



The relationships between the current Ramsar CEPA Resolution X.8 and the superseded CEPA Resolutions VII.9 and VIII.31

An Advisory Document prepared by the CEPA Oversight Panel

1. Why this document? This Advisory Document has been produced in response to Operative Paragraph 10 of Resolution X.8 adopted at the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP10), in which the Convention “REQUESTS the CEPA Oversight Panel to give priority in its work plan to developing a short advisory document which shows the relationships between Resolutions VII.9 and VIII.31 and the current Resolution X.8 to assist CEPA Focal Points in the ongoing implementation of the CEPA Programme”.
2. The intent of this request was to assess and compare contents of the three Resolutions so as to confirm and reassure Ramsar’s Contracting Parties that this latest Resolution represents an evolving CEPA Programme of Work for the Convention which does not compromise implementation steps already taken to date by the Parties in implementing the previous CEPA Programmes, notably under Resolutions VII.9 (1999-2002) and VIII.31 (2003-2008).
3. From a broad analysis, the Panel concludes that:
 - i) Resolution VIII.31 aimed to build on the perceived utility of Resolution VII.9;
 - ii) Resolution X.8 was able to build upon the implementation assessed through the National Reports to COP9 in 2005 and COP10 in 2008; and
 - iii) Resolutions VIII.31 and X.8 are very similar and more concise than Resolution VII.9.
4. From a more detailed analysis of the operative paragraphs in the three Resolutions (see Annex), the similarities/contrasts include:
 - Recognizing CEPA/EPA as cross-cutting tools that support the implementation of the Convention. (All 3 Resolutions)
 - Requiring Parties to nominate CEPA Government and NGO Focal Points who will play a key role in implementing the programmes. (All 3 Resolutions)
 - Urging Parties to establish CEPA Task Forces, where no other mechanism exists, to undertake a review of needs, capacities, and opportunities in the field of wetland CEPA and, based on this, to formulate a National CEPA Action Plan. (All 3 Resolutions)
 - Encouraging Parties to establish such plans at national, subnational, catchment or local levels, as appropriate. (Resolutions VIII.31 & X.8)

- Recognizing the need to carry out evaluations of the effectiveness of the CEPA action plans. (Resolutions VIII.31 & X.8)
- Urging Parties to consider these CEPA action plans as integrated components of biodiversity, wetland and water management, education, health and poverty reduction policy instruments and programmes and ensure that CEPA is recognized as underpinning the effective delivery of these broader policies and programmes. (All 3 Resolutions)
- Recognizing the important role of the International Organization Partners (IOPs) in implementing the Resolution. (All 3 Resolutions)
- Recognizing the importance of World Wetlands Day as the key Ramsar campaign day/week for the Convention, presenting the opportunity to Parties and other to celebrate achievements and continuing challenges in wetland conservation and wise use. (All 3 Resolutions)
- Urging multilateral and bilateral donors and private sector sponsors to recognize the importance of CEPA interventions and to support CEPA initiatives. (All 3 Resolutions)
- Recognizing the value of wetland education centres in delivering wetland CEPA, recognizing the important role of the Wetland Link International network of centres and urging Parties to support the participation of their centres in the network. (All 3 Resolutions)
- Calling for the establishment of a voluntary fund for CEPA and encouraging contributions to this Fund. (Resolution VII.9 & Resolution VIII.31) Note that Resolution X.8 did not refer to this Fund, since no funds had ever been submitted for this purpose in the preceding nine years.
- Calling for the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) to set up an expert working group on CEPA. (Resolution VIII.31) As a result of this, a CEPA expert was appointed to STRP from the 2006-2008 triennium onwards and the current STRP composition reflects this. This expert leads the CEPA Thematic Work Area and brings in additional CEPA expertise when needed.
- Concerning key actors for implementing the CEPA Programme, these are identified as: contracting Parties (CPs), Secretariat, IOPs, other NGOs and collaborators, and local stakeholders. (All 3 Resolutions)
 - Resolution VIII.31 took a step forward from VII.9 by identifying which actor groups were most relevant in implementing each of the suggested activities in the annexed Programme of Work; then

