Table of Contents

Acknowledgement	I
Summary	III
Zusammenfassung	VI
Table of Contents	X
List of Tables and Figures	XI
List of Abbreviations	XII
List of publications and author's contributions	XIII
1. Introduction and study aim	1-3
2. Analytical framework and hypotheses	3-10
2.1. Mangrove forest policies and their wide range of policy issues	3
2.2. Bureaucratic collaboration and rivalry in cross-cutting policy domains of multifunctional mangrove forests	5
2.3. Actors' formal and informal interests in multilevel governance systems	7
2.4. Actor-centred power across multiple levels	9
2.5. Key arguments and hypotheses	10
3. Methods and materials	11-16
3.1. Study Contexts of Bangladesh's Sundarbans Mangrove Forest (SMF) policies	11
3.2. Empirical methods for data collection	12
3.2.1. Field and data access	12
3.2.2. Snowball Approach	13
3.2.3. Document collection	13
3.2.4. Open-ended informal expert interviews	14
3.2.5. Participating observation	14
3.3. Mixed qualitative-quantitative methods in data analysis	15
3.3.1. Content Analysis	15
3.3.2. Social Network Analysis	15
3.3.3. Data validation and triangulation	16
4. Results and Discussion	16-27
4.1. Framing of mangrove forest policy issues based on actors' formal and informal interests	16
4.2. Bureaucratic rivalry around mangrove forest policies and lead actor's forestry expertise	19
4.3. Policy strategies and dispersion of power across multiple levels of actors in mangrove forest governance	22
4.3.1. Bureaucracy and administration	22
4.3.2. Association and Political Parties	25
4.3.3. Mangrove forest user groups	26
EXCURSUS: Formal and informal interests in microcredit expansion	28-31
5. Disciplinary conclusions and theoretical contribution	31
References	33
Annex: Constitutive publications	41
Curriculum Vitae	84