

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.”
2. 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.
3. 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

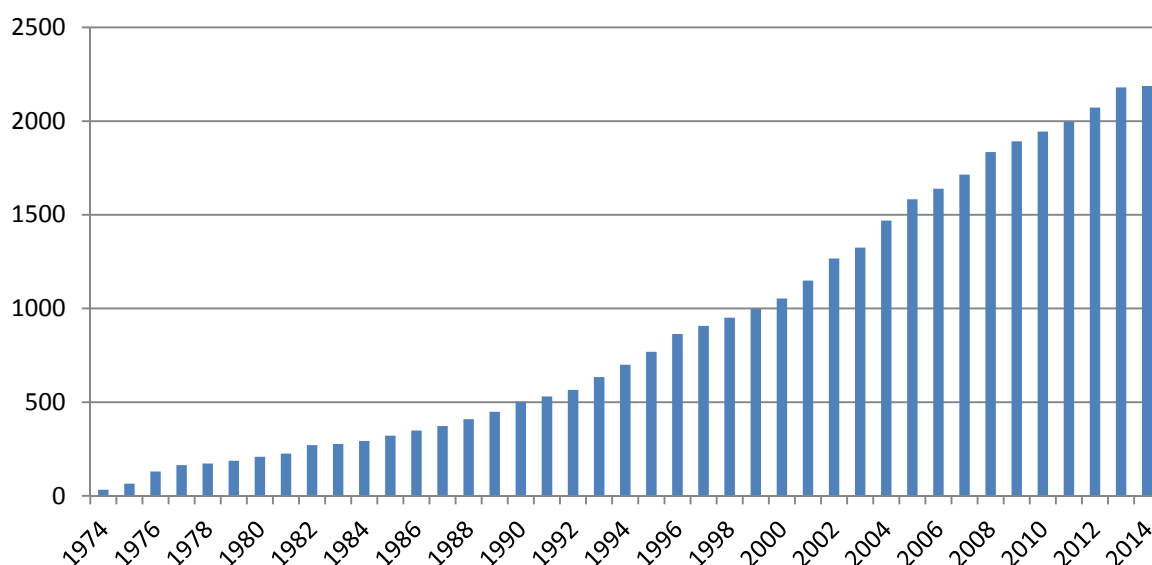
Background

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

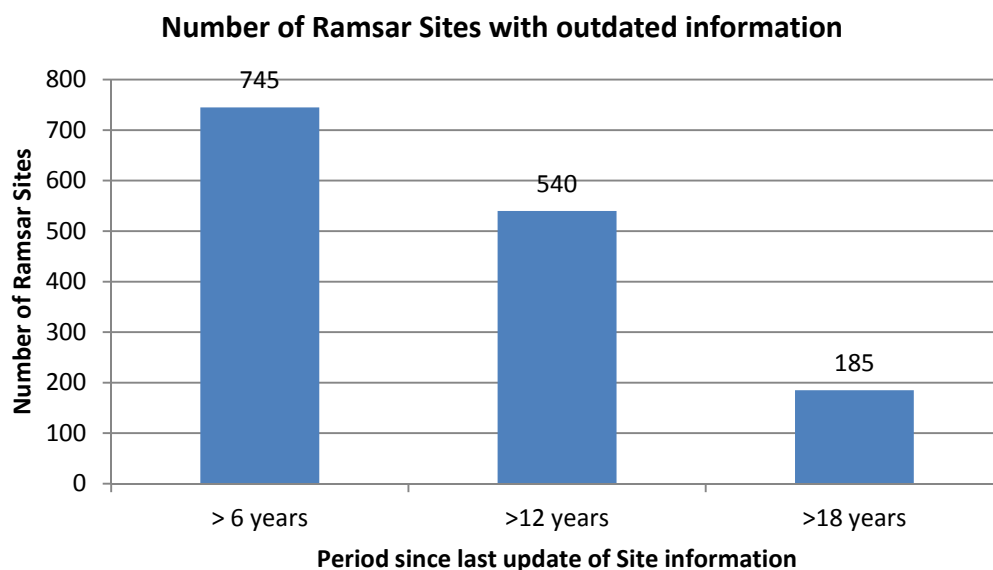
3. As of 28 August 2014, a total of 2,188 Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) covered 208,482,867 hectares.
4. 149 new Ramsar Sites, covering a total of 16,271,990 hectares were added to the List during the period. Annex 1 of this report provides a list of the Sites.

