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**Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance**

**Actions requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to approve the draft text for the report by the Secretary General to the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP12) pursuant to Article 8.2 of the Convention concerning the List of Wetlands of International Importance, and to review the outline for the Draft Resolution on the same topic.

**Background**

1. This document relates to Article 8.2 of the Convention which states that the continuing duties of the Secretariat shall include the following:

**“b) to maintain the List of Wetlands of International Importance and to be informed by the Contracting Parties of any additions, extensions, deletions or restrictions concerning wetlands included in the List provided in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 2;**

**c) to be informed by the Contracting Parties of any changes in the ecological character of wetlands included in the List provided in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 3;**

**d) to forward notification of any alterations to the List, or changes in character of wetlands included therein, to all Contracting Parties and to arrange for these matters to be discussed at the next Conference;**

**e) to make known to the Contracting Party concerned, the recommendations of the Conferences in respect of such alterations to the List or of changes in the character of wetlands included therein.”**

1. Since COP2 in 1983, the Secretariat has fulfilled this duty by submitting specific reports to each meeting of the COP, pursuant to the above points of Article 8.2. The draft report on this matter for COP12 follows below.
2. The Report of the Secretary General, pursuant to Article 8.2, gives a snapshot of the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance as of 28 August 2014. Parties will be invited to update the content of this Report after COP12, before the end of August 2015, so that the latest version of the report may be presented to the 51st meeting of the Standing Committee (SC51) in early 2016. This timing is intended to give Parties sufficient time to fulfil the updating tasks in good time. It will also make possible a global overview of the changes in the status of Ramsar Sites information after one year and reduce the burden on both the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat before COP12.

**Draft Report of the Secretary General pursuant to Article 8.2 concerning the List of Wetlands of International Importance**

**Background**

1. This report of the Secretary General provides to the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties all the information requested under Article 8 concerning the List of Wetlands of International Importance (the ‘Ramsar List’) since the close of Ramsar COP11 on 13 July 2012.
2. It provides an update on the status of Ramsar Sites based on information received by the Secretariat by 28 August 2014.

**Newly designated Ramsar Sites**

1. As of 28 August 2014, a total of 2,188 Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) covered 208,482,867 hectares.
2. 149 new Ramsar Sites, covering a total of 16,271,990 hectares were added to the List during the period. Annex 1 of this report provides a list of the Sites.

**Regular updating of Ramsar Sites information**

1. During the period under review, 20 Parties provided updated or missing data for 113 Ramsar Sites (5% of the total). More detail is listed in Annex 2. In addition, 37 Parties submitted updated RIS for 274 Sites that are currently being processed by the Secretariat,or for which further information has been requested from the Contracting Party.
2. For 1,238 Ramsar Sites (57% of 2,188 Sites) within the territory of 150 Parties, there is significant out-of-date or missing information. The histogram below shows the breakdown of Sites without timely updates according to the Contracting Party rules for updating Ramsar Site information every six years. It also includes the information on 274 Sites, mentioned above. More information on the missing or outdated data is given in Annexes 3a and 3b.
3. The Secretariat notes that some Parties have advised that they intend to provide their updates in the new RIS – 2012 revision format (as at Annex 1 of Resolution XI.8 *Streamlining procedures for describing Ramsar Sites at the time of designation and subsequent updates*), once that becomes available for use. The new RIS was launched in August 2014, and it is therefore hoped that the figures can be much improved in the next year.
4. Nonetheless, the general and continuing lack of regular updates is not in compliance with Resolution VI.13 and undermines the impact of the Convention. If information on a Site has not been updated according to the schedule, as prescribed by the Contracting Parties, any changes in its status cannot be indicated. This lack of information should be considered in the context of the loss of 1% of the world’s wetland area every year, and the high percentage of World Heritage Sites under threat according to the IUCN World Heritage Conservation Outlook study (see para. 12 below). Thus, there is a significant risk that the ecological character of many of these Sites may be under threat.
5. The Secretariat will, in this way, follow up with those Parties that have not provided updates and work with them to support the completion of this important and obligatory action, as instructed in paragraph 26[[1]](#footnote-1) of Resolution XI.4 *The status of sites in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance*.

**Comparative system for information on status of Ramsar Sites**

1. Given the large number of Ramsar Sites with outdated information, and the global challenge this represents for ensuring the conservation and wise use of Ramsar Sites, the Secretariat encourages Contracting Parties to consider other tools available today to better understand the state of Ramsar Sites, such as information on the status of World Heritage Sites.
2. In the case of the World Heritage Convention (WHC), the World Heritage Sites are reviewed independently by the World Heritage Centre and its advisory bodies (International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and IUCN for natural heritage and mixed properties) which prepare comprehensive reports on their state of conservation, at six-yearly intervals. Reports for all natural properties under the oversight of IUCN are prepared at regional level, and the reports include some information on 63 Ramsar Sites which are also protected under the WHC ; these Sites are also listed at Annex 5 to this report.
3. The IUCN World Heritage Outlook was additionally established in 2012 to provide an independent assessment of the state of conservation of all the 228 WHC natural properties across the world including those that share boundaries with Ramsar Sites. The IUCN World Heritage Outlook will publish an updated assessment of these in time for the World Parks Congress in November 2014. All details of the process, methodology followed and Sites covered are available online at: <http://www.worldheritageoutlook.iucn.org/home>.
4. That study indicates that between 30% and 40% of the relevant Ramsar Sites are at significant risk and require immediate attention. If the figures for all Ramsar Sites are in the same range, around 750 Ramsar Sites may be expected to be at significant risk of losing their ecological character.
5. Parties may consider the merits of adopting a similar independent review process as IUCN is conducting (and taking on the related costs), or commissioning their own independent assessment of their Ramsar Sites, or finding other ways to report on their own Sites.
6. Another alternative is to consider whether satellite imaging data, from different sources and with a variety of layers, could be used to provide an early warning system for Sites at risk by comparing new and historic data. UNEP-GRID is proposing to develop a system called TRIPWIRE, to integrate satellite data from multiple datasets to provide an analysis of visible changes in a wetland that has been previously mapped as a Ramsar Site. The Parties may choose to consider the effectiveness of such a tool in providing additional information on Sites across the world, and so supporting their reporting efforts.

**Extensions of existing Ramsar Sites (Article 2.5)**

1. During the period under review, six Parties have significantly extended the boundaries and area of at least one existing Ramsar Site in each of their territories: Australia (2), Canada (1), Colombia (1), Mexico (3), Netherlands (21), United Kingdom (1).

**Restrictions or deletions of Ramsar Sites in the List (Article 2.5)**

1. No Ramsar Sites were deleted from the List during the review period.
2. The government of Uruguay invoked Article 2.5 of the Convention in a case involving the removal of 1,456 hectares (that is, about 0.34% of the total of 407,408 ha.) of the Bañados del Este Ramsar Site. It submitted an updated RIS and an updated map showing the revised boundaries of the Ramsar Site with separate extensions of 24,128 ha. and 11,000 ha. added as a compensation measure in line with Article 4.2 and Resolution VIII.20.

**Changes in the ecological character of specific Ramsar Sites: Article 3.2 reports**

1. Article 3.2 requires Parties to inform the Secretariat if the ecological character of a Site has changed, is changing or is likely to change as the result of technological developments, pollution or other human interference. All Parties are encouraged to seek to restore their function and ecological character. Such cases are termed “Article 3.2 Files”.
2. Annex 4a lists the status of the 144 Ramsar Sites with “confirmed Article 3.2 files” initially reported by the Administrative Authority or reported by third parties and confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
3. Annex 4b lists the status of 64 Ramsar Sites for which human-induced negative changes in ecological character have been reported by third parties but not confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
4. The combined total of 208 Sites listed in Annexes 4a and 4b during the period under review represents a significant increase on the number reported for the previous triennium. This increase suggests that an increasing number of wetlands is threatened, but also suggests closer attention by the Parties to the potential loss of ecological character of Sites and an increasing interest by civil society in the status of wetlands. During the review period, the Secretariat received new confirmed Article 3.2 files regarding 31 Ramsar Sites from Contracting Parties, and new files regarding 27 Ramsar Sites from other sources not yet confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
5. Annexes 4a and 4b also summarize the Sites for which no new information has been received. Information is particularly lacking for open files in Bangladesh (Sundarbans Forest Reserve, Site no. 560), Belize (Sarstoon Temash National Park, 1562), Greece (Messolonghi lagoons, 62; Amvrakikos gulf, 61; Axios Ludias Aliakmon delta, 59; Kotychi Lagoons, 63; Lake Vistonis Porto Lagos Lake Ismaris & adjoining lagoons, 55; Lakes Volvi & Koronia, 57; Messolonghi lagoons, 62; Nestos delta & adjoining lagoons, 56), India (Wular Lake, 461; Hairke Lake, 462; Sambhar Lake, 464; Ashtamudi Lake, 1204; Deepor Beel, 1207; East Calcutta Wetlands, 1208; Sasthamkotta Lake, 1212; Vembanand-Kol, 1214), Netherlands (Bargerveen, 581), Democratic Republic of Congo (Parc National des Mangroves, 788).
6. During the period under review, reported changes in ecological character were resolved and Article 3.2 files were reported by Administrative Authorities as closed for 21 Ramsar Sites, indicating a ‘clear-up’ rate of around 15% (21 out of 144) in three years.
7. The average time to resolve those 21 Article 3.2 files and close them was four years; however the average time which the remaining Article 3.2 files listed in 4a have been open is around eight years at the end of the period under review.
8. It seems important to question the lack of feedback on the open files listed in Annexes 4a and 4b and the slow rate of resolution of these issues. The trend of under-reporting appears consistent with the low level of updating of information on Ramsar Sites. It is also consistent with the fact that only 21% of Contracting Parties indicated in their COP12 national report that they had reported to the Ramsar Secretariat all cases of negative change or likely negative change in the ecological character of their Ramsar Sites. This was despite the fact that, according to the same COP12 national reports, 73% of Contracting Parties had arrangements in place to be informed of negative human-induced changes or likely changes in the ecological character of Ramsar sites. The high percentage of countries not reporting on actual Article 3.2 cases in their own territory is of great concern, as it suggests that the number of threatened Ramsar Sites is considerably higher than reported. Such evidence also supports the thesis that globally, a high proportion of wetlands are under threat.
9. For all these reasons, the Secretariat seeks to improve the quality of data on Sites in order to draw attention to potential problems and help resolve issues leading to loss of ecological character. For Ramsar Sites for which no update has been received for six years, the Secretariat will follow up with the Administrative Authorities in the countries concerned, and Parties are urged to report to the Secretariat by Standing Committee 51, and subsequently to each Standing Committee, their status and any steps taken to address any changes, or likely changes, in their ecological character.
10. The Secretariat also asks the regional representatives of the Standing Committee to provide their support, for example by consulting directly with the Parties concerned, in order that “information on such changes [will] be passed without delay to the [Ramsar Secretariat]”, as stipulated in Article 3.2 of the Convention.

**Montreux Record**

1. The Montreux Record Questionnaire was adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties in Resolution VI.1, Brisbane, 1996, accompanying the Guidelines for Operation of the Montreux Record. The Questionnaire includes information for assessing possible inclusion or removal of a listed site in the Montreux Record.
2. Since the time of adoption 18 years ago, and in line with Resolution XI.4 the Secretariat has redesigned the Montreux Record questionnaire (see Annex 1 to Resolution XII.xx on *The status of Sites in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance*), to consider the desirable frequencies of progress reports by Contracting Parties on the resolution of issues that led to the inclusion of sites in the Montreux Record, and to allow the Record to be updated before each COP.
3. Of 123 open Article 3.2 files, as of 28 August 2014, 47 are included on the Montreux Record, but the clearance rate remains very slow. The one Site removed from the Record during the period under review was Bañados des Este Ramsar Site in Uruguay. The government’s request to remove the Site from the Record was only successful 24 years after it was placed on it in 1990. In line with established practice the Secretariat sought advice of the STRP on this request, and transmitted it to Uruguay. During the period, no other Sites were removed from the Montreux Record, and four Ramsar Advisory Missions were carried out in Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iceland and Pakistan.
4. The figure below shows the number of Ramsar Sites on the Montreux Record over time; the total has fallen from the historic higher number of Sites in past triennia. Since the Parties are not apparently deploying the Montreux Record as in the past, and no new entries have been registered since 2010, and only one Site has been cleared from the Record for four years, the Secretariat intends to request Parties to provide information at each Standing Committee meeting on all open Article 3.2 Files, including Montreux Record Sites, so that there is more consistency of approach with all Sites that are at risk of loss of ecological character.
5. As a result of the lack of regular updates and information on potential or open Article 3.2 files from Ramsar Sites, the Secretariat would like to discuss, during SC48, the most serious Article 3.2 cases in order to give recommendations on how to give them greater support and achieve rapid resolution of the issues. Using the Annexes 3(a), 4(a) and 4(b) of this report, we would propose to look at the 25 longest-running files.

