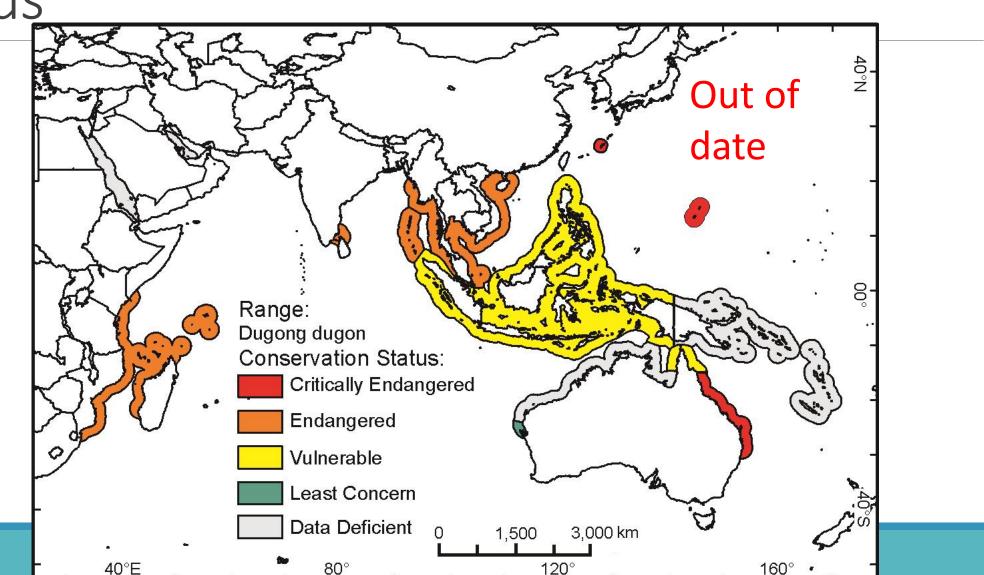
## 2023 global report on the status and trends of dugong populations

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Globally vulnerable but uneven conservation status



### Last assessment of status and trends

2003

1. Introduction: Biology, threatening processes, approaches to Management

2. Western range: East Africa, Red Sea and Arabian Gulf

3. India and Sri Lanka

Countries within each region

4. East and South East Asia

5. Pacific Islands

6. Australia

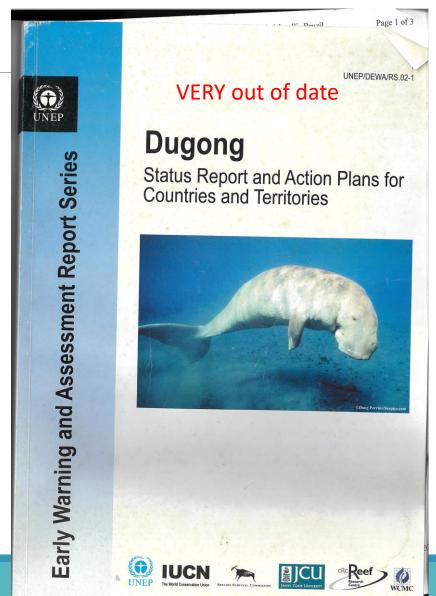
Regions

within

range

For each country within each region

- Distribution and abundance
- Threatening processes
- Existing conservation initiatives
- Suggested conservation initiatives



# 2023 initiative – must be completed by December 2023

- Work with local experts to produce new report on global status and trends incorporating new information obtained in last 20 years
- Technical Advisory Group will act as expert reviewers
- Local contributors will have co-authorship of information for their country
- New report will be published by UNEP on-line

- ☐ Hope to develop Wiki version that countries can update with Technical Advisory Group acting as quality controllers
- Link with MOU reporting

#### Arabian Gulf chapter



#### Panel discussion

What will your country contribute to Arabian Gulf chapter?

- 1. Distribution and abundance of dugongs
- 2. Distribution and status of seagrass
- 3. Threats to dugongs and their habitats
- 4. Current conservation measures