- Resolution X.8 took yet another step forward by creating a tracking list for Parties in its Appendix 3 in terms of which actors could/should deliver the Key Result Areas in the Programme of Work.
5. A broad tabular comparison of key aspects of the operative paragraphs and the Programme of Work of the three Resolutions is shown in Annex I. A more detailed tabular comparison of the annexed Programmes of Work and their Appendices in Resolutions VIII.31 and X.8 is summarized in Annex II. Note that for practical reasons this latter comparison has not included the annex to Resolution VII.9.
6. Other relevant points that emerge from comparison of all three Programmes of Work are that:
- Through Resolution IX.18 (adopted at COP9 in November 2005), the Standing Committee set up a CEPA Oversight Panel with a number of key tasks in taking forward the implementation of the CEPA Programme. In response to requests from Parties, the Panel produced a paper defining the roles and responsibilities of the CEPA National Focal Points (CEPA NFPs). This was adopted as Appendix 2 of Resolution X.8 and represents another step in assisting the Parties in implementing the CEPA Programme.
 - Resolutions VII.9 and VIII.31 identified the need for national CEPA programmes to consider broad training needs. While X.8 continues this, it also specifically identifies a need for CEPA NFP capacity building with the Secretariat to take the lead in this.
 - Originally called “the Convention’s Outreach Programme: actions to promote **communication, education, and public awareness**” in Resolution VII.9, Resolution VIII.31 went on to identify the programme using the acronym **CEPA** for the first time for **communication, education, and public awareness**. Resolution X.8 continued with the CEPA acronym but with a rather subtle but important recognition of the critical role of *participation* in wetland wise use and thus its importance in the processes covered by the CEPA Programme, with the acronym now standing for **communication, education, participation and awareness**.
 - While the meaning of the acronym has changed in a meaningful way, the operative paragraphs and the goals and actions/key results areas of Resolutions VIII.31 and X.8 remained remarkably similar. This reflected a key objective of the CEPA Panel which was largely responsible for the development of Resolution X.8: that it should NOT significantly change the CEPA Programme and its intentions, since the National Reporting on implementation to COP9 indicated that Parties were already successfully building work programmes to implement Resolution VII.31 and so it would be counterproductive to introduce significant changes in the next iteration. Thus, as shown in the annexed comparative table:

- the Goals are not significantly different in intent from the General Objectives of VIII.31 but are perhaps better explained to readers so that a flow is articulated in Resolution X.8 from Goal 1, aimed at enhancing awareness, through Goal 2 aimed at establishing an enabling environment, to Goal 3, aimed at motivating and enabling people to act; and
 - the Strategies and Key Result Areas in Resolution X.8 are remarkably similar to the Operational Objectives and Actions of Resolution VIII.31.
7. In conclusion, this analysis by the CEPA Panel indicates that the current version of the CEPA Programme represents a clear and more concise Programme of Work, but does not deviate significantly from the CEPA Programmes previously adopted and implemented at various levels by the Contracting Parties, viz. Resolution VII.9 adopted in 1999 for the period 1999-2002 and Resolution VIII.31 adopted in 2002 for the period 2003-2008.

Annex I. A broad comparison of key aspects of the operative paragraphs and the Programme of Work of the three CEPA Resolutions