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**Annex I**

**149 newly designated Ramsar Sites added to the List since COP11[[2]](#footnote-2)**

(reporting period 13 July 2012 – 28 August 2014)

| **Country** | **Site No.** | **Site Name** | **Designation. Date** | **Area (ha)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Albania** | 2151 | Albanian Prespa Lakes | 13/06/2013 | 15,119 |
| **Andorra** | 2071 | Parc naturel de la vallée de Sorteny (Parc natural de la vall de Sorteny) | 23/07/2012 | 1,080 |
| **Andorra** | 2183 | Vall de Madriu-Perafita-Claror | 28/08/2013 | 4,247 |
| **Andorra** | 2204 | Parque Natural Comunal de los Valles del Comapedrosa | 15/04/2014 | 1,543 |
| **Argentina** | 2070 | Humedales de Península Valdés | 20/07/2012 | 42,695 |
| **Australia** | 2136 | Piccaninnie Ponds Karst Wetlands | 21/12/2012 | 862 |
| **Austria** | 2137 | Güssing Fishponds | 05/06/2013 | 148 |
| **Austria** | 2146 | Wilder Kaiser | 08/04/2013 | 3,781 |
| **Austria** | 2208 | Upper Drava River (Obere Drau) | 06/05/2014 | 1,029 |
| **Belarus** | 2138 | Duleby Islands-Zaozerye | 09/07/2012 | 30,772 |
| **Belarus** | 2139 | Morochno | 07/09/2012 | 5,845 |
| **Belarus** | 2140 | Stary Zhaden | 07/09/2012 | 17,048 |
| **Belarus** | 2141 | Vigonoshchanskoe | 16/01/2013 | 54,182 |
| **Belarus** | 2195 | Vydritsa | 29/03/2013 | 21,292 |
| **Belarus** | 2196 | Kozyansky | 29/03/2013 | 26,060 |
| **Belarus** | 2197 | Pripyatsky National Park | 29/03/2013 | 88,553 |
| **Bolivia** | 2092 | Río Blanco | 02/02/2013 | 2,404,916 |
| **Bolivia** | 2093 | Río Matos | 02/02/2013 | 1,729,788 |
| **Bolivia** | 2094 | Río Yata | 02/02/2013 | 2,813,229 |
| **Brazil** | 2190 | Cabo Orange National Park (Parque Nacional do Cabo Orange) | 02/02/2013 | 657,328 |
| **Burundi** | 2148 | Parc National de la Ruvubu | 14/03/2013 | 50,800 |
| **Burundi** | 2149 | Paysage Aquatique Protégé du Nord | 14/03/2013 | 16,242 |
| **Burundi** | 2150 | Réserve Naturelle de la Malagarazi | 14/03/2013 | 800 |
| **Cameroon** | 2067 | Partie Camerounaise du Fleuve Ntem | 06/05/2012 | 39,848 |
| **Cameroon** | 2068 | Zone Humide d’Ebogo | 06/05/2012 | 3,097 |
| **Cape Verde** | 2182 | Salinas of the English Port (Salinas de Porto Inglês) | 03/07/2013 | 535 |
| **China** | 2184 | Hubei Chen Lake Wetland Nature Reserve | 16/10/2013 | 11,579 |
| **China** | 2185 | Dongfanghong Wetland National Nature Reserve | 16/10/2013 | 31,538 |
| **China** | 2186 | Hubei Dajiu Lake Wetland | 16/10/2013 | 9,320 |
| **China** | 2187 | Shandong Yellow River Delta Wetland | 16/10/2013 | 95,950 |
| **China** | 2188 | Jilin Momoge National Nature Reserve | 16/10/2013 | 144,000 |
| **Congo** | 2079 | Site Ramsar Ntokou-Pikounda | 18/09/2012 | 427,200 |
| **Congo** | 2080 | Site Ramsar Odzala Kokoua | 18/09/2012 | 1,300,000 |
| **Congo** | 2081 | Site Ramsar Vallée du Niari | 18/09/2012 | 1,581,000 |
| **Croatia** | 2109 | Vransko Lake | 02/02/2013 | 5,748 |
| **Czech Republic** | 2074 | Jizera Headwaters (Horní Jizera) | 13/02/2012 | 2,303 |
| **Czech Republic** | 2075 | Springs and Mires of the Slavkov Forest | 13/02/2012 | 3,223 |
| **Denmark** | 2166 | Lille Vildmose | 18/05/2013 | 7,393 |
| **Dominican Republic** | 2091 | Parque Nacional Manglares del Bajo Yuna | 02/02/2013 | 77,518 |
| **Dominican Republic** | 2210 | Humedales de Jaragua | 04/07/2014 | 32,979 |
| **Ecuador** | 2085 | Reserva Ecológica El Ángel (REEA) | 07/12/2012 | 17,003 |
| **Ecuador** | 2086 | Sistema Lacustre Lagunas del Compadre | 15/12/2012 | 23,962 |
| **Ecuador** | 2087 | Sistema Lacustre Yacuri | 15/12/2012 | 27,762 |
| **Ecuador** | 2098 | Manglares del Estuario Interior del Golfo de Guayaquil “Don Goyo” | 02/02/2013 | 15,337 |
| **El Salvador** | 2207 | Complejo Barra de Santiago | 23/07/2014 | 11,159 |
| **France** | 2073 | Ile d’Europa (Terres Australes et Antarctiques françaises) | 27/10/2011 | 205,800 |
| **France** | 2194 | Les Lacs du Grand Sud Neo-Caledonien | 02/02/2014 | 43,970 |
| **Guinea-Bissau** | 2198 | Archipel Bolama-Bijagós | 21/01/2014 | 1,046,950 |
| **Honduras** | 2133 | Sistema de Humedales Cuyamel-Omoa | 02/02/2013 | 30,029 |
| **Honduras** | 2134 | Sistema de Humedales de la Isla de Utila | 02/02/2013 | 16,226 |
| **Honduras** | 2189 | Sistema de Humedales Laguna de Zambuco (SH-LZ) | 22/04/2013 | 649 |
| **Iceland** | 2129 | Andakill Protected Habitat Area | 18/02/2013 | 3,086 |
| **Iceland** | 2130 | Guolaugstungur Nature Reserve | 18/02/2013 | 40,160 |
| **Iceland** | 2131 | Snaefell and Eyjabakkar Area | 18/02/2013 | 26,450 |
| **India** | 2078 | Nalsarovar | 24/09/2012 | 12,000 |
| **Indonesia** | 2192 | Tanjung Puting National Park | 11/12/2013 | 408,286 |
| **Kazakhstan** | 2083 | Lesser Aral Sea and Delta of the Syrdarya River | 02/02/2012 | 330,000 |
| **Kenya** | 2082 | Tana River Delta Ramsar Site | 07/09/2012 | 163,600 |
| **Kiribati** | 2143 | Nooto-North Tarawa | 03/04/2013 | 1,033 |
| **Mali** | 2126 | Lac Magui | 22/03/2013 | 24,740 |
| **Mali** | 2127 | Lac Wegnia | 22/03/2013 | 3,900 |
| **Mali** | 2128 | Plaine Inondable du Sourou | 22/03/2013 | 56,500 |
| **Marshall Islands** | 2072 | Namdrik Atoll | 02/02/2012 | 1,119 |
| **Mexico** | 2154 | Humedales de la Laguna La Cruz | 02/02/2013 | 6,665 |
| **Mexico** | 2201 | Manantiales Geotermales de Julimes | 30/10/2013 | 368 |
| **Mexico** | 2205 | Humedales de Guachochi | 30/10/2013 | 58 |
| **Mexico** | 2206 | Laguna La Juanota | 30/10/2013 | 232 |
| **Montenegro** | 2135 | Tivat Saline | 30/01/2013 | 150 |
| **Namibia** | 2193 | Bwabwata – Okavango Ramsar Site | 13/12/2013 | 46,964 |
| **Netherlands** | 2117 | Malpais/Sint Michiel. | 05/02/2013 | 1,100 |
| **Netherlands** | 2118 | Muizenberg. | 05/02/2013 | 65 |
| **Netherlands** | 2119 | Northwest Curaçao | 05/02/2013 | 2,441 |
| **Netherlands** | 2120 | Rif-Sint Marie | 05/02/2013 | 667 |
| **Norway** | 2147 | Grunnfjorden | 27/05/2013 | 1,472 |
| **Norway** | 2155 | Anda | 27/05/2013 | 52 |
| **Norway** | 2156 | Fiskumvannet Nature Reserve | 27/05/2013 | 119 |
| **Norway** | 2157 | Horsvaer | 27/05/2013 | 17,036 |
| **Norway** | 2158 | Horta | 27/05/2013 | 3,158 |
| **Norway** | 2159 | Innherred Freshwater System | 27/05/2013 | 182 |
| **Norway** | 2160 | Laukvikoyene | 27/05/2013 | 1,084 |
| **Norway** | 2161 | Lovund-Lundeura | 27/05/2013 | 153 |
| **Norway** | 2162 | Mastadfjellet | 27/05/2013 | 802 |
| **Norway** | 2163 | Risøysundet | 27/05/2013 | 504 |
| **Norway** | 2164 | Runde | 27/05/2013 | 1,351 |
| **Norway** | 2165 | West-Vikna Archipelago | 27/05/2013 | 13,592 |
| **Oman** | 2144 | Qurm Nature Reserve | 19/04/2013 | 172 |
| **Philippines** | 2084 | Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP) | 30/06/2012 | 22,202 |
| **Philippines** | 2124 | Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA) | 15/03/2013 | 175 |
| **Portugal** | 2089 | Pateira de Fermentelos Lake and Águeda and Cértima Valleys | 27/07/2012 | 1,559 |
| **Portugal** | 2090 | Vascão River (Riverira do Vascão) | 30/10/2012 | 44,331 |
| **Portugal** | 2099 | Paúl da Praia da Vitória (Praia da Vitória Marsh) | 13/12/2012 | 16 |
| **Republic of Korea** | 2209 | Songdo Tidal Flat | 10/07/2014 | 611 |
| **Romania** | 2063 | Bistret | 13/06/2012 | 27,482 |
| **Romania** | 2064 | Lake Calarasi (Iezerul Calarasi) | 13/06/2012 | 5,001 |
| **Romania** | 2065 | Olt-Danube Confluence (Confluenta Olt-Dunare) | 13/06/2012 | 46,623 |
| **Romania** | 2066 | Suhaia | 13/06/2012 | 19,594 |
| **Romania** | 2110 | Blahnita | 02/02/2013 | 45,286 |
| **Romania** | 2111 | Borcea Arm | 02/02/2013 | 21,529 |
| **Romania** | 2112 | Calafat-Ciuperceni-Danube | 02/02/2013 | 29,206 |
| **Romania** | 2113 | Canaralele de la Harsova | 02/02/2013 | 7,406 |
| **Romania** | 2114 | Danube Islands-Bugeac-Iortmac | 02/02/2013 | 82,832 |
| **Romania** | 2115 | Jiu-Danube Confluence | 02/02/2013 | 19,800 |
| **Romania** | 2116 | Old Danube-Macin Arm | 02/02/2013 | 26,792 |
| **Senegal** | 2199 | Réserve Naturelle de Tocc Tocc | 12/09/2013 | 273 |
| **South Africa** | 2132 | uMgeni Vlei Nature Reserve | 19/03/2013 | 958 |
| **Spain** | 2069 | Lagunas de Ruidera | 23/09/2011 | 6,639 |
| **Sri Lanka** | 2095 | Wilpattu Ramsar Wetland Cluster | 02/02/2013 | 165,800 |
| **Swaziland** | 2121 | Hawane Nature Reserve and Dam | 15/06/2013 |  |
| **Swaziland** | 2122 | Sand River | 15/06/2013 |  |
| **Swaziland** | 2123 | Van Eck | 15/06/2013 |  |
| **Sweden** | 2167 | Blaikfjället | 31/01/2013 | 43,611 |
| **Sweden** | 2168 | Getapulien-Grönbo | 31/01/2013 | 3,229 |
| **Sweden** | 2169 | Gullhög-Tönningfloarna | 31/01/2013 | 1,883 |
| **Sweden** | 2170 | Gustavsmurarna-Tröskens rikkärr | 31/01/2013 | 653 |
| **Sweden** | 2171 | Koppången | 31/01/2013 | 4,936 |
| **Sweden** | 2172 | Mannavuoma | 31/01/2013 | 705 |
| **Sweden** | 2173 | Mellanljusnan | 31/01/2013 | 1,136 |
| **Sweden** | 2174 | Mellerstön | 31/01/2013 | 290 |
| **Sweden** | 2175 | Nittälven | 31/01/2013 | 1,932 |
| **Sweden** | 2176 | Päivävuoma | 31/01/2013 | 2,759 |
| **Sweden** | 2177 | Pirttimysvuoma | 31/01/2013 | 2,587 |
| **Sweden** | 2178 | Rappomyran | 31/01/2013 | 3,031 |
| **Sweden** | 2179 | Vasikkavuoma | 31/01/2013 | 200 |
| **Sweden** | 2180 | Vattenån | 31/01/2013 | 3,661 |
| **Sweden** | 2181 | Vindelälven | 31/01/2013 | 66,395 |
| **Thailand** | 2152 | Ko Kra Archipelago | 12/08/2013 | 374 |
| **Thailand** | 2153 | Ko Ra-Ko Phra Thong Archipelago | 12/08/2013 | 19,648 |
| **Tunisia** | 2076 | Complexe des zones humides des Chott el Guetayate et Sebkhet Dhreia et Oueds Akarit, Rekhama et Meleh | 21/09/2012 | 4,845 |
| **Tunisia** | 2077 | Barrage Mlaabi | 21/09/2012 | 98 |
| **Tunisia** | 2096 | Complexe Lac de Tunis | 23/01/2013 | 2,243 |
| **Tunisia** | 2100 | Complexe des zones humides de Sebkhet Oum Ez-Zessar et Sebkhet El Grine | 02/02/2013 | 9,195 |
| **Tunisia** | 2101 | Le complexe des zones humides de Barrage Ghdir El Goulla et Barrage El Mornaguia (Al Mornaguia) | 02/02/2013 | 273 |
| **Turkey** | 2145 | Nemrut Caldera | 17/04/2013 | 4,589 |
| **United Arab Emirates** | 2125 | Mangrove and Alhafeya Protected Area in Khor Kalba | 10/03/2013 | 1,494 |
| **United Arab Emirates** | 2142 | Al Wathba Wetland Reserve | 25/04/2013 | 500 |
| **United Arab Emirates** | 2191 | Sir Bu Nair Island Protected Area | 02/12/2013 | 4,964 |
| **United Kingdom** | 2202 | The Mersey Narrows and North Wirral Foreshore | 05/07/2013 | 2,078 |
| **United States of America** | 2097 | San Francisco Bay/Estuary (SFBE) | 02/02/2013 | 158,711 |
| **United States of America** | 2200 | Missisquoi Delta and Bay Wetlands | 20/11/2013 | 3,102 |
| **Viet Nam** | 2088 | Mui Ca Mau National Park | 12/12/2013 | 41,862 |
| **Viet Nam** | 2203 | Con Dao National Park | 18/06/2013 | 19,991 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 2102 | Cleveland Dam | 03/01/2013 | 2,500 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 2103 | Chinhoyi Caves | 03/01/2013 | 8 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 2104 | Driefontein Grasslands | 03/01/2013 | 200,000 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 2105 | Lake Chivero and Manyame | 03/01/2013 | 29,260 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 2106 | Mana Pools | 03/01/2013 | 682,500 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 2107 | Monavale Wetland | 03/01/2013 | 594 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 2108 | Victoria Falls National Park | 03/01/2013 | 2,340 |

