

Regional Initiative for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands in the Amazon River Basin

Countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela.

Coordination: The coordination through a Technical Secretariat. Initially Colombia will be in charge of the Coordination Secretariat and then it will rotate every two years to each of the member countries of the initiative.

Main Goals:

1. Contribute to the effective management of protected areas' systems.
2. Sustainable management of strategic ecosystems.
3. Maintenance of environmental goods and services.
4. Integrity, functionality and resilience of the Amazon Biome.

Activities:

- Evaluate the ecosystem services of the Ramsar Sites of the Amazon River Basin.
- Generate processes to include the Amazon Ramsar Sites in national planning processes, such as water resources management plans and water use plans.
- Generate a strategy for the management and exchange of cartographic and documentary information as well as sharing experiences for Ramsar Sites in the Amazon.
- Designation of new Ramsar Sites in the Amazon.
- Develop and/or implement management and/or restoration plans for Ramsar Sites in the Amazon.
- Incorporation of sectorial programs in wetlands conservation and/or protection processes.
- Establishment of the Regional Amazonian Wetlands System.

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