		Resolution VII.9	Resolution VIII.31	Resolution X.8
Operative Paragraphs	Recognizing CEPA/EPA as cross-cutting tools that support the implementation of the Convention			
	Requiring Parties (CPs) to nominate CEPA Government and NGO Focal Points who will play a key role in implementing the respective programmes			
	Urging CPs to establish CEPA Task Forces, where no other mechanism exists, to undertake a review of needs and capacities and opportunities in the field of wetland CEPA and based on this to formulate a National CEPA Action Plan			
	CPs are encouraged to establish such plans at national, sub-national, catchment or local levels, as appropriate			
	Recognizing in Resolutions VIII.31 and X.8 the need to carry out evaluations of the effectiveness of the CEPA plans			
	Urging CPs to consider these CEPA action plans as integrated components of biodiversity, wetland and water management, education, health and poverty reduction policy instruments and programmes and ensure that CEPA is recognized as underpinning the effective delivery of these broader policies and programmes			
	Recognizing the important role of the IOPs in implementing the Resolution			
	Recognizing the importance of WWD as the key Ramsar campaign day/week for the Convention, presenting the opportunity to CPs and other to celebrate achievements and continuing challenges in wetlands conservation and wise use			
	Urging multilateral and bilateral donors and private sector sponsors to recognize the importance of CEPA interventions and to support CEPA initiatives			
	Recognizing the value of wetland education centres in delivering wetland CEPA, recognize the important role of the Wetland Link International network of centres and urge CPs to support the participation of their centres in the network			

	Calling for the establishment of a voluntary fund for CEPA in Resolution VII.9 and in Resolution VIII.31 encouraging contributions to this Fund			
	Calling in Resolution VIII.31 for the STRP to have an expert working group on CEPA. A CEPA expert was appointed to STRP as a result of this and the current STRP structure reflects this. This expert leads the CEPA Thematic Area and brings in additional CEPA expertise when needed.			
Annexed Programme of Work and Appendices	Key actors in implementing the CEPA Programme are identified as: CPs, Secretariat, IOPs, other NGOs and collaborators, and local stakeholders.			
	Identifies which actor groups were most relevant in implementing each of the suggested activities in the annexed Programme of Work			
	Created a tracking list in Appendix 3 for CPs in terms of which actors could/should deliver the Key Result Areas in the Programme of Work			
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	Identify the need for national CEPA programmes to consider broad training needs			
	Specifically identifies a need for CEPA NFP capacity building with the Secretariat to take the lead in this.			
	Originally called the Convention's Outreach Programme: actions to promote communication, education, and public awareness			
	Went on to identify the programme using the acronym CEPA for the first time			
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Annex II: Comparison between the Annexed Programmes of work in CEPA Resolution X.8, adopted at COP10 in 2008 (in black font), and Resolution VIII.31 adopted at COP8 in 2002 (in blue font and italics).

This task was completed by the CEPA Oversight Panel in partial response to Operative Paragraph 10 in Res X.8 which:
REQUESTS the CEPA Oversight Panel to give priority in its work plan to developing a short advisory document which shows the relationships between Resolutions VII.9 and VIII.31 and Resolution X.8 to assist CEPA Focal Points in the ongoing implementation of the CEPA Programme.

Goals/Objectives	Strategies/ Operational Objectives	Key Results Areas / Actions				
<p>Goal 1:</p> <p>Communication, education, participation and awareness are used effectively at all levels of the Convention to promote the value of wetlands.</p> <p><i>General Objective 1 - To gain acceptance of the value and effectiveness of wetland-related communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) processes at all levels throughout the Convention.</i></p>	<p>Strategy 1.1</p> <p>Foster sustained national and subnational campaigns, programmes and projects to raise community awareness of the important ecosystem services provided by wetlands, including their social, economic, and cultural values.</p> <p><i>Operational Objective 3.1 - Foster sustained national campaigns, programmes and projects to raise community awareness of the important ecosystem services provided by wetlands as well as their social, economic and cultural values.</i></p>	<p>1.1.1</p> <p>Campaigns, programmes or projects have been undertaken with key partners to raise awareness, build community support, & promote stewardship approaches towards wetlands.</p> <p><i>3.1.1</i></p> <p><i>Undertake national campaigns, programmes or projects to raise awareness, build community support, and promote stewardship approaches and attitudes towards wetlands.</i></p>	<p>1.1.2</p> <p>WWD has been celebrated with national & local events & promotions, & awareness-raising resource materials have been distributed.</p> <p><i>3.1.2</i></p> <p><i>Celebrate World Wetlands Day/Week with appropriate national and local events and promotions and the distribution of resource materials, in order to raise awareness of wetland values and functions.</i></p>	<p>1.1.3</p> <p>Collaboration with the media has helped to inform decision-makers, key wetland users, & the broader society about the values & benefits of wetlands.</p> <p><i>3.1.3</i></p> <p><i>Collaborate with the media to inform decision-makers and the broader society about the values and benefits of wetlands.</i></p>	<p>1.1.4</p> <p>Appropriate Ramsar sites have been promoted as 'demonstration sites' for the wise use principle, & these sites are suitably equipped in terms of capacity, signage, and interpretive materials.</p> <p><i>3.1.4</i></p> <p><i>Promote appropriate Wetlands of International Importance as 'demonstration sites' for Ramsar's wise use principle and ensure that they are suitably equipped in terms of capacity, signage, and interpretive materials.</i></p>	