**Annex 2**

**List of Sites for which the Parties brought Ramsar Information Sheets and maps up to date, including missing RISs and maps since COP11[[3]](#footnote-3)**

(reporting period 13 July 2012 – 28 August 2014)

| Country | Site No. | Site Name | Designation Date | Area (ha) | Type |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Australia | 1222 | Coral Sea Reserves (Coringa-Herald and Linou Reefs and Cays) | 21/10/2002 | 1728920 | Update |
| Australia | 256 | East Coast Cape Barren Island Lagoons (ECCBIL) | 16/11/1982 | 4473 | Update |
| Australia | 1223 | Elizabeth and Middleton Reefs Marine National Nature Reserve | 21/10/2002 | 187726 | Update |
| Australia | 258 | Jocks Lagoon | 16/11/1982 | 19 | Update |
| Australia | 483 | Toolibin Lake | 07/06/1990 | 497 | Update |
| Australia | 251 | Moulting Lagoon Game Reserve | 16/11/1982 | 4580 | Update |
| Australia | 260 | Little Waterhouse Lake | 16/11/1982 | 57 | Update |
| Australia | 286 | Towra Point | 21/02/1984 | 604 | Update |
| Australia | 287 | Hunter Estuary Wetlands | 21/02/1984 | 2971 | Update |
| Australia | 337 | Macquarie Marshes | 01/08/1986 | 19850 | Update |
| Australia | 994 | Myall | 14/06/1999 | 44612 | Update |
| Australia | 1291 | NSW Central Murray State Forests | 20/05/2003 | 84028 | Update |
| Bulgaria | 64 | Srébarna | 24/09/1975 | 1463 | Update |
| Bulgaria | 1226 | Belene Islands Complex | 24/09/2002 | 6898 | Update |
| Bulgaria | 1227 | Ibisha Island | 24/09/2002 | 372 | Update |
| Bulgaria | 1229 | Pomorie Wetland Complex (Pomorie Lake, Pomoriysko Ezero) | 24/09/2002 | 922 | Update |
| Cambodia | 997 | Boeng Chhmar and Associated River System and Floodplain | 23/06/1999 | 28000 | Update |
| Cambodia | 998 | Koh Kapir and Associated Islets | 23/06/1999 | 12000 | Update |
| Cambodia | 999 | Middle stretches of Mekong River North of Stoeng Treng | 23/06/1999 | 14600 | Update |
| Canada | 243 | Fraser River Delta | 20/05/1982 | 20,682 | Update |
| China | 551 | Dong dongting hu | 31/03/1992 | 190000 | Update |
| China | 750 | Mai Po Marshes and Inner Deep Bay | 04/09/1995 | 1540 | Update |
| China | 1434 | Bitahai Wetland | 07/12/2004 | 1985 | Update |
| China | 1435 | Dashanbao | 07/12/2004 | 5958 | Update |
| China | 1436 | Eling Lake | 07/12/2004 | 65907 | Update |
| China | 1437 | Lashihai Wetland | 07/12/2004 | 3560 | Update |
| China | 1438 | Maidika | 07/12/2004 | 43496 | Update |
| China | 1439 | Mapangyong Cuo | 07/12/2004 | 73782 | Update |
| China | 1440 | Napahai Wetland | 07/12/2004 | 2083 | Update |
| China | 1441 | Shuangtai Estuary | 07/12/2004 | 128000 | Update |
| China | 1442 | Zhaling Lake | 07/12/2004 | 64920 | Update |
| Croatia | 582 | Crna Mlaka Fishponds | 18/01/1993 | 756 | Update |
| Croatia | 584 | Lonjsko Polje Nature Park | 18/01/1993 | 51218 | Update |
| Croatia | 585 | Neretva River Delta | 18/01/1993 | 12742 | Update |
| Denmark | 141 | Ringkobing Fjord | 02/09/1977 | 27652 | Update |
| Denmark | 142 | Stadil and Veststadil Fjords | 02/09/1977 | 6932 | Update |
| Denmark | 143 | Nissum Fjord | 02/09/1977 | 10952 | Update |
| Denmark | 144 | Nissum Bredning with Harboore and Agger Tange | 02/09/1977 | 12786 | Update |
| Denmark | 145 | Vejlerne and Logstor Bredning | 09/02/1977 | 43534 | Update |
| Denmark | 146 | Ulvedybet and Nibe Bredning | 02/09/1977 | 18575 | Update |
| Denmark | 147 | Hirsholmene | 02/09/1977 | 3714 | Update |
| Denmark | 148 | Nordre Ronner | 09/02/1977 | 2993 | Update |
| Denmark | 149 | Læso | 02/09/1977 | 66548 | Update |
| Denmark | 150 | Randers and Mariager Fjords and the adjacent sea | 02/09/1977 | 39190 | Update |
| Denmark | 151 | Waters north of Anholt | 02/09/1977 | 11616 | Update |
| Denmark | 152 | Horsens Fjord & Endelave | 02/09/1977 | 42737 | Update |
| Denmark | 153 | Stavns Fjord and adjacent waters | 02/09/1977 | 15533 | Update |
| Denmark | 154 | Lillebælt | 02/09/1977 | 35189 | Update |
| Denmark | 155 | Nærå Coast and Æbelo area | 02/09/1977 | 13161 | Update |
| Denmark | 156 | South Funen Archipelago | 09/02/1977 | 38329 | Update |
| Denmark | 157 | Sejro Bugt, Nekselo Bugt & Saltbæk Vig | 02/09/1977 | 44111 | Update |
| Denmark | 158 | Waters South of Zealand,Skælskor Fjord, Glæno and adjacent wetlands | 02/09/1977 | 18577 | Update |
| Denmark | 160 | Waters southeast of Fejo and Femo Islands | 02/09/1977 | 41826 | Update |
| Denmark | 161 | Præsto Fjord, Jungshoved Nor, Ulvshale and Nyord | 02/09/1977 | 24778 | Update |
| Denmark | 162 | Nakskov Fjord and Inner Fjord | 09/02/1977 | 8552 | Update |
| Denmark | 163 | Maribo Lakes | 02/09/1977 | 3823 | Update |
| Denmark | 164 | Waters between Lolland and Falster including Rodsand, Guldborg sound, and Boto Nor | 09/02/1977 | 37210 | Update |
| Denmark | 165 | Ertholmene | 09/02/1977 | 1266 | Update |
| Denmark | 356 | Vadehavet (Wadden Sea) | 14/05/1987 | 151080 | Update |
| El Salvador | 970 | Área Natural Protegida el Jocotal | 22/01/1999 | 4,479 | Update |
| Fiji | 1612 | Upper Navua Conservation Area | 11/04/2006 | 615 | Missing RIS/map |
| France | 520 | Etang de Biguglia | 08/04/1991 | 2000 | Update |
| Iraq | 1718 | Hawizeh Marsh (Haur Al-Hawizeh) | 10/07/2007 | 137700 | Missing RIS/map |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1231 | Issyk-Kul State Nature Reserve with the Issyk-Kul Lake | 12/11/2002 | 626439 | Update |
| Myanmar | 1431 | Moyingyi Wetland Wildlife Sanctuary | 17/11/2004 | 10,359 | Missing RIS/map |
| Netherlands | 192 | Groote Peel | 23/05/1980 | 900 | Update |
| Netherlands | 193 | Weerribben | 23/05/1980 | 3400 | Update |
| Netherlands | 194 | Naardermeer | 23/05/1980 | 752 | Update |
| Netherlands | 197 | De Biesbosch (southern part) | 23/05/1980 | 1700 | Update |
| Netherlands | 427 | Oostvaardersplassen | 02/06/1989 | 5600 | Update |
| Netherlands | 428 | Engbertsdijksvenen | 02/06/1989 | 975 | Update |
| Netherlands | 578 | Alde Feanen | 07/01/1993 | 2500 | Missing RIS/map |
| Netherlands | 579 | De Deelen | 07/01/1993 | 520 | Missing RIS/map |
| Netherlands | 580 | Deurnese Peelgebieden | 07/01/1993 | 1450 | Missing RIS/map |
| Netherlands | 581 | Bargerveen | 07/01/1993 | 2100 | Missing RIS/map |
| Netherlands | 747 | Krammer-Volkerak | 04/09/1995 | 6450 | Update |
| Netherlands | 748 | Westerschelde en Verdronken Land van Saeftinge | 09/04/1995 | 19500 | Update |
| Netherlands | 749 | Zwarte Meer | 04/09/1995 | 2050 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1244 | Haringvliet | 29/08/2000 | 10800 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1246 | IJsselmeer | 29/08/2000 | 108000 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1247 | Lauwersmeer | 29/08/2000 | 5800 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1248 | Leekstermeergebied | 29/08/2000 | 1450 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1251 | Veerse Meer | 29/08/2000 | 2575 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1272 | Grevelingen | 29/08/2000 | 13900 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1273 | Hollands Diep | 29/08/2000 | 4050 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1277 | Rottige Meenthe | 29/08/2000 | 1130 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1279 | Voordelta | 29/08/2000 | 90000 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1280 | Voornes Duin | 29/08/2000 | 1500 | Update |
| Netherlands | 195 | Boschplaat | 23/05/1980 | 4400 | Update |
| Netherlands | 196 | Griend | 23/05/1980 | 23 | Update |
| Netherlands | 354 | Oosterschelde & Markiezaatmeer | 03/04/1987 | 38000 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1240 | Broekvelden/Vettenbroek | 29/08/2000 | 700 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1242 | Drontermeer | 29/08/2000 | 600 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1243 | Fluessen/Vogelhoek/Morra | 29/08/2000 | 2100 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1250 | Sneekermeer/Goengarijpsterpoelen/Terkaplesterpoelen en Akmarijp | 29/08/2000 | 2300 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1252 | Waddeneilanden,Noordzeekustzone,Breebaart | 29/08/2000 | 135000 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1274 | Ketelmeer en Vossemeer | 29/08/2000 | 3900 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1276 | Oudegaasterbrekken | 29/08/2000 | 850 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1278 | Veluwemeer | 29/08/2000 | 3150 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1281 | Wolderwijd en Nuldernauw | 29/08/2000 | 2600 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1282 | Zuidlaardermeergebied | 29/08/2000 | 2100 | Update |
| Palau | 1232 | Lake Ngardok | 18/10/2002 | 493 | Missing RIS/map |
| Spain | 451 | Lagunas de Villafáfila | 12/05/1989 | 2714 | Update |
| Spain | 1260 | Laguna de la Nava de Fuentes | 24/10/2002 | 326 | Update |
| United Arab Emirates | 1715 | Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary | 29/08/2007 | 620 | Missing RIS/map |
| United Kingdom | 298 | The Dee Estuary | 17/07/1985 | 14302 | Update |
| United States of America | 590 | Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge | 14/03/1993 | 2,203 | Update |
| United States of America | 348 | Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge | 18/12/1986 | 18,800 | Update |
| United States of America | 711 | Cache River - Cypress Creek Wetlands | 01/11/1994 | 24,281 | Update |
| United States of America | 442 | Cache - Lower White Rivers | 21/11/1989 | 99,166 | Update |
| United States of America | 511 | Horicon Marsh | 04/12/1990 | 13,355 | Update |
| United States of America | 349 | Izembek Lagoon National Wildlife Refuge | 18/12/1986 | 168,433 | Update |
| Yemen | 1736 | Detwah Lagoon | 08/10/2007 | 580 | Missing RIS/map |

**Annex 3a**

**List of 51 Ramsar Sites for which either the RIS or an adequate map has not been submitted to the Secretariat since designation**

