

Consultancy for Policy Review and Plan Development Fifth Convention on Wetlands Strategic Plan - Update

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Update on activities



Tasks performed

- Review of existing information
- Identification of regional conservation priorities
- Identification of global environmental priorities and outcomes
- Considered options for streamlining and focusing the 5th Strategic Plan
- Phase 2 report produced
- Draft structure and content of 5th Strategic Plan produced

Update on activities

- Science-based literature review
 - Over 100 peer-reviewed publications
 - Major reports, including GWO and other MEAs and intergovernmental organisations
- Engagement and consultation
 - Over 1350 responses to questionnaire
 - 25 virtual workshops
 - Consulted over 200 people through other meetings
- Convention implementation
 - Analysis of National Reports and other reports



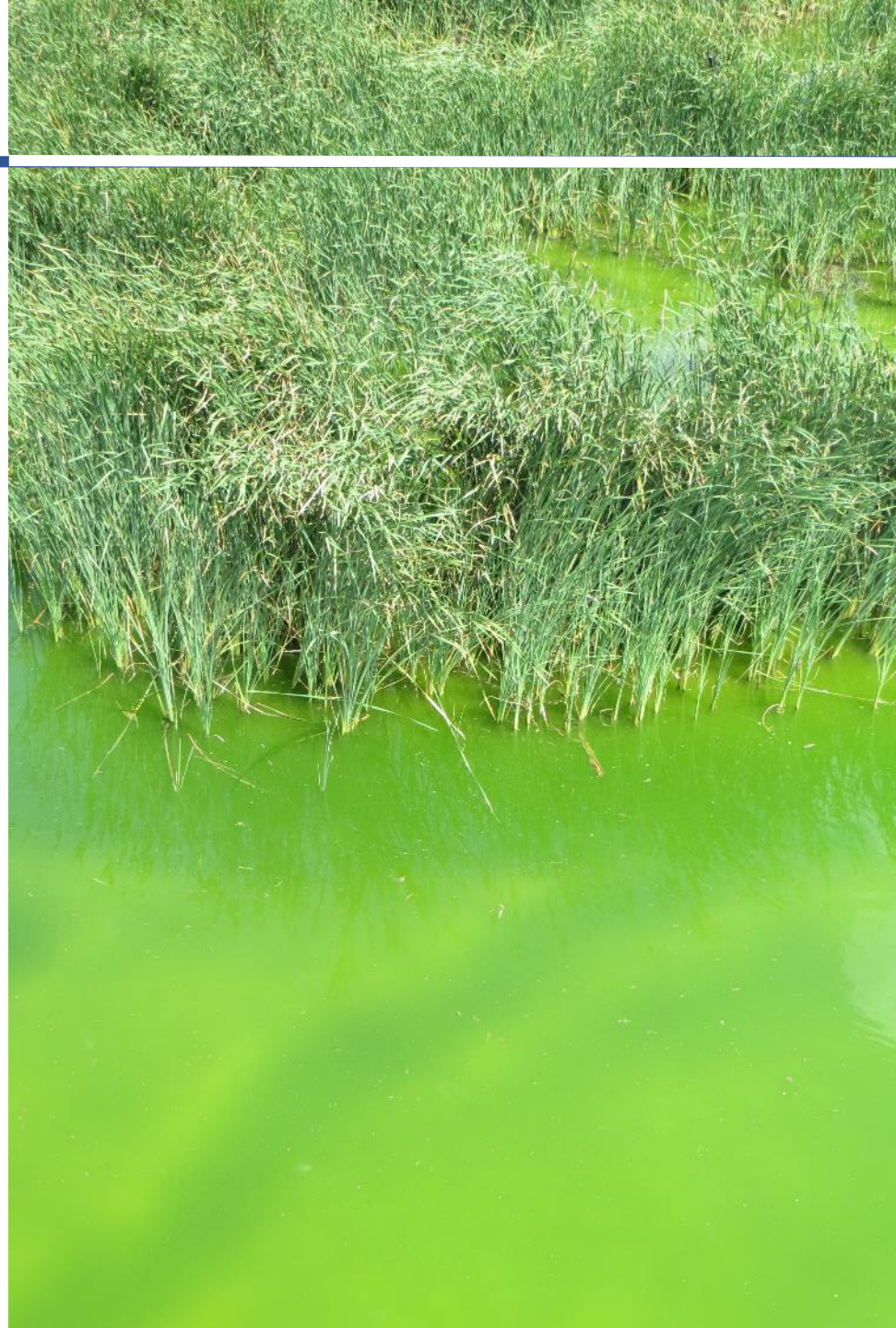
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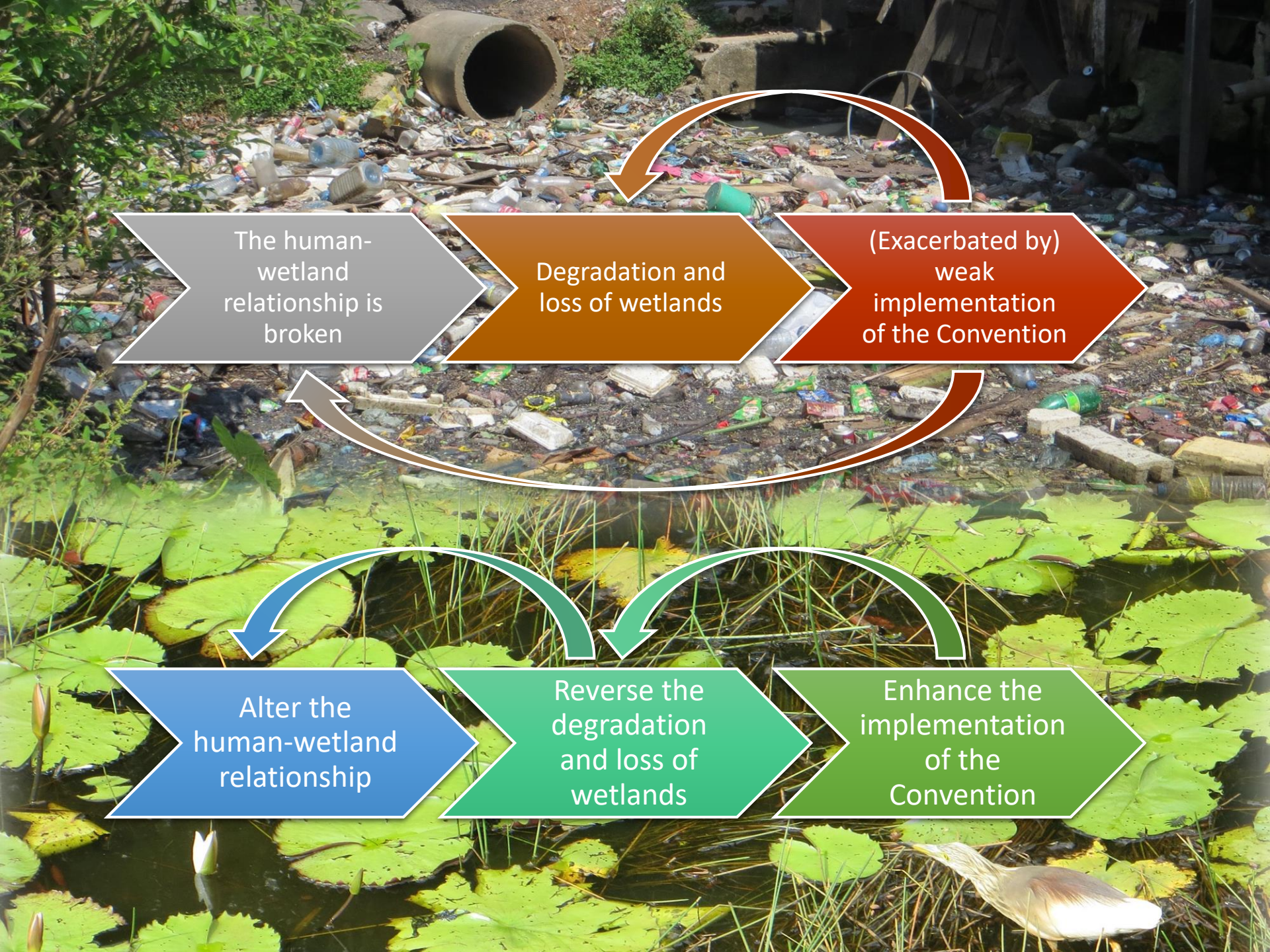


- There is strong and mutually supporting scientific evidence and participatory knowledge of the direct drivers of wetland degradation and wetland loss.
- Unsustainable **agricultural** practices, **urban** pollution, invasive species and hydrological mis-management are the main direct drivers of *wetland degradation*.
- Land conversion for **agriculture**, **urban** and infrastructure development are the main direct drivers of *wetland loss*.
- **Climate change** is the main ultimate driver of loss degradation and loss.

Update on activities

- *Phase 2: Document Review and Research* report submitted to the SP5WG.
- This document provides a robust evidence base that considers the needs and aspirations of current and future generations and considers the role of wetland conservation in promoting sustainable development and addressing global environmental challenges.
- The Phase 2 report provides the audit trail for the content of the zero draft of the 5th Strategic Plan.
- The report informs the need for transformative change...





Update on activities

5th Strategic Plan considerations

- What makes the plan strategic?
- What does it mean to align with other intergovernmental processes and timescales?
- How can the process continue to be inclusive, transparent and accessible to enable the full and effective participation of all interested Contracting Parties, partners and stakeholders?
- How can the plan make the Convention more effective?
- How can reporting move to assessing outcomes rather than processes but retain continuity?