Cumulative number of Ramsar Sites over the years



Regular updating of Ramsar Sites information

5. During the period under review, 20 Parties provided updated or missing data on 113 Ramsar Sites (5% of the total). More detail is listed in Annex 2.
6. However for 1,504 Ramsar Sites (69% of the total) within the territory of 150 Parties, there was 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. More information on the missing or outdated data is given in Annexes 3a and 3b.



7. 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.
8. 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 Conservation Outlook study (see para. 14 below). Thus, there is a significant risk that the ecological character of many of these Sites may be under threat.
9. The Secretariat therefore proposes to add all 1,504 sites that have not had any updates for more than six years onto the file of Sites that are at potential risk of change in ecological character, as “potential Article 3.2 files” (see para. 22 below). The Secretariat would, as per established practice, then request that the Administrative Authority provide clarification on the status of the Site and whether it should be added to the list of confirmed “Article 3.2 files” (see para. 21), and submit an annual report on all such cases.
10. 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 26¹ 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 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;

11. 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.
12. 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 57 Ramsar Sites which are also protected under the WHC ; these Sites are also listed at Annex 5 to this report.
13. 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>.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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)

17. 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)

18. No Ramsar Sites were deleted from the List during the review period.
19. 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 hectares) 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

20. 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”.
21. 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.
22. 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. These cases are called “potential Article 3.2 files”.
23. The combined total of 208 confirmed and potential Article 3.2 cases 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 potential Article 3.2 files regarding 27 Ramsar Sites from other sources.
24. Annexes 4a and 4b also summarize the Sites for which no new information has been received. Information is particularly lacking for open Article 3.2 files or potential Article 3.2 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).
25. 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.
26. The average time to resolve those 21 Article 3.2 files and close them was 4 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.
27. It seems important to question the lack of feedback on open Article 3.2 files or potential Article 3.2 files 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 18% of Contracting Parties indicated in their COP11 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 COP11 national reports, 62% of Contracting Parties had arrangements in