(as at 28 August 2014)

| **Region** | **Country** | **Site No.** | **Site Name** | **Designation Date** | **RIS** | **Map** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Europe | **Azerbaijan** | 1075 | Agh-Ghol | 21/05/2001 | no | no |
| Europe | **Azerbaijan** | 1076 | **Ghizil-Agaj** | 21/05/2001 | yes | no |
| Africa | **Cape Verde** | 1575 | Curral Velho | 18/07/2005 | no | no |
| Africa | **Cape Verde** | 1576 | Lagoa de Rabil | 18/07/2005 | no | no |
| Africa | **Cape Verde** | 1577 | Lagoa de Pedra Badejo | 18/07/2005 | no | no |
| Africa | **Central African Republic** | 1590 | Les Rivières de Mbaéré-Bodingué | 05/12/2005 | no | no |
| Europe | **Germany** | 174 | Unteres Odertal, Schwedt | 31/07/1978 | no | no |
| Europe | **Germany** | 175 | Peitzer Teichgebiet | 31/07/1978 | no | no |
| Asia | **India** | 463 | Loktak Lake | 23/03/1990 | yes | no |
| Asia | **India** | 464 | Sambhar Lake | 23/03/1990 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | 39 | Neyriz Lakes and Kamjan Marshes | 23/06/1975 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | 42 | Hamun-e- Saberi and Hamun-e-Helmand | 23/06/1975 | yes | no |
| Europe | **Ireland** | 840 | Bannow Bay | 11/06/1996 | no | yes |
| Europe | **Ireland** | 841 | Trawbreaga Bay | 11/06/1996 | no | yes |
| Europe | **Ireland** | 842 | Cummeen Strand | 11/06/1996 | no | yes |
| Asia | **Kazakhstan** | 108 | Lakes of the lower Turgay and Irgiz | 11/10/1976 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Mongolia** | 924 | Mongol Daguur (Mongolian Dauria) | 08/12/1997 | yes | no |
| Europe | **Netherlands [[4]](#footnote-4)** | 198 | Het Spaans Lagoen | 23/05/1980 | no | yes |
| Europe | **Netherlands 4** | 199 | Het Lac | 23/05/1980 | no | yes |
| Europe | **Netherlands 4** | 200 | Het Pekelmeer | 23/05/1980 | no | yes |
| Europe | **Netherlands 4** | 201 | Klein Bonaire Island and adjacent sea | 23/05/1980 | no | yes |
| Europe | **Netherlands 4** | 202 | Het Gotomeer | 23/05/1980 | no | yes |
| Europe | **Netherlands 4** | 203 | De Slagbaai | 23/05/1980 | no | yes |
| Oceania | **New Zealand** | 103 | Farewell Spit | 13/08/1976 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Oman** | 2144 | Qurm Nature Reserve | 19/04/2013 | no | no |
| Asia | **Pakistan** | 97 | Thanedar Wala | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Pakistan** | 98 | Tanda Dam | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Pakistan** | 99 | Kinjhar (kalri) Lake | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Pakistan** | 100 | Drigh Lake | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Pakistan** | 101 | Haleji Lake | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Pakistan** | 818 | Ucchali Complex (including Khabbaki, Uchhali and Jahlar Lakes) | 22/03/1996 | yes | no |
| Oceania | **Papua New Guinea** | 961 | Lake Kutubu | 22/09/1998 | yes | no |
| Oceania | **Papua New Guinea** | 591 | Tonda Wildlife Management Area | 16/03/1993 | yes | no |
| Africa | **Rwanda** | 1589 | Rugezi-Bulera-Ruhondo | 12/01/2005 | no | no |
| Africa | **Sao Tome and Principe** | 1632 | Ilots Tinhosas | 21/08/2006 | no | no |
| Africa | **Swaziland5** | 2121 | Hawane Nature Reserve and Dam | 15/06/13 | no | no |
| Africa | **Swaziland45** | 2122 | Sand River | 15/06/13 | no | no |
| Africa | **Swaziland5** | 2123 | Van Eck | 15/06/13 | no | no |
| Asia | **Syrian Arab Republic** | 935 | Sabkhat al-Jabbul Nature Reserve | 05/03/1998 | yes | no |
| Asia | **Tajikistan** | 1082 | Karakul Lake | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| Asia | **Tajikistan** | 1083 | Kayrakum Reservoir | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| Asia | **Tajikistan** | 1084 | Lower part of Pyandj River | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| Asia | **Tajikistan** | 1085 | Shorkul and Rangkul Lakes | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| Asia | **Tajikistan** | 1086 | Zorkul Lake | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| Africa | **Zimbabwe[[5]](#footnote-5)** | 2102 | Cleveland Dam | 03/05/2013 | no | no |
| Africa | **Zimbabwe5** | 2103 | Chinhoyi Caves | 03/05/2013 | no | no |
| Africa | **Zimbabwe5** | 2104 | Driefontein Grasslands | 03/05/2013 | no | no |
| Africa | **Zimbabwe5** | 2105 | Lake Chivero and Manyame | 03/05/2013 | no | no |
| Africa | **Zimbabwe5** | 2106 | Mana Pools | 03/05/2013 | no | no |
| Africa | **Zimbabwe5** | 2107 | Monavale Wetland | 03/05/2013 | no | no |
| Africa | **Zimbabwe5** | 2108 | Victoria Falls National Park | 03/05/2013 | no | no |

**Annex 3b**

**List of Contracting Parties from which one or more updated Ramsar Information Sheets are needed after six years or more of no update**

(as at 28 August 2014)

| **Country** | **Total number of designated Sites per country** | **Number of Sites requiring information to be updated** | **Number of Sites for which updated information has been received by the Secretariat** [[6]](#footnote-6) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Albania** | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| **Algeria** | 50 | 42 | 0 |
| **Andorra** | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Antigua and Barbuda** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Argentina** | 21 | 9 | 4 |
| **Armenia** | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Australia** | 65 | 23 | 20 |
| **Austria** | 23 | 14 | 2 |
| **Azerbaijan** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Bahamas** | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **Bahrain** | 2 | 2 |  |
| **Bangladesh** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Barbados** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Belarus** | 16 | 8 | 0 |
| **Belgium** | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| **Belize** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Benin** | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| **Bhutan** | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Bolivia (Plurinational State of)** | 11 | 7 | 0 |
| **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| **Botswana** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Brazil** | 12 | 0 | 8 |
| **Bulgaria** | 11 | 6 | 0 |
| **Burkina Faso** | 15 | 3 | 0 |
| **Burundi** | 4 | 0 |  |
| **Cambodia** | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cameroon** | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| **Canada** | 37 | 7 | 29 |
| **Cape Verde** | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| **Central African Republic** | 2 | 1 |  |
| **Chad** | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| **Chile** | 12 | 1 | 5 |
| China[[7]](#footnote-7) | 46 | 3 | 5 |
| **Colombia** | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| **Comoros** | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Congo** | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| **Costa Rica** | 12 | 0 | 11 |
| **Côte d'Ivoire** | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| **Croatia** | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Cuba** | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| **Cyprus** | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Czech Republic** | 14 | 12 | 0 |
| **Democratic Republic of Congo** | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **Denmark** | 43 | 13 | 0 |
| **Djibouti** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Dominican Republic** | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Ecuador** | 18 | 3 | 9 |
| **Egypt** | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| **El Salvador** | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| **Equatorial Guinea** | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Estonia** | 17 | 6 | 0 |
| **Fiji** | 1 | 0 |  |
| [**Finland7**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagger_(typography)) | 49 | 49 | 0 |
| **France** | 43 | 20 | 1 |
| **Gabon** | 9 | 6 | 0 |
| **Gambia** | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **Georgia** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Germany** | 34 | 33 | 0 |
| **Ghana** | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| **Greece** | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| **Grenada** | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Guatemala** | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| **Guinea** | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| **Guinea-Bissau** | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Honduras** | 9 | 0 | 6 |
| **Hungary** | 29 | 0 | 27 |
| **Iceland** | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| **India** | 26 | 25 | 0 |
| **Indonesia** | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| **Iran (Islamic Republic of)** | 24 | 21 | 0 |
| **Iraq** | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **Ireland** | 45 | 45 | 0 |
| **Israel** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Italy** | 52 | 48 | 0 |
| **Jamaica** | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| [**Japan7**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagger_(typography)) | 46 | 29 | 3 |
| **Jordan** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kazakhstan** | 10 | 2 | 0 |
| **Kenya** | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| **Kiribati** | 1 | 0 |  |
| **Kyrgyzstan** | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Lao People's Democratic Republic** | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Latvia** | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| **Lebanon** | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| **Lesotho** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Liberia** | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| **Libya** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Liechtenstein** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Lithuania** | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| **Luxembourg** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Madagascar** | 9 | 6 | 0 |
| **Malawi** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Malaysia** | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| **Mali** | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| **Malta** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Marshall Islands** | 2 | 1 |  |
| **Mauritania** | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| **Mauritius** | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| **Mexico** | 142 | 64 | 3 |
| **Monaco** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Mongolia** | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| **Montenegro** | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Morocco** | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| **Mozambique** | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Myanmar** | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Namibia** | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| **Nepal** | 9 | 5 | 3 |
| **Netherlands** | 54 | 12 | 20 |
| [**New Zealand7**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagger_(typography)) | 6 | 5 |  |
| **Nicaragua** | 9 | 1 | 7 |
| **Niger** | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| **Nigeria** | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| **Norway** | 63 | 5 | 1 |
| **Oman** | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Pakistan** | 19 | 19 | 0 |
| **Palau** | 1 | 0 |  |
| **Panama** | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| **Papua New Guinea** | 2 | 2 |  |
| **Paraguay** | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| **Peru** | 13 | 9 | 3 |
| **Philippines** | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| **Poland** | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| **Portugal** | 31 | 17 | 0 |
| **Republic of Korea** | 19 | 5 | 2 |
| **Republic of Moldova** | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Romania** | 19 | 5 | 0 |
| **Russian Federation** | 35 | 26 | 9 |
| **Rwanda** | 1 | 1 |  |
| **Saint Lucia** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Samoa** | 1 | 0 |  |
| **Sao Tome and Principe** | 1 | 1 |  |
| **Senegal** | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| **Serbia** | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| **Seychelles** | 3 | 0 |  |
| **Sierra Leone** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Slovakia** | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| **Slovenia** | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **South Africa** | 21 | 19 | 0 |
| **South Sudan** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Spain** | 74 | 61 | 0 |
| **Sri Lanka** | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| **Sudan** | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Suriname** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Swaziland** | 3 | 3 |  |
| **Sweden** | 66 | 2 | 32 |
| **Switzerland** | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| **Syrian Arab Republic** | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Tajikistan** | 5 | 5 |  |
| [**Thailand7**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagger_(typography)) | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Togo** | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| **Trinidad and Tobago** | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| **Tunisia** | 40 | 20 | 0 |
| **Turkey** | 14 | 8 | 0 |
| **Turkmenistan** | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Uganda** | 12 | 11 | 0 |
| **Ukraine** | 33 | 0 | 33 |
| **United Arab Emirates** | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| [**United Kingdom7**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dagger_(typography)) | 170 | 163 | 0 |
| **United Republic of Tanzania** | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| **United States of America** | 36 | 14 | 2 |
| **Uruguay** | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| **Uzbekistan** | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)** | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| **Viet Nam** | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| **Yemen** | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Zimbabwe** | 7 | 7 | 0 |

**Annex 4a**

**Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur (Article 3.2)**

Open files where information was received by the Secretariat from the Administrative Authority, and which have been followed up by the Secretariat. This list contains both Open Article 3.2 files, that are current through COP11 and Closed Article 3.2 files since COP11.

