The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands is pleased to announce that Jerker Tamelander has been appointed as the new Director, Science and Policy.

Jerker will bring to the Secretariat his great expertise in the conservation of marine and coastal wetlands, as well as in climate change and sustainable development.

He has considerable experience in intergovernmental processes, having spent the past ten years with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), most recently as Coordinator of the Secretariat of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA), a regional intergovernmental body for the protection and sustainable development of the coastal and marine environment. Before that he served as Head of UNEP’s Coral Reef Unit, developing and leading a multi-stakeholder partnership for ecosystem-based management.

He started his career as a researcher at the Finnish Institute of Marine Research, and joined UNEP in 1999. Between 2004 and 2011 he worked with IUCN, as Coordinator of the Regional Marine Programme for Asia and later as Manager, Oceans and Climate Change in the IUCN Global Marine and Polar Programme.

Jerker holds a master’s degree in Marine Biology from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden.

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