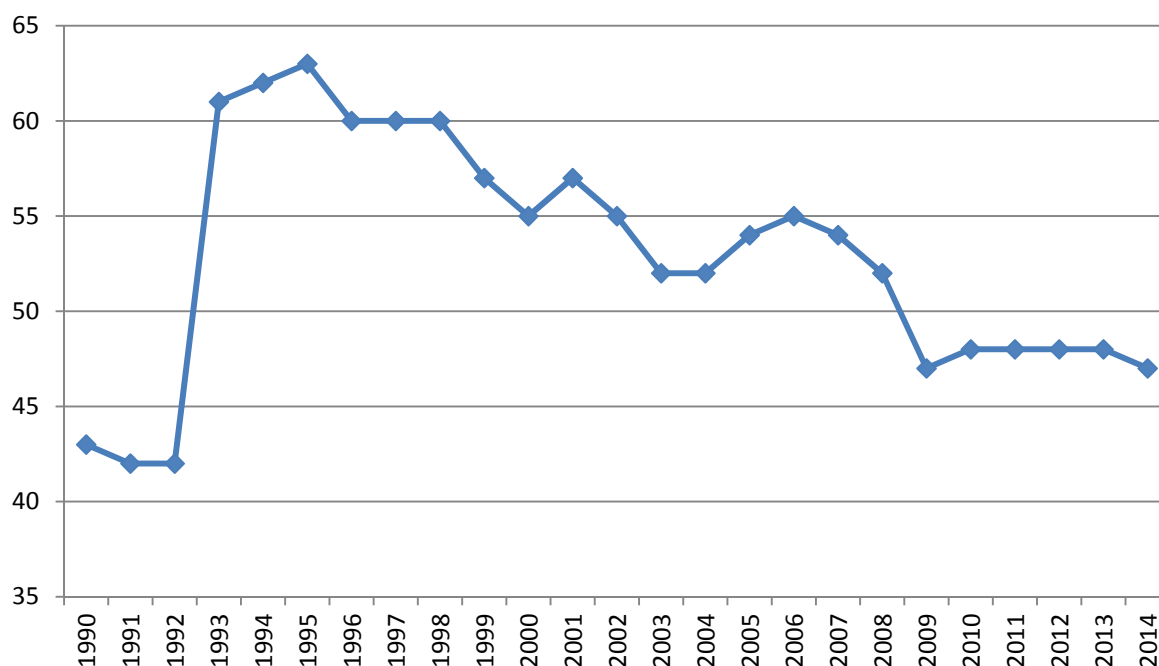
place to be informed of negative human-induced changes or likely changes in the ecological character of Ramsar sites. The high percentage of countries not reporting on potential or actual Article 3.2 cases in their own territory is of great concern, as it suggests that the number of threatened Ramsar Sites is considerably higher than reported. Such evidence also supports the thesis that globally, a high proportion of wetlands are under threat.

28. 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.
29. 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

30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. 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.

Number of Ramsar Sites on Montreux Record through years



34. 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 COP11²
 (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 naturel 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

² This list includes XX Sites with earlier effective dates of designation.

Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation. Date	Area (ha)
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

Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation. Date	Area (ha)
Mexico	2206	Laguna La Juanota	30/10/2013	232
Montenegro	2135	Tivat Saline	30/01/2013	150
Namibia	2193	Bwabwata – Okavango	13/12/2013	46964
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-Ciuperчени-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

Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation. Date	Area (ha)
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

Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation. Date	Area (ha)
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 COP11³
(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

³ This list does not include Sites for which the review of the RIS or map in process but not yet completed

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Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation Date	Area (ha)	Type
Croatia	584	Lonjsko Polje Nature Park	18/01/1993	51218	Update
Croatia	585	Neretva River Delta	18/01/1993	12742	Update
Denmark	141	Ringkøbing 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	Nærá Coast and Æbelø area	02/09/1977	13161	Update
Denmark	156	South Funen Archipelago	09/02/1977	38329	Update
Denmark	157	Sejro Bugt, Nekselø Bugt & Saltbæk Vig	02/09/1977	44111	Update
Denmark	158	Waters South of Zealand, Skælskør 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

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Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation Date	Area (ha)	Type
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 Verdrongen 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	Sneekmeer/Goengarijsterpoelen/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

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Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation Date	Area (ha)	Type
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 #	Site name	Date of designation	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	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

⁴ In overseas territories.

Region	Country	Site #	Site name	Date of designation	RIS	Map
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	Zimbabwe⁵	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

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

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
Albania	4	3	0
Algeria	50	42	0
Andorra	3		0
Antigua and Barbuda	1	1	0
Argentina	21	13	4
Armenia	3	0	0
Australia	65	43	20
Austria	23	16	2
Azerbaijan	2	2	0
Bahamas	1	1	1
Bahrain	2	2	
Bangladesh	2	2	0
Barbados	1	1	0
Belarus	16	8	0
Belgium	9	9	3
Belize	2	2	0
Benin	4	4	0
Bhutan	2	0	0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	11	7	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	2	1
Botswana	1	1	0
Brazil	12	8	8
Bulgaria	11	8	0
Burkina Faso	15	3	0
Burundi	4		
Cambodia	3	0	0
Cameroon	7	2	0
Canada	37	36	29
Cape Verde	4		
Central African Republic	2		
Chad	6	5	0
Chile	12	6	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.