	<p>Strategy 1.2</p> <p>Demonstrate that CEPA processes are effective in achieving Ramsar's wetland wise use objectives at the global, national and local levels.</p> <p><i>Operational Objective 1.2 - Demonstrate that CEPA processes are effective in achieving Ramsar's wetland wise use objectives at the global, national and local levels.</i></p>	<p>1.2.1</p> <p>Pilot projects have been developed & evaluated for a range of approaches for applying CEPA in promoting wise use, in particular involving those who make a direct use of wetland resources.</p> <p>1.2.1</p> <p><i>Develop pilot projects to evaluate a range of approaches for applying CEPA in promoting the wise use of wetlands, in particular involving those who make a direct use of wetland resources.</i></p>	<p>1.2.2.</p> <p>Existing CEPA programmes and case studies have been reviewed & the lessons learned have been documented.</p> <p>1.2.2</p> <p><i>Review existing CEPA programmes and case studies and document the lessons learned regarding effective approaches from these experiences.</i></p>	<p>1.2.3</p> <p>The findings & conclusions drawn from Actions 1.2.1 & 1.2.2 have been made available to Parties & the broader community through appropriate mechanisms.</p> <p>1.2.3</p> <p><i>Make the findings and conclusions drawn from Actions 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 available to Parties and the broader community through appropriate mechanisms (see Operational Objectives 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3).</i></p>		
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	<p>Strategy 1.3</p> <p>Integrate CEPA processes into all levels of policy development, planning and implementation of the Convention.</p> <p><i>Operational Objective 1.1 - Integrate CEPA processes into all levels of policy development, planning and implementation of the Convention.</i></p>	<p>1.3.1</p> <p>CEPA is integrated into all relevant Convention work programmes, including joint work plans with other conventions & organizations, & included in the development of all further Ramsar guidance for Parties.</p> <p><i>1.1.1 Ensure that by the 9th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, CEPA is integrated into all Convention work programmes, including joint work plans with other conventions and organizations, and is also considered in the development of all further Ramsar guidance for Parties.</i></p>	<p>1.3.2</p> <p>Where appropriate, wetland CEPA has been integrated into the business of national & regional wetland, biodiversity, forestry, agriculture, irrigation, power generation, mining, tourism, and fisheries committees & other relevant policy and planning committees where they exist.</p> <p><i>2.1.4</i></p> <p><i>Review and, where appropriate, integrate wetland CEPA into the business of national wetland, biodiversity, forestry, agriculture, irrigation, power generation, mining, tourism, and fisheries committees and other relevant policy and planning committees where they exist.</i></p>	<p>1.3.3</p> <p>Through collaboration globally & nationally, synergy has been encouraged with the CEPA activities of other international conventions & programmes.</p> <p><i>Partly 1.1.1</i></p> <p><i>Partly 2.1.6</i></p> <p><i>Collaborate globally and nationally to encourage synergy with the CEPA activities under other international conventions and programmes, including the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme.</i></p>	<p>1.3.4</p> <p>Major stakeholders have collaborated to integrate wetland CEPA into relevant regional, national, catchment & local wetland & other appropriate sectoral policies, strategies, plans & programmes, such as those for biodiversity conservation, water management, fisheries, poverty reduction, etc.</p> <p><i>1.1.2</i></p> <p><i>Integrate wetland CEPA into all relevant regional (where applicable), national, catchment and local wetland and other appropriate sectoral policies, strategies, plans and programmes, such as those for biodiversity conservation, water management, fisheries, poverty reduction, etc.</i></p>	
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	<p>Strategy 1.4</p> <p>Support and develop mechanisms to ensure that CEPA processes are incorporated into wetland site management plans.</p>	<p>1.4.1</p> <p>Case studies have been documented that show the positive role of CEPA in local management activities and the critical role of CEPA tools and skills in effective participatory wetland management, and these case studies have been made available to the Ramsar Secretariat for distribution to Contracting Parties and other interested bodies.</p>	<p>1.4.2</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder bodies are in place to guide and inform catchment/river basin and local wetland-related planning and management, and these bodies include appropriate expertise in CEPA.</p> <p><i>3.2.3</i></p> <p><i>Ensure that multi-stakeholder bodies are in place to guide and inform catchment/river basin and local wetland-related planning and management, and that these bodies include appropriate expertise in CEPA</i></p>	<p>1.4.3</p> <p>Catchment/river basin planning and management documents include communication, education, participation, awareness, and capacity building as central processes in the delivery of overall water and wetland management objectives.</p> <p><i>3.2.4</i></p> <p><i>Ensure that catchment/river basin planning and management documents include communication, education and public awareness and capacity building as complementary processes in the delivery of overall water and wetland management objectives.</i></p>	<p>1.4.4</p> <p>Where they do not already exist, the appropriate strategies and actions for communication, education, participation, and awareness have been introduced into site management plans.</p> <p><i>3.2.5</i></p> <p><i>Where they do not already exist, introduce into site management plans the appropriate strategies and actions for complementary communication, education and public awareness.</i></p>	
<p>Goal 2:</p> <p>Support and tools have been provided for the effective implementation of national and local wetland-related CEPA activities.</p> <p><i>General Objective 2 - To provide support and tools for the effective</i></p>	<p>Strategy 2.1</p> <p>Ensure that national and local leadership, networks and cohesive frameworks are developed to support and catalyse CEPA for the wise use of wetlands.</p> <p><i>Operational Objective 2.1</i></p> <p><i>Provide national leadership, networks and cohesive frameworks to support and catalyse CEPA for the wise</i></p>	<p>2.1.1</p> <p>Contracting Parties have appointed suitably qualified persons to fulfil the roles of national Government and Non-governmental Organization (NGO) Focal Points for wetland CEPA, and have advised the Ramsar Secretariat of</p>	<p>2.1.2</p> <p>A national Wetland CEPA Task Force has been established (if no other mechanisms exist for this purpose), including CEPA Focal Points, key stakeholder and NGO participation, and a review of needs, skills, expertise and options has been undertaken and</p>	<p>2.1.3</p> <p>National CEPA Focal Points have been encouraged to collaborate with wetland and other environmental education centres and, as appropriate, a representative of such centres has been included on the Wetland CEPA Task Force or other planning bodies.</p> <p><i>3.3.5</i></p>	<p>2.1.4</p> <p>A national (or, as appropriate, a subnational, catchment or local) CEPA Action Plan has been formulated, drawing upon the CEPA toolkit developed for this purpose . . . and the Convention's guidelines on participatory management, and the conclusions emerging from Key Result Area 2.1.2</p>	

