To protect Cambodia’s significant but highly threatened coastal ecosystems, this five-year project brings together a consortium to strengthen marine resource governance and management, empower community-led conservation and women’s leadership, and support sustainable livelihoods in coastal Cambodia.

Since 2016, Cambodia has established its first two marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Koh Rong and Kep Archipelagos. With several additional sites now under consideration for marine protection, the project will use this momentum to establish an effective, participatory and equitably managed MPA network across Cambodia’s coastline by 2025. The work will span five sites: the Koh Rong Archipelago; the Koh Sdach Archipelago; Kep; Kampot; and the northern Koh Kong coastal complex. The MPAs will be socially and ecologically connected, protecting reef, seagrass and mangrove habitats.

This project aims to newly protect 610 km² of Cambodian waters, improve management of 780 km² of existing MPAs, and strengthen the livelihoods of approximately 20,000 coastal community members. Work will be conducted by an Fauna & Flora-led consortium, including several Cambodian partners, and is endorsed by the Fisheries Administration and Ministry of Environment. The project is underpinned by participatory approaches and capacity building throughout and will adopt a collaborative approach involving government, communities, NGOs, businesses and academic institutions.

“"This project builds on existing momentum to expand and further enhance MPAs in Cambodia, while strengthening fisheries governance and coastal communities that are empowered by local partner organisations using participatory approaches."
### KEY TARGETS

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### ACTIVITIES AND AREAS OF WORK

#### MPA GOVERNANCE
- Creating protected areas
- Creating MPA management plans
- Monitoring, control and enforcement
- Data collection and mapping
- Bottom-up management/co-management approaches
- Long-term funding for MPAs
- Training of protected area staff

#### SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS
- Community mapping
- Job training
- Initiatives to increase value added in supply chains
- Economic empowerment of women

#### SPECIES CONSERVATION/SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES
- Fisheries control and enforcement
- Co-management of fisheries

#### HABITAT CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION
- Protection of coral reefs
- Protection of seagrass beds

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