| Site No. | Contracting Party | Site Name | Date of opening | Date of closure | Montreux Record | Short summary of the issue | Status as at 28 August 2014 | First reported by [[8]](#footnote-8) |
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| 1290 | **Albania** | Butrint | 12/10/2009 |  |  | Urban developments, fish farm, new road. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | Other |
| 1598 | **Albania** | Lake Shkodra and River Buna | 14/03/2008 |  |  | Urban developments, removal of vegetation. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | Other |
| 759 | **Argentina** | Laguna de Llancanelo | 02/07/2001 |  | X | Potential change in the ecological character due to oil activities, invasive species and transbasin diversion of Rio Grande to Atuel river. | Change in ecological character is being actively addressed by the AA. Last report in COP12 National Report. | … |
| 620 | **Armenia** | Lake Sevan | 2010 |  |  | Organic pollution of water, fish stocks diminished. Reported by AA. | Updated report received from AA in September 2013. Overfishing continues, but water quality has improved. | AA |
| 321 | **Australia** | The Coorong, lakes Alexandrina and Albert Wetlands | 13/05/2007 |  |  | Site has deteriorated due to prolonged drought in the Murray River caused by decreased rainfall and water over allocation for agriculture and urban use. | AA has provided situations updates in April 2013 and March 2014. | AA |
| 337 | **Australia** | Macquarie Marshes | 20/07/2009 |  |  | Reduction in inundation frequency; declines in the diversity, distribution and health of key wetland vegetation communities; disappearance of grasslands and colonization by dry land species | Response strategy was released in March 2013 and is currently being implemented. Latest update from AA in March 2014. | AA |
| 272 | **Austria** | Donau-March-Thaya-Auen | 30/06/2005 |  | X | Transport infrastructures planned. RAM 22 (April 1991) | Awaiting update from AA since 2010. Potential problem addressed but not yet solved, problem may appear again or become more acute in the future. | AA |
| 273 | **Austria** | Untere Lobau | 30/06/2005 |  |  | Planned navigation canal. | Awaiting update from AA since 2010 | AA |
| 1076 | **Azerbaijan** | Ghizil-Agaj | 04/07/1990 |  | X | ???? | Awaiting update from AA since 2001 | … |
| 327 | **Belgium** | Schorren van de Beneden Schelde | 22/12/1987 |  | X | Lowering of the water table & eutrophication. RAM 1 ( Feb 1988) | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 329 | **Belgium** | De Ijzerbroeken te Diksmuide en Lo-Renige | 30/06/2005 |  | X | Depleted water quantity and quality. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. | AA |
| 1562 | **Belize** | Sarstoon Temash National Park | 20/05/2009 |  |  | Concession to perform seismic testing for oil and natural gas. | Awaiting update from AA since country visit in October 2013. | Other |
| 1105 | **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | Hutovo Blato | 31/08/2010 |  |  | New road crossing the RS, bird poaching, urban developments. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. Change in ecological character is partially addressed according to RIS updated in 2012. | Other |
| 602 | **Brazil** | Pantanal Matogrossense State Park | 23/09/2013 | 05/09/2014 |  | Threats to Pantanal due to the build, planning and operation of 87 dams that could impact its ecological character by an accumulative effect. | Last report in National Report to COP12. Closed-issues actively addressed by the AA. | Other |
| 1270 | **Brazil** | Reserva Particular do Patrimonio Natural SESC Pantanal | 23/09/2013 | 05/09/2014 |  | Threats to Pantanal due to the build, planning and operation of 87 dams that could impact its ecological character by an accumulative effect. | Last report in National Report to COP12. Closed-issues actively addressed by the AA. | Other |
| 1864 | **Brazil** | Reserva Particular del Patrimonio Natural (RPPN) Fazenda Rio Negro | 23/09/2013 | 05/09/2014 |  | Threats to Pantanal due to the build, planning and operation of 87 dams that could impact its ecological character by an accumulative effect. | Last report in National Report to COP12. Closed-issues actively addressed by the AA. | Other |
| 64 | **Bulgaria** | Srebarna | 02/04/1992 |  | X | Erosion of the river bed, euthropication, vegetation succession. RAM 28 (April 92). RAM 47 (October 01) | Updated RIS received 31/01/13. Threats ongoing. Conservation and reforestation efforts implemented. | AA |
| 239 | **Bulgaria** | Durankulak Lake | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Wind farm planned within the Site. | Awaiting update from AA since 2010. New threat reported in 2013. EIA Carried out but AEWA requested to the Deputy Ministry of Environment a revision of the EIA. | AA |
| 222 | **Chile** | Carlos Anwandter Sanctuary | 06/10/2006 |  | X | Large mortality of Black-necked Swans related to impacts of waste discharge from an upstream cellulose factory. | Change in ecological character is actively addressed. Last report in COP12 National Report. | AA… |
| 877 | **Chile** | Laguna Santa Rosa y Negro Francisco | 28/08/2014 |  |  | Change in ecological character by mining activities | Change in ecological character is actively addressed. Report in National Report to COP12. | AA… |
| 951 | **Colombia** | Sistema Lagunar Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta | 01/09/2004 |  |  | Development of a multi-purpose port facility in Palermo | Closed issues solved. | AA… |
| 540 | **Costa Rica** | Palo Verde | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Changes in the ecological character of the Site, particularly its hydrological characteristics, due agricultural and cattle ranching activities in the surrounding area. | Change in ecological character is actively addressed | AA |
| 811 | **Costa Rica** | Caribe Nordeste | 15/11/2010 |  |  | Change in the ecological character by open artificial channels. | Updated report received from AA in March 2014. Ongoing follow up by Secretariat based on decisions of the International Court of Justice | AA |
| 583 | **Croatia** | Kopacki Rit | 29/03/2005 |  | X | Deforestation, drainage, poaching. RAM 55 (September 2005) | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. | Other |
| 585 | **Croatia** | Delta Neretve | 25/06/1905 |  |  | Planned 3 hydropower plants, irrigation projects, urban developments, reed burning, illegal hunting. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 494 | **Czech Republic** | Sumava peatlands | 01/04/2011 |  |  | Change of management practices, reduction of non intervention areas, increased logging activities. Confirmed by AA. RAM 44 (June 2001) | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. | Other |
| 495 | **Czech Republic** | Trebon fishponds | 16/06/1905 |  | X | Intensive fish farming, eutrophication, hunting, habitat destruction. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. | AA |
| 635 | **Czech Republic** | Floodplain of lower Dyje River | 21/06/1905 |  | X | Planned navigation canal. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. Change in ecological character is actively addressed. | AA |
| 638 | **Czech Republic** | Litovelske Pomoravi | 19/06/1905 |  | X | Overexploitation of the aquifer, plans for a navigation canal. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. Change in ecological character is actively addressed. | AA |
| 639 | **Czech Republic** | Poodrí | 21/06/1905 |  | X | Planned navigation canal | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. Change in ecological character is actively addressed. | AA |
| 141 | **Denmark** | Ringkøbing Fjord | 12/06/1905 |  | X | Increasing euthropication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds. RAM 36 (September 1996) | Updated report received from AA in October 2013 | AA |
| 389 | **Denmark** | Heden on Jameson Land (Greenland) | 28/04/2008 |  | X | Construction of a road, runway and harbour in the most important moulting area for barnacle geese. Confirmed by AA. RAM 61 ( June 2009) | Awaiting update from AA since 2010 | Other |
| 787 | **DR Congo** | Virunga National Park | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Oil exploration scheme within the Park |  | Other |
| 407 | **Egypt** | Lake Bardawil |  |  | X | Effect of the closing of the channels between the lagoon and the sea |  | Other |
| 408 | **Egypt** | Lake Burullis |  |  | X |  |  | Other |
| 893 | **Georgia** | Wetlands of Central Kolkheti | 27/07/2005 |  |  | Oil terminal and railway construction at the site. RAM 54 (August 2005) | Awaiting update from AA since 2010 | AA |
| 82 | **Germany** | Wattenmeer, Ostfriesisches Wattenmeer & Dollart | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Dike plans. RAM 19 (September 1990) | Awaiting update from AA since 2010 to close this file. Change in ecological character is actively addressed | AA |
| 561 | **Germany** | Mühlenberger Loch | 23/01/2001 |  |  | Reduction of the site due to industrial expansion. RAM 46 (September 2001) | Awaiting update from AA since 2010 | AA |
| 55 | **Greece** | Lake Vistonis Porto Lagos Lake Ismaris & adjoining lagoons | 05/07/1990 |  | X | Agricultural, domestic and industrial runoff, increase of salinity, urban developments. | Awaiting update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 56 | **Greece** | Nestos delta & adjoining lagoons | 07/07/1990 |  | X | Decreasing groundwater levels. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 57 | **Greece** | Lakes Volvi & Koronia | 06/07/1990 |  | X | Pollution from agricultural, domestic and industrial runoff. | Awaiting update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 59 | **Greece** | Axios Ludias Aliakmon delta | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Pollution, dam and irrigation networks considerably altered river hydrology. | Awaiting update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 61 | **Greece** | Amvrakikos gulf | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Increased salinity and depleted water levels due to irrigation. | Awaiting update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 62 | **Greece** | Messolonghi lagoons | 07/07/1990 |  | X | Construction works changed the hydrology and geomorphology of the area, overgrazing, illegal fishing, urban developments, waste disposal. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 63 | **Greece** | Kotychi lagoons | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Illegal hunting, agricultural runoff, pollution, overgrazing. | Awaiting update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 488 | **Guatemala** | Laguna del Tigre | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Threat of natural resource extraction including logging, oil related activities and hunting as well as disordered settlement of communities. | Change in ecological character is partially addressed. Secretariat working with the AA to address the issue. | … |
| 1163 | **Guinea** | Niger-Mafou | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1164 | **Guinea** | Niger-Niandan-Milo | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1165 | **Guinea** | Niger Source | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1166 | **Guinea** | Niger-Tinkisso | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1167 | **Guinea** | Sankarani-Fié | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1168 | **Guinea** | Tinkisso | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 722 | **Honduras** | Parque Nacional Jeannette Kawas | 19/06/2006 |  |  | Change in the ecological charactee due to building of touristic infrastructure. | Updated report received from AA in COP12 National Report (August 2014). Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA. | Other |
| 167 | **Iceland** | Myvatn-Laxá region | 22/04/2010 |  |  | Plans to build a new dam, geothermal infrastructure, urban developments and tourism pressures. RAM 76 (August 2013) | Awaiting update from AA since 2013 | AA |
| 854 | **Iceland** | Gunnafjördur | 22/04/2010 | 01/08/2013 |  | Plans to construct a road restricting the tidal flow through the estuary and mudflats. | Closed- issue solved in August 2013 | AA |
| 230 | **India** | Keoladeo National Park | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Shortage of water due to decreased rainfall during monsoon and dam upstream that controls the water flow to the site. | Awaiting update from AA since 2008 | AA |
| 463 | **India** | Loktak Lake | 16/06/1993 |  | X |  | Awaiting update from AA since 2008 | AA |
| 38 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Urmia Lake | 05/09/2011 |  |  | Lake is drying out because of climate change and mismanagement of water resources in the lake basin | The problem is being addressed actively; but we are still awaiting update on the condition of the site since early 2014 | AA |
| 39 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Neiriz lakes and Kamjan marshes | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Drainage of water from site; agricultural activities | Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008 | AA |
| 40 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Anzali Mordab (Talab) complex | 31/12/1993 |  | X | Changing water levels; increased eutrophication which led to the spread of Phragmites australis. Also increased hunting pressure | Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008 | AA |
| 41 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Shadegan Marshes & mudflats of Khor-al Amaya & Khor Musa | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Chemical pollution; Proposed drainage of site for agricultural development | Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008 | AA |
| 42 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Hamun -e- Saberi & Hamun - e - Helmand | 04/07/1990 |  | X |  | Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008 | AA |
| 44 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Hamun-e-Puzak south end | 04/07/1990 |  | X |  | Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008 | AA |
| 45 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Shurgol, Yadegarlu & Dorgeh Sangi Lakes | 04/07/1990 |  | X |  | The problem is being actively addressed; and we are awaiting further update on the condition of the site since 2010 | AA |
| 1718 | **Iraq** | Hawizeh Marsh | 28/04/2010 |  | X | Changes in hydrology due to the construction of dams upstream, and water control structures; Decline in rainfall; Oil exploration | On-going; action is being taken to address the change in ecological character | AA |
| 133 | **Italy** | Stagno di Molentargius | 22/05/2012 |  |  | The site is drying out. Under review by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 2011 | Other |
| 190 | **Italy** | Laguna di Marano: Foci dello Stella | 27/01/2009 |  |  | Erosion of salt marshes decreased numbers of wintering birds. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | Other |
| 1454 | **Jamaica** | Palisadoes | 15/10/2010 |  |  | Severe degradation and adverse ecological change due to the constructing of a highway | Last report in National Report to COP12 (August 2014). Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA. | Other |
| 1597 | **Jamaica** | Portland Bight | 19/09/2013 |  |  | Threat by a proposal to build a logistics/ trans-shipment port by China Harbour Engineering Company | Last report in National Report to COP12 Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA. | Othe |
| 2057 | **Japan** | Nakaikemi-Shicchi | 17/09/2012 |  |  | Proposed to build railway project through the site | Additional information received in August 2014; EIA is being conducted. Japan will report on the results of the EIA at SC48. | Other |