<p><i>national and local implementation of wetland-related communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) activities.</i></p>	<p><i>use of wetlands.</i></p>	<p>the persons fulfilling these roles and their contact details (further information on nominating National Focal Points and their roles and responsibilities is available in Appendix 2); the CEPA Focal Points should be members of National Ramsar or Wetland Committees where these bodies exist. Where appropriate, Parties have appointed more than one NGO Focal Point.</p> <p><i>2.1.1</i></p> <p><i>Contracting Parties (as requested by Resolution VII.9) are urged as a matter of priority to appoint suitably qualified persons to fulfil the roles of national government and non-government Focal Points for wetland CEPA, and to advise the Ramsar Bureau of the persons fulfilling these roles and their contact details.</i></p>	<p>priorities set for the co-development and implementation of this programme of work.</p> <p><i>2.1.2</i></p> <p><i>Establish a national Wetland CEPA Task Force (if no other mechanisms exist for this purpose), ensuring suitable stakeholder and NGO representation, to undertake a review of needs, skills, expertise and options and to set priorities for the implementation of this programme of work.</i></p>	<p><i>Encourage National CEPA Focal Points to collaborate with wetland and other education centres and, as appropriate, include a representative of such centres on Wetland CEPA Task Forces or other planning bodies.</i></p>	<p>have been incorporated into it. A copy of the Action Plan has been sent to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat so that it can be made available to other Parties and interested organizations and individuals. (The participatory management guidelines, adopted by Resolution VII.8 (1999), are incorporated in Handbook 5 of the 3rd edition of the Ramsar Handbook series.)</p> <p><i>2.1.3 Formulate, drawing upon the Additional Guidance on reviewing and action planning for wetland communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) developed for this purpose, a national (and, where appropriate, sub-national, catchment or local) action plan for wetland CEPA which incorporates the conclusions to emerge from Action 2.1.2 above, and provide a copy of this to the Ramsar Convention Bureau so that it can be made available to other Parties and interested organizations and individuals.</i></p>	
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<p>Strategy 2.2</p> <p>Transfer, exchange and share CEPA information and expertise that promotes and results in the wise use of wetlands.</p> <p><i>Operational Objective 2.2 Transfer, exchange and share CEPA information and expertise that promotes and results in the wise use of wetlands.</i></p>	<p>2.2.1</p> <p>Attention has been given to the effectiveness of communication and information-sharing systems among relevant government ministries, departments and agencies, such as education, land and water management, and agriculture, and where necessary mechanisms have been developed to address any shortcomings.</p> <p>2.2.2</p> <p>The regular updating of the Convention's Web site with appropriate materials, including key easily accessible CEPA pages and other resource materials, ensures that these remain an information source for the CEPA Programme globally.</p> <p>2.1.5</p> <p><i>As part of undertaking actions 2.1.2, 2.1.3 and 2.1.4, ensure that attention is given to the efficiency and</i></p>	<p>2.2.3</p> <p>Ramsar's International Organization Partners (IOPs), especially IUCN's Commission on Education and Communication (CEC), and other organizations with which collaborative agreements are in place have been encouraged to make suitable resource materials available to assist the global CEPA Programme and provide information on effective CEPA approaches.