

# SECTOR NETWORK NATURAL RESOURCES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASIA (SNRD ASIA)

SNRD Asia is a regional network that promotes the exchange of knowledge and experience in the domains of natural resources and rural development in Asia. As part of GIZ's knowledge and innovation management, it is aligned with the general objectives and commissioning bodies. As stipulated in the Sector Network Guidelines, the overarching goals are:

- Mutual, cross-border learning from experience
- Improved management for development results
- Enhanced professional and advisory capacity of GIZ staff and partners
- Regional and technical operationalisation of GIZ's corporate strategy
- Development of GIZ portfolio and range of services



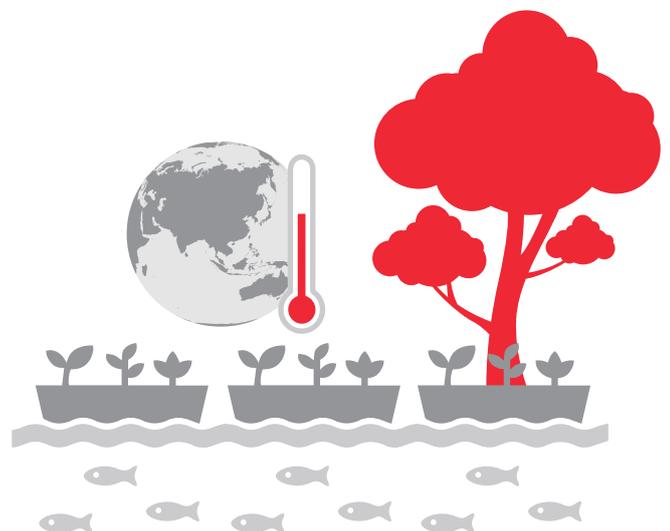
## About us

Established in the mid-80s, SNRD Asia currently links 54 programmes and projects in 20 countries across Asia and the Pacific. These include Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Tajikistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam.

## Thematic Structure

Current structure covers a wide range of topics in the areas of natural resources and rural development. Thematic areas include: Management of coastal zones and aquatic resources; climate change/climate protection; rural development and agricultural economy; and forest, biodiversity, and natural resource management, which accounts for 48% of member projects.

SNRD Asia is also moving towards greater collaboration with TUEWAS (Transport, Environment, Energy, and Water in Asia), another network in the region, to promote synergies in similar areas. With this, joint initiatives and a joint Secretariat between the two have been established.



## Working Groups (WGs)

The thematic work of SNRD Asia is covered by six Working Groups and one Task Force. Apart from experience sharing, each component aims at promoting cooperation and synergising activities among member projects within the scope of their focus areas.



### WG Agriculture

**Focus areas:** Agricultural value chains, investments, Public Private Partnerships, capacity development and farmer group organizations



### WG Biodiversity

**Focus areas:** Ecosystem services, protected areas, and their governance



### WG Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)

**Focus areas:** Climate change planning, financing and adaptation (incl. NAP, NDC), community and ecosystem-based adaptation, and Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV)



### WG Green Education

**Focus areas:** Climate change education and awareness raising, education for sustainable development and sustainable consumption



### WG Hills to Ocean (H2O)

**Focus areas:** Coastal zone management, aquaculture, fishing, coastal and marine conservation, climate change adaptation and mitigation in coastal zones, climate change vulnerability assessments, mangrove conservation and restoration



### WG Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+)

**Focus areas:** Challenges and lessons learnt in implementing REDD+ (MRV, Safeguards, Benefit Sharing, Strategy) including topics such as Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR), Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT), and forest policy development



### Joint Task Force Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**Focus areas:** Learning, knowledge and information services for better integrated approaches for member projects of SNRD Asia and TUEWAS

## Structure and Steering

SNRD Asia is coordinated by a Steering Group (consists of a Spokesperson, a Deputy Spokesperson, two representatives from the sectoral and regional department in Germany, a representative from national staff and the Speakers of each Working Group). For each member country, one Country Focal Point is nominated and acts as interface between the Sector Network and his/her assigned country.

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## What our member says...

*"Certainly I would recommend SNRD Asia to others. Why? A very professional and diverse knowledge pool combined with a relaxed atmosphere is very appealing."*

Harald Kirsch, CIM Integrated Expert, Ha Tinh Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam, Strategic Mainstreaming of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) Project