| 135 | **Jordan** | Azraq Oasis | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Drying out of the oasis due to increased abstraction of water and reduced rainfall | Additional information received in December 2013. The problem is on-going but action is being taken to address the issue |  |
| 108 | **Kazakhstan** | Lakes of the lower Turgay & Irgyz | Pre COP11 |  |  | Decrease in water supply that is affecting wildlife, flora and also human settlements dependent on it; Barrages across the River Turgay and its tributaries cut water supply | Waiting for an update on the conditions of the site from AA since 2008. | Other |
| 1231 | **Kyrgyz Republic** | Issyk-Kul State Reserve with the Lake Issyk-Kul | 12/11/2002 |  |  |  | Updated report received from AA in August 2014; issue is being actively addressed. | … |
| 1588 | **Kyrgyz Republic** | Karatal-Japyryk State Reserve with the lakes Son-Kol and Chatyr-Kol | 01/11/2012 |  |  |  | Updated report received from AA in August 2014 | AA |
| 869 | **Malawi** | Lake Chilwa | 01/08/2013 |  |  | Mineral extraction | Letter received from AA in August 2013 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a comprehensive desk study including resources mobilization | AA |
| 1287 | **Malaysia** | Pulau Kukup/ | 10/04/2014 |  |  | Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil. | Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June. | … |
| 1288 | **Malaysia** | Sungai Pulai | 10/04/2014 |  |  | Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil. | Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June. | … |
| 1289 | **Malaysia** | Tanjung Piai | 10/04/2014 |  |  | Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil. | Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June. | Other… |
| 732 | **Mexico** | Marismas Nacionales | 05/08/2014 |  |  | Building of Las Cruces Hydroelectric Project. | Report by AA. Last report in COP12 National Report. | AA… |
| 1346 | **Mexico** | Parque Arrecifal Veracruzano | 24/09/2013 |  |  | Threat by a proposal to expand Veracruz port. | Last report in COP12 National Report Secretariat working with AA to address the issues. AA waiting for the decision of the Court. | Other… |
| 1351 | **Mexico** | Playa Tortuguera X'cacel-X'cacelito | 12/04/2011 |  |  | Building of the touristic project Punta Carey. | Last report in COP12 National Report. | Other |
| 1921 | **Mexico** | Manglares y Humedales de la Isla de Cozumel | 12/04/2011 |  |  | Threat for the extraction of sand and affectation of the population of queen conch. | Closed issues solved | Other |
| 1778 | **Mexico** | Cabo Pulmo | 07/09/2011 | 17/08/2012 |  | Building of the touristic project Cabo Cortes | Closed issues solved | Other |
| 784 | **Montenegro** | Skadarsko Jezero | 24/12/2009 |  |  | Pollution by an aluminium plant, bird disturbance and poaching. RAM 56 (October 2005) | Awaiting update from AA since 2011 | Other |
| 1850 | **Nepal** | Mai Phokhari | 02/09/2013 | 24/08/2014 |  | Decreasing level of water | Closed | Other |
| 581 | **Netherlands** | Bargerveen | 2005 |  |  | Wind farm construction adjacent to the RS in drained peatlands, court case in Germany and EC. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 20005 | Other |
| 1138 | **Nicaragua** | Refugio de Vida Silvestre del Rio San Juan | 30/11/2010 |  |  | Project for the improvement of the navigation of the San Juan River. | Secretariat working with AA to address the issues. | AA |
| 1139 | **Nicaragua** | Sistema de Humedales de la Bahia de Bluefields | 15/01/2007 |  | X | Potential changes in the ecological character as a consequence of the proposed construction of an all-weather road. | Change in ecological character is partially addressed | … |
| 13 | **Norway** | Aakersvika | 01/03/2007 |  |  | Planned road expansion. RAM 56 (April 2010) | Awaiting update from AA since June 2013 | Other |
| 307 | **Norway** | Nordre Øyeren | 20/08/2010 |  |  | Road expansion from two to four lines and establishment of a pipeline for sewage. | Awaiting update from AA since June 2013 | AA |
| 308 | **Norway** | Ilene & Pesterødkilen | 21/01/2005 |  |  | Pollution accident, urban developments and new road system | Awaiting update from AA since June 2013 | AA |
| 802 | **Norway** | Nordre Tyrifjord | 03/03/2013 |  |  | Planned new main road and railway line. | Awaiting update from AA since 2013. | AA |
| 305 | **Norway** | Øra | 10/03/2006 |  |  | Oil spill accident. Dead seabirds and ducks. | File to be closed. Awaiting letter from AA 2014. | AA |
| 306 | **Norway** | Kurefjorden | 05/04/2005 |  |  | Spill from civil airport potentially reaching a nearby creek flowing into the RS. Confirmed by AA. | File to be closed. Awaiting letter from AA 2014. | Other |
| 805 | **Norway** | Giske Wetland System | 01/03/2012 |  |  | Expansion of security area/fence around Alesund Airport and relocation of local road outside the fence and into the reserve. | Case won. File to be closed. Awaiting letter from AA 2014. | AA |
| 809 | **Norway** | Froan Nature Reserve & Landscape Protection Area | 19/03/2004 |  |  | Fish farm potentially affecting site's ecological character. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since June 2013 | Other |
| 99 | **Pakistan** | Kinjhar (Kalri) Lake | 05/02/2009 |  |  | Industrial waste pollution from feeder river to the lake; decline in waterbirds and water not suitable for drinking | Waiting for an update on the condition of the site from AA since 2009 | Other |
| 101 | **Pakistan** | Haleji Lake | 14/04/2009 |  |  | Plan to develop right bank outfall drain next to the site | Waiting for an update on the condition of the site and the progress of the project from AA since 2009 | Other |
| 1067 | **Pakistan** | Jubho Lagoon | 18/12/2008 |  |  | Pollution | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 | Other |
| 1319 | **Panama** | Bahía de Panamá | 26/06/2012 | 20/06/2014 |  | Threat to the ecological character due to urban developments. | Closed issues solved. | Other |
| 656 | **Philippines** | Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary (OIWS) | 01/08/2012 |  |  | Proposed reclamation project in Cordova coastal area, a nearby island of OIWS | Ongoing discussions to address the issue. Latest update from AA in August 2014. | Other |
| 1010 | **Philippines** | Tubbataha Reefs (Natural Park (TRNP) | 24/01/2013 | 2014 |  | U.S. Navy vessel (January 2013) and China fishing vessel (April 2013) ran around the Reef which damaged about 2,3002 and 40002 of protected reef, respectively; TRNP to be proposed as Particularly Sensitive Sea Area. | On-going discussions to address the issue. Latest update from AA in August 2014. Case closed. | AA |
| 2124 | **Philippines** | Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA) | 13/02/2014 |  |  | Proposed erclamation of the Manila Bay specificall areas adjacent to LPPCHEA. Petitions were filed to avert the reclamation projects. | Issue is being actively addressed. Latest update from AA in August 2014. | AA |
| 521 | **Romania** | Danube Delta | 18/08/2004 |  |  | Possible transboundary influences due to the reopening of a navigable waterway (Bistroe channel). | Updated report received from AA in May 2013 | AA |
| 1074 | **Romania** | Small Island of Braila | 28/04/2005 |  |  | Works to improve navigation conditions potentially affecting the site ecological character. | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 | AA |
| 139 | **Senegal** | Bassin du Ndiael | 01/07/1905 |  | X |  |  | AA |
| 1392 | **Serbia** | Slano Kopovo | 01/11/2006 |  |  | Water deficit result of hydromelioration activities and successive dry years. Confirmed by AA. | Updated report received from AA in September 2013 Change in ecological character is actively addressed | Other |
| 1014 | **Sierra Leone** | Sierra River Estuary | 01/01/2013 |  |  | Urban development (Expansion of Freetown City) | Letter received from AA in January 2013 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 586 | **Slovenia** | Secovlje salt pans | 05/03/2007 |  |  | Illegal hunting. | Awaiting update from AA since 2010 | AA |
| 991 | **Slovenia** | Skocjan Caves | 27/04/2007 |  |  | Implementation of the national location plan for drinking water supply. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 2010 | Other |
| 343 | **South Africa** | Blesbokspruit | 18/06/1905 |  | X | Pollution from underground mine water |  | AA |
| 526 | **South Africa** | Orange River Mouth | 01/07/1905 |  | X |  |  | AA |
| 234 | **Spain** | Doñana |  |  | X | Intensive agriculture, dam construction, pollution, overfishing, overexploitation of the aquifers, tourism pressures, drainage, gas and oil exploitation, navigation disturbance. Confirmed by AA. RAM 51 (October 2002). RAM 70 (January 2011). | Updated report received from AA in July 2014. New threats reported in 2013. New RAM planned for early 2015 (joint with the WHC). | Other |
| 235 | **Spain** | Las Tablas de Daimiel | 01/07/1905 |  | X | Overexploitation of the aquifer. Guadiana river ceased flowing in the RS. Confirmed by AA. RAM 2 (March 1988) | Updated report received from AA in March 2014. | Other |
| 449 | **Spain** | S'Albufera de Mallorca | 01/04/2009 |  |  | Golf course development. Confirmed by AA. RAM 68 (October 2010) | Awaiting update from AA since 2011 | Other |
| 454 | **Spain** | Albufera de Valencia | 16/03/2004 |  |  | Urban developments. Confirmed by AA. RAM 58 (December) 2006 | Updated report received from AA in March 2014. | Other |
| 599 | **Spain** | Laguna y Arenal de Valdoviño | 10/01/2012 |  |  | Drainage operation critically lowered the water level of the lagoon, dune vegetation destruction due to human pressures. Confirmed by AA. | Updated report received from AA in May 2014. | Other |
| 706 | **Spain** | Mar Menor | 26/06/1905 |  |  | Eutrophication and water extraction. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | Other |
| 1262 | **Spain** | Saladar de Jandía | 30/03/2009 | 01/05/2014 |  | Tourism pressures. | Closed - issue solved in 2014. Change in ecological character is actively addressed | Other |
| 1264 | **Spain** | Txingudi | 11/10/2006 | 01/01/2014 |  | Airport extension. Confirmed by AA. | Closed - issue solved in January 2014. The project didn't pass the EIA and therefore has been cancelled. | Other |
| 948 | **Thailand** | Kuan Ki Sian of the Thale Noi Non Hunting Area Wetlands | 20/11/2009 | 01/09/2014 |  | Encroachment by palm oil plantationsl changes in hydrology due to drainage and irrigation schemes; road constructed across the swamp forest; dessication of the peat swamp | Issue has been addressed; Site visited by the Secretariat in June 2014 followed by a detailed response from the AA received in September 2014. Case closed. | Other |
| 1100 | **Thailand** | Krabi Estuary | 28/05/2013 | 01/09/2014 |  | Coal Power project set to be constructed in 2015 at Tambol Pakasai, Nhua Khlong district | Site visited by the Secretariat in June 2014 followed by a detailed response from the AA received in September 2014. Case closed. | Other |
| 726 | **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** | Prespa Lake | 28/03/2006 |  |  | Eutrophication, overexploitation. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 736 | **Togo** | Reserve de faune de Togodo | 01/01/2014 |  |  | Dam Construction | Draft EIA available and Secretariat advised and guided AA for its involvement with the validation process | AA |
| 1496 | **Trinidad and Tobago** | Bon Accord Lagoon | 04/04/2013 | 26/08/2014 |  | Unregulated commercial & residential growth. | Closed issue solved- | Other |
| 203 | **Tunisia** | Ichkeul |  |  | X |  |  | AA |
| 659 | **Turkey** | Lake Seyfe (Seyfe Gölü) | 22/02/2008 | 01/07/2012 |  | Drying out, water abstraction upstream for irrigation purposes. | Closed- issue solved in July 2012 | Other |
| 944 | **Turkey** | Lake Uluabat | 15/07/2009 | 01/07/2012 |  | Threat to wetland habitats in connection with construction of the Bursa - Balikesir - Izmir highway. | Closed- issue solved in July 2012 | Other |
| 661 | **Turkey** | Sultan Marshes | 27/04/2006 | 01/07/2012 |  | Ecological changes due to intensification of irrigated agriculture. | Closed- issue solved in July 2012 | Other |
| 1715 | **UAE** | Ras al Khor | 15/04/2013 |  |  | Opening of the Business Bay Canal causing possible changes in salinity and hydrodynamics | Additional information received in August; ecological character of the site is being monitored | Other |
| 394 | **Uganda** | Lake George |  |  | X |  |  | AA |
| 113 | **Ukraine** | Kyliiske Mouth | 07/07/2003 | 01/09/2012 | X | Opening of Bystroe Danube arm deep water navigation way. | File Closed in September 2012 | AA |
| 756 | **Ukraine** | The Northern Part of the Dniester Liman | 15/08/2014 |  |  | 330kV high voltage transmission line project potentially crossing the RS. Reported by 3rd Party-under review by AA. | Updated report received from AA in September 2014. Location of the transmission line to be confirmed. | Other |
| 762 | **Ukraine** | Sasyk Lake | 01/07/2012 | 01/09/2012 |  | Reconnection of the lake with the Black Sea causing possible change in ecological character. | File Closed in September 2012 | AA |
| 766 | **Ukraine** | Tyligulskyi Liman | 03/07/1905 |  |  | Land reclamation, pollution, anthropogenic disturbances, changes in the hydrology. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 767 | **Ukraine** | Dnipro River Delta | 26/04/2012 | 01/09/2012 |  | Potential building/extension of a port within the RS. | File Closed in September 2012 | Other |
| 768 | **Ukraine** | Tendrivska Bay and Yagorlytska Bay | 10/05/2010 | 01/09/2012 |  | Massive commercial illegal prawn fishing. Confirmed by AA. | File Closed in September 2012 | Other |
| 77 | **United Kingdom** | Ouse Washes | 18/02/2011 |  | X | Water management problems. RAM 49 (November 2001) | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 298 | **United Kingdom** | The Dee Estuary | 21/11/2007 |  | X | Industrial and transport developments. Confirmed by AA. RAM 34 (November 1994) | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. Change in ecological character is being actively addressed. | Other |
| 1043 | **United Kingdom** | South East Coast of Jersey | 02/12/2008 |  |  | Plans for a new road and construction of an incinerator. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. | Other |
| 1077 | **United Kingdom** | Diego Garcia | 08/04/2009 |  |  | Discharge of untreated sewage, hazardous pollutants in the lagoon, introduction of invasive species, biomass reduction in the reefs, underwater sound pollution, overfishing. Confirmed by AA. | Updated report received from AA in May 2014. Potential impacts have been character actively addressed | Other |
| 374 | **United States of America** | Everglades | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Changes in the natural water flows and nutrient enrichment due to agricultural practices and development in the surrounding area. | Change in ecological character is being actively addressed | … |
| 2001 | **United States of America** | Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs | 31/03/2014 |  |  | Possible construction of a very large open-pit iron ore mine near the headwaters of the Bad River. | Issues addressed by the AA and the National Wetlands Committee. | AA |
| 290 | **Uruguay** | Bañados del Este y Franja Costera | 04/07/1990 | 28/08/2014 | X | Modification of the hydrology of areas of the site affecting the natural dinamic of the system and draining of areas of the Ramsar site for agriculture and livestock activities. | Change in ecological character is being actively addressed. Removed from the Montreux Record. | … |

