



SenegalWet

Countries: Mali, Senegal, Mauritania and Guinea

Coordination: For the indicative period Senegal will coordinate the Initiative through the National Parks Directorate, in conjunction with the Water Resources Management and Planning Directorate.

Main goals:

The SenegalWet Initiative aims to be a platform for partnerships between national and sub-regional institutional actors, conservation NGOs, organizations for conservation and the wise use of wetland ecosystems in the coastal zone of the Senegal River Basin from Mauritania to the Republic of Guinea.

The SenegalWet Initiative sets out to contribute to poverty reduction through the promotion of the objectives of the Ramsar Convention, in particular the strengthening of cooperation between states for the wise use of wetlands in the Senegal River basin through the conservation and better management of shared resources.

More specifically, this involves participating in the implementation by the Parties and key players of the goals and objectives of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 and the Water Development and Management Master Plan (SDAGE) for the period until 2025, in partnership with the Senegal River Basin Development Authority (OMVS):

1. Develop strong and dynamic advocacy towards national decision-makers and institutional actors in the subregion, for the development, adoption and implementation at the basin level of the SenegalWet Strategic Plan and for national policies on wetlands at country level and / or the integration of the principles and objectives of sustainable management of these areas into policy / strategy documents of regional institutions;
2. Develop and initiate actions to increase knowledge and dissemination of scientific and technical information on the values and functions of wetland ecosystems, through a platform of research and training centres, in order to facilitate decision-making and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs, in particular SDG 6;
3. Contribute to the rehabilitation of degraded or degrading Ramsar sites, including by protecting particular ecosystems;
4. Strengthen the capacities of stakeholders in the efficient implementation of the National Wetland Policies, notably through the provision of knowledge and methods for the sustainable management of wetlands and the achievement of the SDGs;
5. Contribute to the strengthening of appropriate legal frameworks for the protection of wetland ecosystems in the countries of the river basin;
6. Intensify regional and international cooperation on issues related to climate change, assessment of wetland goods and services, integrated water resources and transboundary watershed management, and protection of migratory species, with a view to ensuring the sustainability of the livelihoods of wetland populations in the basin countries;

7. Strengthen synergies and interaction for better coordination of interventions at all levels, and promote the exchange of information through twinning and creation of networks of transboundary Ramsar Sites, protected areas or particular sites.

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