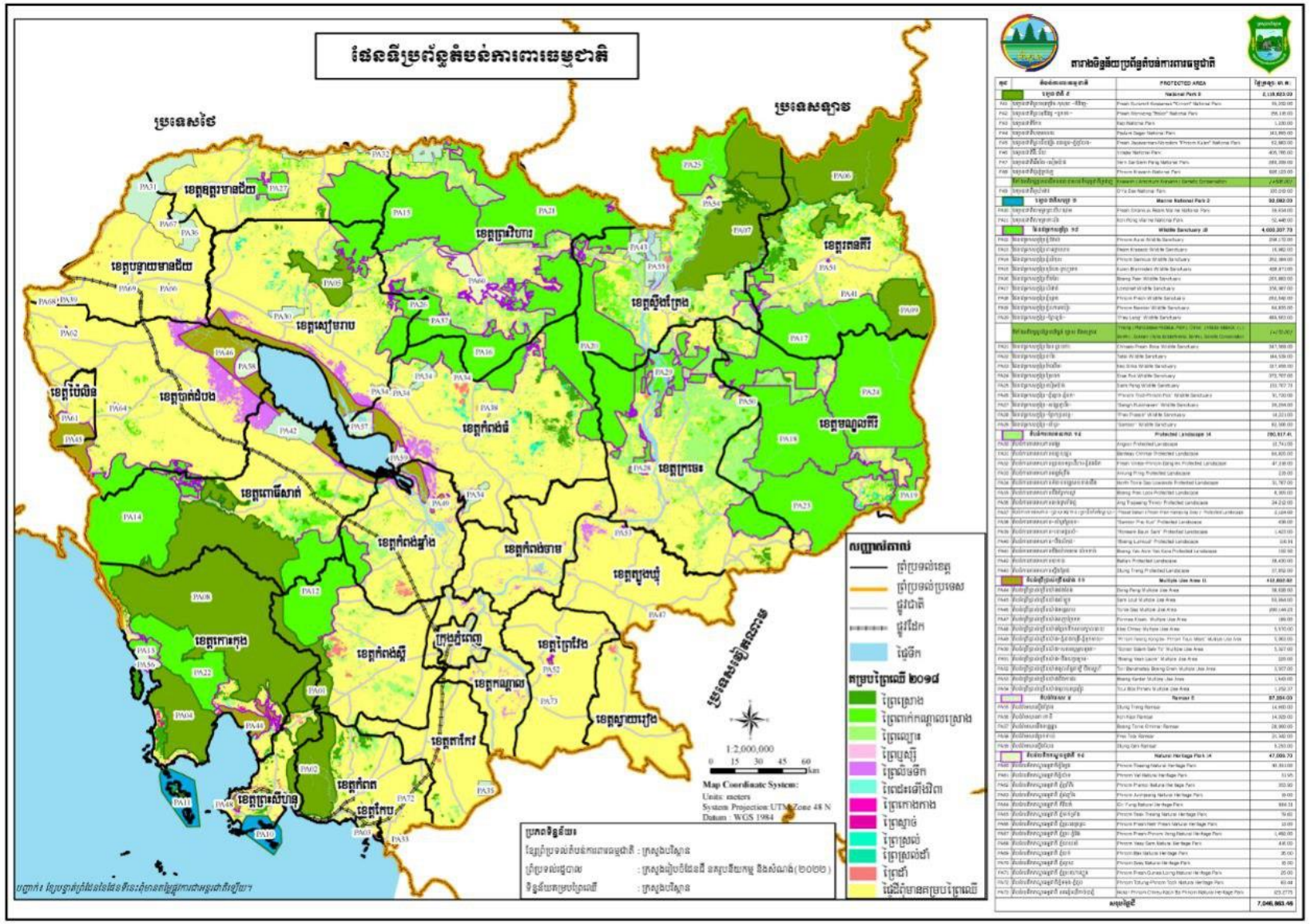
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MARITIME SECURITY

Enhance maritime sovereignty strengthen the enforcement of sea regulations and coordinate and support relevant institutions and ministries

2.2 Protected Area in Cambodia

Ministry of Environment in charge of a total of 76 PAs (7.046,863.46 million ha) which include:

- *Wildlife Sanctuary 11*
- *National Heritage Parks 14*
- *Protected Landscape 14*
- *Multiple Use Area 10*
- *National Park 9*
- *Marine National Parks 2*
- *Ramsar Site 5*



2.3 Best Practices on Mangrove Management and Restoration

- Previous studies were illustrated that 74 mangrove species have found in Cambodia which Rhizophora a piculate and Rhizophora mucronate
- According to FAO 2020, Cambodia's total mangrove area is 58,800 ha, which is distributed to four coastal provinces: Koh Kong (46,529 ha), Preah Sihanouk (9,352 ha), Kampot (1,966 ha), and Kep (1005 ha).
- Community-based nature conservation plays an important role in mangrove conservation and restoration.
- 57 coastal communities (17 CPAs, 40 CFis) were established along the coast and islands to promote natu ral resource protection and conservation by empowering local community participation

2.4 Mangrove Management and Restoration Activities










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Primary Challenges

- Insufficient management plan in terms of implementation
- Weakness of zoning management and implementation
- Marine spatial planning development is still under develop
- Lack of waste management (solid waste and liquid waste) along the coast and islands

Opportunities facilitation

- Strengthening policy implementation
- Improvement of natural resources management and protection.
- Improvement of local livelihood through nature-based solutions or community-based conservation and restorations.
- Mobilization of the private sector and developed partners.

IV. PRIORITIES FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

- ***Prioritizing and strengthening the conservation of key marine and coastal resources***
- ***Ensuring sustainable management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) through improving local livelihoods and ecotourism***
- ***Building the capacity of officials, communities and local authorities***
- ***Engaging the participation of coastal communities and empowering them through benefit-sharing***
- ***Identify Coastal habitat restoration in particular degraded mangrove areas***
- ***Promote exchange visits and technology transfer***
- ***Enhance marine aquaculture activity along the coastal zone***
- ***Promote Payment for Ecosystem Service (PES) in the communities***
- ***Establishing sustainable financing mechanisms for MPA management***
- ***Strengthening investigation and cooperation in regional and global***
- ***Conducting public dissemination programs through education and outreach activities***
- ***Networking and sharing information among MPAs at the national and regional level***

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