**Annex 4b**

**Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur up to, and after COP11**

Open files where information has been received by the Secretariat from sources other than Contracting Parties, and where this has been followed up with the Administrative Authorities concerned. Inclusion here does not imply that the Conference of the Contracting Parties, Secretariat, or Party concerned considers that any given site is facing negative change

| Site No. | Contracting Party | Site Name | Date of opening | Date of closure | Short summary of the issue | Status as at 28 August 2014 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 262 | **Australia** | Barmah Forest | Jul-14 |  | Trial ecological thinning of the Red Gum Forest | (Update received from AA dated 15 Sept 2014) |
| 266 | **Australia** | Port Phillip Bay & Bellarine Peninsula | Jan-14 | Aug-14 | Impact from Silt run-off from nearby development affecting Lake Connewarre | AA responded on 4 August 2014. State government now dealing directly with Third Party. Case closed. |
| 267 | **Australia** | Western port | 01/11/2010 |  | Threat from the proposed expansion of the Port of Hastings |  |
| 268 | **Australia** | Western District Lakes | 01/11/2012 |  | Wind Farm project | (Waiting for response from AA since Sept 2014) |
| 269 | **Australia** | Gippsland Lakes | 30/11/2009 |  | Dredging of the Lakes' entrance caused an increase in the salinity of the site, but declining freshwater flows and increased nutrients; invasion of European shore crab and marine algal species. | (AA currently drafting a response) |
| 482 | **Australia** | Peel-Yalgorup system |  |  | Dredging from Pt. Grey to Dawesville Cut, and also at the marina at Dawesville Cut |  |
| 560 | **Bangladesh** | Sundarbans Reserve Forest | 09/06/2011 |  | Construction of Coal-fired power plant about 14 km away from the site; Plans to develop a coal mine in Phulbari; the extracted coal is transferred to Mongla port (near Sundarbands), then transported to an off-shore reloading facility inside the site. | Waiting for an update on the condition of the site as well as the status of the project from AA since 2011 |
| 331 | **Belgium** | Marais d'Harchies | 26/05/2003 | 24/10/2013 | Planned industrial plant for sludge treatment. Refuted by AA. | File closed in 2013. The project has not been developed. |
| 1180 | **Burundi** | Parc National de la Rusizi | 01/01/2013 |  | Large Scale Sugar Cane Plantation | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2012 |
| 1740 | **Congo** | Cayo-Loufoualeba | 2010 |  | Extractive industry (Mining) | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2010. AA promised in 2012 to transform RAM recommendations into action Plan |
| 143 | **Denmark** | Nissum Fjord | 17/11/2009 |  | Increasing euthropication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds. | Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013. |
| 146 | **Denmark** | Ulvedybet & Nibee Bredning | 17/11/2009 |  | Increasing euthropication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds. | Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013. |
| 356 | **Denmark** | Vadehavet | 17/11/2009 |  | Drainage and agricultural intensification, destruction of meadows. | Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013. |
| 788 | **DR Congo** | Parc national des Mangroves | 2009 |  | Construction work (Port) | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2009 |
| 1810 | **France** | Rhin supérieur | 18/04/2012 |  | Urban developments. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. |
| 54 | **Greece** | Evros Delta | 24/10/2008 |  | Lack of coherent management. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2006 |
| 460 | **Iceland** | Thjörsárver | 22/04/2010 |  | Plans for a hydropower plant & dam. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. |
| 461 | **India** | Wular Lake | 14/02/2014 |  | Unplanned development and illegal encraochment | Awaiting update from AA since 2014 |
| 462 | **India** | Harike Lake | 14/02/2014 |  | Reduction in size of the lake | Awaiting update from AA since 2014 |
| 464 | **India** | Sambhar | 27/04/2009 |  | Unauthorized salt extraction; excess pumping of groundwater; Proposed construction of the world's biggest solar power generating facility close | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 1204 | **India** | Ashtamudi Lake | 13/06/2012 |  | Kollam Corporation dumping solid waste to the banks of the Lake; also illegal construction of solid waste treatment plant. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 1207 | **India** | Deepor Beel | 23/05/2013 |  | Fishing, siltation, illegal constructions and encroachment; factory chemical wastes dumped into the wetland (several fish of different species have been found dead). Proposed construction of a Railway line next to the Elephant Corridor. | Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 1208 | **India** | East Calcutta Wetlands | 27/08/2010 |  | Threat of urban encroachment and noxious pollutant escalation. | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 1212 | **India** | Sasthamkotta Lake | 05/05/2013 |  | Drought, waste dumping and lack of management | Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 1214 | **India** | Vembanand-Kol | 30/08/2010 |  | Industrial project given permit to start at the Ramsar Site; The Banyan Tree Resort does not conform with the environmental regulations | Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 415 | **Ireland** | Clara Bog | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 416 | **Ireland** | Morgan Bog | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 417 | **Ireland** | Raheenmore Bog | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 846 | **Ireland** | Lough Corrib | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 847 | **Ireland** | Lough Derravaragh | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 117 | **Italy** | Pian di Spagna e Lago Mezzola | 25/07/2012 |  | Road and environmental centre construction within the Site. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 1856 | **Kazakhstan** | Ural River Delta and adjacent Caspian Sea Coast | preCOP11 |  | Construction of an oil response base | We are waiting for an update from AA on the condition of this site since 2011 |
| 1478 | **Morocco** | Embouchure de la Moulouya | 2010 |  | Pollution | RAM report ongoing implementation. Update received in August 2014 |
| 1391 | **Mozambique** | Marromeux Complex | 2008 |  | Oil and Gas exploration | Ongoing work to address the issue. AA is updating the RIS |
| 1964 | **Mozambique** | Lac Niassa and its Coastal Zone | 2012 |  | Oil Exploration | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2012 |
| 194 | **Netherlands** | Naardermeer | 16/10/2005 |  | Urban developments and tourism pressures. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2005 |
| 289 | **Netherlands** | Waddensea | 17/07/2012 |  | Industrial developments in the area. Coal fuelled power plant planned at the edge of the RS. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since July 2013 |
| 818 | **Pakistan** | Uchhali Complex Lake | 06/04/2014 |  | Proposed reconstruction of road through the wetland site; recommendation is to build the road at a lower level which would have a lower impact. | Waiting for an update on the proposed project from AA since 2014 |
| 282 | **Poland** | Warta Mouth National Park | 21/07/2014 |  | Building projects at the river banks causing excessive drainage, water scarcity and bird disturbance. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since August 2014 |
| 756 | **Poland** | Biebrzanaki National Park (Biebrzanski Park Narodowy) | 27/04/2007 | 10/07/2012 | Road development plans. Refuted by AA. | File closed in July 2012.The road will not be constructed. |
| 212 | **Portugal** | Ria Formosa | 11/03/2009 |  | New resort project close to the river. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 1594 | **Republic of Korea** | Seocheon Tidal Flat | 29/04/2009 |  | Proposed reclamation of the intertidal mudflats | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 1029 | **Republic of Moldova** | Lower Prut Lakes | 20/05/2005 |  | Oil drilling next to the RS. | Awaiting update from AA since 2010. |
| 110 | **Russian Federation** | Kandalaksha Bay | 04/05/2012 |  | Plans for the construction of a gas plant within the RS. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 111 | **Russian Federation** | Volga Delta | 16/11/2012 |  | Development of oil and gas industry. | Awaiting information from AA since 2010. |
| 674 | **Russian Federation** | Kuban Delta: Group of limans between rivers Kuban & Protoka. | 30/11/2010 |  | Oil exploitation. | No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since March 2013 |
| 675 | **Russian Federation** | Kuban delta: Akhtaro-Grivenskaya group of limans | 30/11/2010 |  | Oil exploitation | No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since March 2013 |
| 682 | **Russian Federation** | Selenga Delta | xx/11/08 |  | Artificial fluctuation of water levels due hydropower plants in lake Baikal. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 683 | **Russian Federation** | Torey Lakes | preCOP11 |  | Channel construction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 695 | **Russian Federation** | Moroshechnaya River | 30/01/2007 |  | Oil exploitation activities. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2007 |
| 699 | **Russian Federation** | Pskovsko-Chudskaya Lowland | 16/11/2012 |  | Urban developments, uncontrolled fishing, hunting and tourism pressures. Fish do not reach places upstream, changes in migration routes. | No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since November 2012 |
| 819 | **Serbia** | Stari Begi/Carska Bara Special Nature Reserve | 29/10/2007 |  | Shipyard building in the surrounding area of the RS. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2010 |
| 1600 | **Slovenia** | Lake Cerknica and its environ | 22/04/2008 |  | Water pollution. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2010 |
| 888 | **South Africa** | Seekoeivlei Nature Reserve | 2013 |  | Raw Sewage Problem | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2013 |
| 452 | **Spain** | Complejo Intermareal Umia-O Grove | 20/01/2014 |  | Heavy metals pollution. Under revision by AA. Not confirmed yet. |  |
| 592 | **Spain** | Aiguamolls de l'Empordà | 10/01/2012 |  | Wet meadows destruction for rice agriculture and overexploitation of the aquifer. | Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 593 | **Spain** | Delta del Ebro | 08/08/2014 |  | National Hydrologic Plan potentially affecting the RS ecological character. | Under revision by AA. Not confirmed yet. Awaiting update from AA since August 2014 |
| 705 | **Spain** | Ria del Eo | 19/05/2009 |  | Potential urban developments. | Under revision by AA. Not confirmed yet. Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 935 | **Syrian Arab Republic** | Sabkhat al-Jabbul Nature Reserve | 23/11/2010 |  | Waste water is being discharged into the lake | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetlands from AA since 2010 |
| 945 | **Turkey** | Gediz Delta | 05/02/2013 |  | Urban developments and proposed project for rehabilitation of Izmir Bay and Harbour. Planned to stock dredged materials in the coastal area. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 764 | **Ukraine** | Dnister Turunchuk Crossrivers Area | 05/10/2012 |  | Hydroelectric power plant. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 68 | **United Kingdom** | Broadland | 05/09/2013 | 01/11/2013 | Drainage and loss of water clarity in the river Thurne following the sudden lowering of water levels. | Refuted by AA. File closed in November 2013. |
| 926 | **United Kingdom** | Avon Valley | 21/07/2014 |  | The ecosystem has been degraded and consequently the number of wading birds is decreasing. | Under revision by AA. Not confirmed yet. Awaiting update from AA since August 2014 |
| 1025 | **United Kingdom** | Thames Estuary and Marshes | 23/03/2012 | 01/09/2014 | Planned construction of "Boris Island" Airport. | (File closed in September 2014; the huge cost, economic disruption and environmental concerns made the proposal unviable.) |

**Annex 5**

**List of Ramsar Sites which are also World Heritage Sites**

| Country | Ramsar Site Name | World Heritage property |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Algeria | La Vallée d'Iherir | Tassili N'Ajjer |
| Argentina | Humedales de Península Valdés | Península Valdés |
| Australia | Kakadu National Park | Kakadu National Park |
| Australia | Great Sandy Strait | Fraser Island |
| Bangladesh | Sundarbans Reserved Forest | The Sundarbans |
| Botswana | Okavango Delta System | Okavango Delta |
| Brazil | Pantanal Matogrossense | Pantanal Conservation Area |
| Bulgaria | Srébarna | Srebarna Nature Reserve |
| Canada | Whooping Crane Summer Range | Wood Buffalo National Park |
| Canada | Peace-Athabasca Delta | Wood Buffalo National Park |
| Costa Rica | Isla del Coco | Cocos Island National Park |
| Denmark | Vadehavet | The Wadden Sea |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Parc national des Virunga | Virunga National Park |
| Egypt | Wadi El Rayan Protected Area | Wadi Al-Hitan |
| Germany | Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea and adjacent areas | The Wadden Sea |
| Germany | Wattenmeer, Ostfriesisches Wattenmeer & Dollart | The Wadden Sea |
| Germany | Wattenmeer, Elbe-Weser-Dreieck | The Wadden Sea |
| Germany | Wattenmeer, Jadebusen& westliche Wesermündung | The Wadden Sea |
| Germany | Hamburgishes Wattenmeer | The Wadden Sea |
| India | Keoladeo National Park | Keoladeo National Park |
| Japan | Yakushima Nagata-hama | Yakushima |
| Kazakhstan | Naurzum Lake System | Saryarka - Steppe and Lakes of Northern Kazakhstan |
| Mauritania | Parc National du Banc d'Arguin | Parc National du Banc d'Arguin |
| Mexico | Humedales del Delta del Río Colorado | Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California |
| Mexico | Sian Ka'an | Sian Ka'an |
| Mexico | Laguna Ojo de Liebre | Whale Sanctuary of El Vizcaíno |
| Mexico | Laguna San Ignacio | Whale Sanctuary of El Vizcaíno |
| Mexico | Parque Nacional Bahía de Loreto | Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California |
| Mexico | Isla San Pedro Mártir | Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California |
| Mexico | Parque Nacional Cabo Pulmo | Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California |
| Mexico | Sistema Lagunar San Ignacio - Navachiste - Macapule | Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California |
| Mexico | Canal del Infiernillo y esteros del territorio Comcaac (Xepe Coosot) | Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California |
| Mexico | Lagunas de Santa María-Topolobampo-Ohuira | Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California |
| Mongolia | Lake Uvs and its surrounding wetlands | Uvs Nuur Basin |
| Nepal | Beeshazar and Associated Lakes | Chitwan National Park |
| Nepal | Gokyo and associated lakes | Sagarmatha |
| Netherlands | Boschplaat | The Wadden Sea |
| Netherlands | Griend | The Wadden Sea |
| Niger | Parc national du W | W National Park of Niger |
| Niger | Gueltas et Oasis de l'Aïr | Aïr-Ténéré Nature Reserve |
| Philippines | Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park | Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park |
| Philippines | Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park | Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park |
| Republic of Korea | 1100 Altitude Wetland | Jeju Volcanic Island and Lava Tubes |
| Romania | Danube Delta | Danube Delta |
| Romania | Old Danube-Macin Arm | Danube Delta |
| Russian Federation | Selenga Delta | Lake Baikal |
| Senegal | Djoudj | Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary |
| Seychelles | Aldabra Atoll | Aldabra Atoll |
| Slovakia | Domica | Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst |
| Slovenia | Skocjanske Jame (Skocjan Caves) | Skocjan Caves |
| South Africa | Turtle Beaches/Coral Reefs of Tongaland | iSimangaliso Wetland Park |
| South Africa | St. Lucia System | iSimangaliso Wetland Park |
| South Africa | Kosi Bay | iSimangaliso Wetland Park |
| South Africa | Lake Sibaya | iSimangaliso Wetland Park |
| Spain | Doñana | Doñana National Park |
| Sweden | Laidaure | Laponian Area |
| Sweden | Sjaunja | Laponian Area |
| Tunisia | Ichkeul | Ichkeul National Park |
| Uganda | Rwenzori Mountains Ramsar Site | Rwenzori Mountains |
| United Kingdom | Gough Island | Gough and Inaccessible Island |
| United Kingdom | Inaccessible Island | Gough and Inaccessible Island |
| USA | Everglades National Park | Everglades |
| Yemen | Detwah Lagoon | Socotra Archipelago |