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
China ⁷	46	8	5
Colombia	5	3	1
Comoros	3	3	0
Congo	10	1	0
Costa Rica	12	11	11
Côte d'Ivoire	6	6	0
Croatia	5	1	0
Cuba	6	6	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	12	9
Egypt	4	2	0
El Salvador	7	2	0
Equatorial Guinea	3	3	0
Estonia	17	6	0
Fiji	1		
Finland ⁷	49	49	0
France	43	21	1
Gabon	9	6	0
Gambia	3	2	0
Georgia	2	2	0
Germany	34	31	0
Ghana	6	6	6
Greece	10	10	0
Grenada	1	0	0
Guatemala	7	7	2
Guinea	16	16	0
Guinea-Bissau	2	1	0
Honduras	9	6	6
Hungary	29	22	27
Iceland	6	3	0
India	26	25	0
Indonesia	7	3	2
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	24	21	0
Iraq	1	0	1
Ireland	45	42	0
Israel	2	2	0

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.

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
Italy	52	48	0
Jamaica	4	3	1
Japan ⁷	46	32	3
Jordan	1	1	0
Kazakhstan	10	2	0
Kenya	6	5	0
Kiribati	1		
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	67	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	8	3
Netherlands	54	26	20
New Zealand ⁷	6	5	
Nicaragua	9	8	7
Niger	12	12	0
Nigeria	11	2	0
Norway	63	6	1
Oman	1	1	1
Pakistan	19	19	0
Palau	1		

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
Panama	5	4	1
Papua New Guinea	2	2	
Paraguay	6	6	0
Peru	13	12	3
Philippines	6	3	3
Poland	13	13	0
Portugal	31	17	0
Republic of Korea	19	7	2
Republic of Moldova	3	3	0
Romania	19	5	0
Russian Federation	35	35	9
Rwanda	1		
Saint Lucia	2	2	0
Samoa	1		
Sao Tome and Principe	1		
Senegal	5	4	0
Serbia	10	6	0
Seychelles	3		
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		
Sweden	66	34	32
Switzerland	11	10	0
Syrian Arab Republic	1	1	0
Tajikistan	5	No RIS	0
Thailand ⁶	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	33	33
United Arab Emirates	5	0	0
United Kingdom ⁷	170	163	0

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
United Republic of Tanzania	4	4	0
United States of America	36	16	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

Annex 4a

Status of Ramsar Sites where change (or likely change) in ecological character was reported by the Administrative Authority: this list contains both Open Article 3.2 files that are current through COP11 and Closed Article 3.2 files since COP11

Site id	Contracting Party	Ramsar Site	Opening	Closure	Montreux Record	Short summary of the issue	Status as at 28 August 2014	First reported by ⁸
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 Llanquanelo	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

⁸ Other: first reported by a third party and confirmed by the Administrative Authority
AA: first reported by the Administrative Authority

Site id	Contracting Party	Ramsar Site	Opening	Closure	Montreux Record	Short summary of the issue	Status as at 28 August 2014	First reported by ⁸
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 ...

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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, eutrophication, vegetation succession. RAM 28 (April 92). RAM 47 (October 01)	Updated RIS received 31/01/13. Threats ongoing. Conservation and reforestation efforts implemented.	AA

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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

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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

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639	Czech Republic	Poodří	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 eutrophication 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

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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

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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 character 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

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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	Gunnafjörður	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 <i>Phragmites australis</i> . Also increased hunting pressure	Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008	AA

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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

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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.	Other
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.	...

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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.	...

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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 ...