</p> <p><i>2.2.2 Encourage Ramsar's International Organization Partners (IOPs), especially the IUCN's Commission on Education and Communication, and other organizations with which collaborative agreements are in place, also to make available suitable resource materials to assist the global CEPA programme and information on effective CEPA approaches.</i></p>	<p>2.2.4</p> <p>Increased engagement with international organizations involved in education, particularly UNESCO, and UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme encouraged to invite Biosphere Reserve site managers to carry out relevant actions of the CEPA Programme, where appropriate</p> <p>2.2.5</p> <p>Resource materials to support wetland CEPA actions continue to be produced, distributed and shared.</p> <p>2.1.6</p> <p><i>Collaborate globally and nationally to encourage synergy with the CEPA activities under other international conventions and programmes, including the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme.</i></p> <p>2.2.3</p> <p><i>Continue to produce, distribute and share</i></p>	<p>2.2.6</p> <p>The Ramsar global e-mail networks include Ramsar Administrative Authorities, Ramsar National CEPA Focal Points, CEPA professionals, Ramsar site managers, local stakeholders, and those facilities dedicated to environmental education and awareness raising, and these have been maintained and expanded. Similar national e-groups and the linking of these with the global networks have been established and supported.</p> <p><i>2.2.4 Maintain, and seek to expand, the Ramsar global e-mail networks to include Ramsar Administrative Authorities, Ramsar national wetland CEPA Focal Points, CEPA professionals, Ramsar site managers, those facilities dedicated to environmental education and awareness raising, and local stakeholders. Establish and support similar national e-groups and the linking of these with the global network.</i></p>	<p>2.2.7</p> <p>An on-line searchable listing of expertise in CEPA and of the CEPA Focal Points has been established and maintained to assist CEPA at national and international levels, and this service has been promoted to assist CEPA programmes and activities.</p> <p>2.2.8</p> <p>A Ramsar electronic photolibrary has been established, resources permitting, to support global, national and local efforts to raise awareness and appreciation of wetland resources and how these can be used wisely.</p> <p>2.1.7</p> <p><i>Establish and maintain an on-line searchable listing of expertise in CEPA and of the CEPA Focal</i></p>
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	<p>Strategy 2.3</p> <p>Recognize and support the role of wetland centres and other environment centres as catalysts and key actors for CEPA activities that promote Ramsar objectives</p> <p><i>Operational Objective 3.3</i></p> <p><i>Promote and support the role of wetland and other</i></p>	<p>2.3.1</p> <p>Education centres have been established at Ramsar and other wetland sites to provide focal points for local and national CEPA activities.</p> <p><i>3.3.1</i></p> <p><i>Seek to establish</i></p>	<p>2.3.2</p> <p>The capacity of existing centres at wetlands and the development of new centres to deliver high quality CEPA programmes has been supported and enhanced.</p> <p><i>3.3.4</i></p>	<p>2.3.3</p> <p>Where wetland education centres exist, the information they present has been reviewed to ensure that it is helping to promote the Ramsar Convention and its wise use principle in suitable ways. The centres have helped to foster communication and, where appropriate, participation</p>	<p>2.3.4</p> <p>Wetland education centres have been encouraged to participate in the Wetland Link International network of WWT (the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, UK) as a mechanism for gaining access to global and national expertise in CEPA and sharing of</p>	<p>2.3.5</p> <p>Efforts have been made to promote and resource the twinning of wetland education centres to encourage the exchange and transfer of information and expertise among</p>