**Annex 6**

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**The status of Sites in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance**

1. RECALLING Article 2.1 of the Convention, which states that “each Contracting Party shall designate suitable wetlands within its territory for inclusion in a List of Wetlands of International Importance”;
2. RECALLING Resolution VIII.11 (2002), in which the Parties established that the Vision of the Ramsar List is to be achieved through the designation of coherent and comprehensive national and international networks of Ramsar Sites, among other actions;
3. ALSO RECALLING Article 8.2 of the Convention on the duties of the Secretariat concerning reporting on the status of Ramsar Sites for the consideration and recommendations by the Parties at ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties on these matters, and Article 6.2(d) concerning the competence of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to make general or specific recommendations to the Contracting Parties regarding the conservation, management and wise use of wetlands;
4. CONGRATULATING the Contracting Parties on the designation, between 13 July 2012 and 28 August 2014, of 149 new Ramsar Sites;
5. NOTING, however, that although this represents a 7% increase in the number of Sites being included in the List since COP11, significant gaps remain in the comprehensiveness and representativeness of the global network of Ramsar Sites;
6. Further NOTING that the number of Sites on the Ramsar List falls well below the targets of 2,500 sites by the year 2015 that the Parties established in the *Strategic Framework and guidelines for the future development of the List of Wetlands of International Importance of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) - 2012 revision*;
7. CONCERNED that for 1,238 Ramsar Sites, representing 57 % of 2,188 Sites, either Ramsar Information Sheets or adequate maps have not been submitted, or relevant Ramsar Information Sheets or maps have not been updated for over six years, such that information on the current status of these Sites is not available;
8. NOTING that changes to Ramsar Site boundaries and areas reported to the Secretariat in updated Ramsar Information Sheets can only include extensions or recalculations of areas including through more precise boundary delineations;
9. RECALLING that in Resolution VIII.8 (2002) the COP expressed concern that many Contracting Parties do not have in place the mechanisms to fulfil Article 3.2 of the Convention, and that it urged Contracting Parties to promptly “put in place mechanisms in order to be informed at the earliest possible time, including through reports by national authorities and local and indigenous communities and NGOs, if the ecological character of any wetland in its territory included in the Ramsar List has changed, is changing or is likely to change, and to report any such change without delay to the Ramsar Bureau so as to implement fully Article 3.2 of the Convention”;
10. Further NOTING that 73% of the Contracting Parties reported to COP12 that they have arrangements in place to be informed of negative human-induced changes or likely changes in the ecological character of Ramsar Sites in their territories in line with Article 3.2, but AWARE that fewer than 21% have submitted reports of all instances of such changes or likely changes;
11. CONCERNED that of all Ramsar Sites included in the Montreux Record as of 28 August 2014, only one Site has been removed from the Record since COP11, and NOTING that Contracting Parties have placed no further Ramsar Site on the Montreux Record since COP11;
12. RECOGNIZING the need to redesign the Montreux Record questionnaire to ensure its effective operation after 18 years;
13. CONCERNED at the long time taken to close many Article 3.2 files (average of four years), the continuing lack of information on the status of many open Article 3.2 files, and the lack of response by numerous Contracting Parties to reports by third parties of potential threats to Sites;
14. CONCERNED at the number of reports first received by the Secretariat of Ramsar Sites facing human-induced change or likely change in their ecological character came from third parties, as reported to this meeting in the Report of the Secretary General pursuant to Article 8.2 (d);
15. NOTING that some of these sites are parts of transboundary wetlands and river systems, such that change in their ecological character may affect the status of those parts of the wetland, including any Ramsar Sites, lying within the territory of neighbouring countries, and RECALLING that Article 5 of the Convention states that “the Contracting Parties shall consult with each other about implementing obligations arising from the Convention especially in the case of a wetland extending over the territories of more than one Contracting Party or where a water system is shared by Contracting Parties”; and
16. RECOGNIZING that the pressures on Ramsar Sites are likely to increase and that many Ramsar Sites have undergone or are undergoing change in their ecological character, or are likely to undergo such change, by virtue of change in land use and other pressures affecting them;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

1. EXPRESSES APPRECIATION to those Contracting Parties that have brought their Ramsar Information Sheets up to date for all the Ramsar Sites within their territory;
2. STRONGLY URGES the Parties listed at Annex 3a of the Report of the Secretary General pursuant to Article 8.2, in whose territories lie Ramsar Sites for which the Ramsar Information Sheet or map have not been submitted since the time of designation, to provide such information as a matter of urgency and in advance of the 51st meeting of the Ramsar Standing Committee, and INSTRUCTS the Ramsar Secretariat to contact the Contracting Parties listed in Annex 3a and request them to do so;
3. REQUESTS Contracting Parties listed in Annex 3b to fulfil, as a matter of urgency, with the terms of Resolution VI.13 and submit updated information of Ramsar Sites at least every six years using the most up-to-date format of the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS), now available online through the new Ramsar Sites Information Service, also for designating new Sites and extending existing Sites;
4. REAFFIRMS the commitment made by the Parties in Resolution VIII.8 to implement fully the terms of Article 3.2 on reporting change, and to maintain or restore the ecological character of Ramsar Sites by employing all appropriate mechanisms to address and resolve as soon as possible any matters leading to Article 3.2 reports; and subsequently to submit a further report on the outcomes of those mechanisms, so that both positive outcomes and changes in ecological character may be fully reflected in reports to meetings of the Conference of the Parties in order to establish a clear picture of the status and trends of the Ramsar Site network;
5. CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE Contracting Parties to adopt and apply, as part of their management planning for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands, a suitable monitoring regime, such as that outlined in the annex to Resolution VI.1 (1996), which incorporates the Convention’s Wetland Risk Assessment Framework (Resolution VII.10), in order to be able to report change or likely change in the ecological character of Ramsar sites in line with Article 3.2;
6. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to those Contracting Parties which have provided Article 3.2 reports to the Secretariat about Ramsar Sites where human-induced changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring, or may occur, as listed in Annex 4a of the Report of the Secretary General pursuant to Article 8.2;
7. REQUESTS those Contracting Parties with Ramsar Sites for which the Secretariat has received reports of change or likely change in their ecological character (listed in Annexes 4a and 4b of the Report) to advise and report to the Secretariat, in advance of the 51st meeting of the Standing Committee and each subsequent Standing Committee meeting, of steps taken to address these changes, or likely changes, in ecological character;
8. INSTRUCTS the Ramsar Secretariat to consider options for assisting and encouraging Parties in their actions in response to change or likely change in the ecological character of Sites, such as direct advice on the application of the wise use principles, or, when relevant, proposing to Parties to add the Site(s) to the Montreux Record or to invite a Ramsar Advisory Mission.
9. CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE Contracting Parties, when submitting a report in fulfilment of Article 3.2, to consider whether the Site would benefit from listing on the Montreux Record, and to request such listing as appropriate;
10. REQUESTS the Contracting Parties to use the redesigned Montreux Record questionnaire at Annex 1 of the present Resolution (see attached) to determine the inclusion or removal of a listed site in the Montreux Record.
11. REQUESTS Contracting Parties with Sites on the Montreux Record to report to each Standing Committee with an update on progress in addressing the issues for which those Ramsar Sites were listed on the Record, and report on these matters in their National Reports to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
12. ENCOURAGES all Parties to use a revised format for Ramsar Sites in National Report for COP13 to assess the status of the Sites.
13. INSTRUCTS the Ramsar Secretariat to work with Contracting Parties to assess and monitor the status of Ramsar sites and to consider options for collecting timely information on the evolution of the status of Ramsar Sites, for example by investigating the potential value and feasibility of gathering satellite data on changes to Sites.
14. FURTHER REQUEST the Ramsar Secretariat to estimate the costs of options for working with relevant partners (e.g UNEP-GRID) and for strengthening Parties’s access to such data and monitoring tools;
15. INSTRUCTS the Secretariat] to work with the IUCN World Heritage Outlook to gather timely and independent information on Ramsar Sites which are also recognized as World Heritage Sites; and
16. REQUESTS the Secretariat to investigate the possibility of extending the IUCN World Heritage Outlook to another 100 Ramsar Sites which are under threat, to estimate the costs and propose financial mechanisms to support such actions, and to seek appropriate voluntary funding .

**Annex 1: Montreux Record – Questionnaire content**

**Section One: Information for assessing possible inclusion of a listed Ramsar Site in the Montreux Record**

**Nature of the change**

1. Name of Site;
2. Ramsar Criteria for listing the Site as internationally important;
3. Summary statement of ecological character description;
4. Ecological components, processes and services affected by adverse human-induced change/likely change (list relevant code numbers from the ecological character description);
5. Nature and extent of the change / likely change to ecological character (use threat categories in RIS Guidance Appendix F);
6. Reason(s) for the change / likely change described above~~.~~

**Management measures in place**

1. Date when the latest Ramsar Information Sheet was submitted;
2. Monitoring programme in place at the Site, if any (description of technique(s), objectives, and nature of data and information gathered) – refer to RIS field 34;
3. Assessment procedures in place, if any (how is the information obtained from the monitoring programme used);
4. Ameliorative and restoration measures so far in place or planned, if any;
5. Any other analogous or linked Site intervention processes activated or planned, e.g. under other multilateral environmental agreements;
6. List of attachments provided by the Contracting Party (if applicable);
7. List of attachments provided by the Ramsar Secretariat (if applicable).

**Section Two: Information for assessing possible removal of a listed site from the Montreux Record**

1. Success of ameliorative, restoration or maintenance measures (if different from those covered in Section One of this questionnaire);
2. Proposed monitoring and assessment procedures (if different from those in Section One of this questionnaire);
3. Extent to which the ecological components, processes and services of the Site have been restored or maintained (provide details);
4. Rationale for removing the site from the Montreux Record (refer to Guidelines for Operation of the Montreux Record, the specific issues identified in Section One of this questionnaire, and any advice given by the STRP or arising from a Ramsar Advisory Mission, where applicable);
5. Status of any other analogous or linked Site intervention processes, e.g. under other multilateral environmental agreements, and details of how Montreux Record removal will be harmonized with these;
6. Measures that the Contracting Party will implement to maintain the ecological character of the site with clear indicators for follow up;
7. List of further attachments (if applicable).

1. STRONGLY URGES those Parties within whose territories lie Ramsar Sites for which official descriptions have still not been provided, and/or for which suitable maps have still not yet been submitted, to provide as a matter of the greatest urgency the Ramsar Information Sheets and/or maps in one of the Convention’s official working languages, and INSTRUCTS the Ramsar Secretariat to contact the Contracting Parties listed in Annex 1a to this Resolution and request them to do so; [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This list includes XX Sites with earlier effective dates of designation. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This list does not include Sites for which the review of the RIS or map in process but not yet completed [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. In overseas territories. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Accession Sites, for which the RIS and map are currently being compiled by the Contracting Party with the assistance and support from the Ramsar Secretariat [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Numbers in this column are the numbers of Sites for which the Administrative Authorities have submitted an updated RIS that is currently being processed by the Secretariat and/or for which further information or clarification has been requested from the Contracting Party. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. The Contracting Party has advised the Secretariat that it will update its Ramsar Site information once the RIS – 2012 revision adopted at COP11 becomes operational. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Other: first reported by a third party and confirmed by the Administrative Authority

   AA: first reported by the Administrative Authority [↑](#footnote-ref-8)