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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

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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

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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 reclamation of the Manila Bay specific 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 Ndiel	01/07/1905		X			AA

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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

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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

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948	Thailand	Kuan Ki Sian of the Thale Noi Non Hunting Area Wetlands	20/11/2009	01/09/2014		Encroachment by palm oil plantations; 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

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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	Tylygulskyi 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

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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 dynamic 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 where change (or likely change) in ecological character was reported by third parties up to, and after COP11: This lists all Ramsar Sites that have been submitted to the Administrative Authority for consideration as Potential Article 3.2 files.

Site id	Contracting Party	Ramsar Site	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 Sundarbans), 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

Site id	Contracting Party	Ramsar Site	Date of opening	Date of closure	Short summary of the issue	Status as at 28 August 2014
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 eutrophication 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 eutrophication 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	Thjörðsárver	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 encroachment	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

Site id	Contracting Party	Ramsar Site	Date of opening	Date of closure	Short summary of the issue	Status as at 28 August 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

Site id	Contracting Party	Ramsar Site	Date of opening	Date of closure	Short summary of the issue	Status as at 28 August 2014
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

Site id	Contracting Party	Ramsar Site	Date of opening	Date of closure	Short summary of the issue	Status as at 28 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 to 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

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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

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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	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
DRC	Parc national des Virunga	Virunga National Park
Egypt	Wadi El Rayan Protected Area	Wadi Al-Hitan
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'Air	Air-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

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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 1,504 Ramsar Sites, representing 69% of all 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”;

11. Further NOTING that 62% of the Contracting Parties reported to COP11 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 20% have submitted reports of all instances of such changes or likely changes;
12. 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;
13. RECOGNIZING the need to redesign the Montreux Record questionnaire to ensure its effective operation after 18 years.
14. 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;
15. 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);
16. 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
17. 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;

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18. EXPRESSES APPRECIATION to those Contracting Parties that have brought their Ramsar Information Sheets up to date for all the Ramsar Sites within their territory;
19. 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;
20. REQUESTS Contracting Parties listed in Annex 3b to use the most up-to-date format of the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS), now available online through the new Ramsar Sites Information Service, for updating existing Sites as well as designating new Sites and extending existing Sites;

21. 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;
22. 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;
23. 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;
24. 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;
25. 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.
26. INSTRUCTS the Ramsar Secretariat to include in the list of potential Article 3.2 files any Ramsar Site for which no Ramsar Information Sheet has been received for more than six years.
27. 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;
28. REQUESTS the Contracting Parties to use the redesigned Montreux Record questionnaire at Annex 1 of the present Resolution to determine the inclusion or removal of a listed site in the Montreux Record.
29. 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;
30. ENCOURAGES all Parties to use a revised format for Ramsar Sites in National Report for COP13 to assess the status of the Sites.
31. INSTRUCTS the Ramsar Secretariat 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;

32. 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
33. REQUESTS the Secretariat to investigate the possibility of extending the IUCN World Heritage Outlook to another 100 Ramsar Sites which are under threat, and to seek appropriate funding for such actions from outside the Core Budget.

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

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

Management measures in place

- vii. Date when the latest Ramsar Information Sheet was submitted;
- viii. 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;
- ix. Assessment procedures in place, if any (how is the information obtained from the monitoring programme used);
- x. Ameliorative and restoration measures so far in place or planned, if any;
- xi. Any other analogous or linked Site intervention processes activated or planned, e.g. under other multilateral environmental agreements;
- xii. List of attachments provided by the Contracting Party (if applicable);
- xiii. 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

- xiv. Success of ameliorative, restoration or maintenance measures (if different from those covered in Section One of this questionnaire);
- xv. Proposed monitoring and assessment procedures (if different from those in Section One of this questionnaire);
- xvi. Extent to which the ecological components, processes and services of the Site have been restored or maintained (provide details);
- xvii. 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);
- xviii. 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;
- xix. Measures that the Contracting Party will implement to maintain the ecological character of the site with clear indicators for follow up;
- xx. List of further attachments (if applicable).