	<p><i>education centres as focal points for global, national and local CEPA efforts.</i></p>	<p><i>education centres at Ramsar and other wetland sites to provide focal points for local and national CEPA activities.</i></p>	<p><i>Seek to involve suitable places of learning, education and training (museums, zoos, aquaria, botanic gardens and related institutions) in national CEPA efforts; encourage the development of wetland-related interpretative exhibits and programmes at such venues, and also facilitate linkages with wetland-based centres.</i></p>	<p>among local wetland management 'actors' and stakeholders.</p> <p><i>3.3.2</i></p> <p><i>Where wetland education centres exist, review the information they present and ensure that it is serving to promote in suitable ways the Ramsar Convention and its wise use principle, and also that the centres are helping to foster communication and, where appropriate, participation, among the local wetland management 'actors' and stakeholders.</i></p>	<p>experience.</p> <p><i>3.3.3</i></p> <p><i>For existing and future wetland education centres, encourage their participation in the Wetland Link International network of WWT, UK, as a mechanism for gaining access to global and national expertise in CEPA.</i></p>	<p>centres in developed countries and those in developing countries and countries in transition.</p> <p><i>2.2.6</i></p> <p><i>Promote and seek to resource the twinning of wetland education centres to encourage the exchange and transfer of information and expertise between centres in developed countries and those in developing countries and countries in transition.</i></p> <p><i>2.2.5</i></p> <p><i>Promote and seek to resource the coordination of the Wetland Link International programme of the Wildfowl & Wetland Trust, UK, in order to allow it to assist</i></p>
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<p>Goal 3:</p> <p>People are motivated and enabled to act for the wise use of wetlands.</p> <p><i>General Objective 3: To mainstream the wise use of wetlands within society and enable people to act.</i></p>	<p>Strategy 3.1</p> <p>Improve the individual and collective capacity and opportunities of people to participate in and contribute to using wetlands wisely.</p> <p><i>Operational Objective 2.3</i></p> <p><i>Improve the individual and collective capacity and opportunities of people to participate in and contribute to using wetlands wisely, through the recognition of the values of wetland resources.</i></p>	<p>3.1.1</p> <p>A review has been carried out on current national needs and capacities in the areas of wetland CEPA, including in relation to the establishment and operations of wetland education centres (see strategies 2.1. and 2.3.), and this has been used to define training and capacity-building priorities within the national wetland CEPA action plan, including training for the CEPA NFPs.</p> <p><i>2.3.1</i></p>	<p>3.1.2</p> <p>In collaboration with the Advisory Board on Capacity Building for the Ramsar Convention and Ramsar's International Organization Partners, sources of expert wetland information and training opportunities have been identified to facilitate the sharing of expertise and knowledge at the local, national, regional and global levels.</p> <p><i>2.3.2</i></p> <p><i>In collaboration with Ramsar's International</i></p>	<p>3.1.3</p> <p>Resources have been sought through appropriate mechanisms to support the training and capacity building identified as priorities through Key Result Areas 3.1.1 and 3.1.2, ensuring that key groups such as women and indigenous and rural communities have not been overlooked.</p> <p><i>2.3.3</i></p> <p><i>Seek resources through appropriate mechanisms to support the capacity building identified as</i></p>	<p><i>2.3.4</i></p> <p><i>Review formal educational curricula to ensure that they are incorporating information on the ecosystem services provided by wetlands, promoting the wise use principle, and recognizing the importance of CEPA in pursuing the objective of wise use.</i></p>	

		<p><i>Review the current national needs and capacities in the areas of wetland CEPA, including in relation to the establishment and operations of wetland education centres (see Operational Objective 3.3) and use this to define capacity-building priorities within the national wetland CEPA action plan.</i></p>	<p><i>Organization Partners, identify sources of expert information and training opportunities in wetland CEPA in order to facilitate the sharing of expertise and knowledge at the local, national, regional and global levels.</i></p>	<p><i>priorities through Action 2.3.1, ensuring that key groups such as women and indigenous and rural communities are not overlooked.</i></p>		
	<p>Strategy 3.2</p> <p>Support and develop mechanisms to ensure multi-stakeholder participation in wetland management.</p> <p><i>Operational Objective 3.2</i></p> <p><i>Support and develop mechanisms to ensure that CEPA processes are incorporated into participatory, multi-stakeholder wetland management.</i></p>	<p>3.2.1</p> <p>Active participation as an effective process for building skills for wetland management is nationally recognized.</p>	<p>3.2.2 Participation of stakeholder groups with cultural or economic links to wetlands or those communities who depend on the wetlands for their livelihoods is given a high priority and is promoted at the national level, drawing upon the guidance available in Resolution VII.8 <i>Guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous people's participation in the management of wetlands</i>, incorporated in Handbook 5 of the Ramsar Handbooks for the Wise Use of Wetlands.</p>	<p>3.2.3</p> <p>Where local wetland knowledge is held by indigenous and local communities, this knowledge is respected and integrated into site management plans.</p>		

			<p><i>3.2.1 Develop, for consideration at COP9, additional guidance based on practical experiences to enhance Ramsar's New Guidelines for management planning for Ramsar sites and other wetlands, the Guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous people's participation in the management of wetlands, and the Guiding principles for taking into account the cultural values of wetlands for the effective management of sites by showing the positive role of CEPA in local management action.</i></p> <p><i>3.2.2 Once the above guidance has been adopted, seek to apply it fully within each jurisdiction.</i></p>			