



RAMSAR CONVENTION

Ramsar National Report to COP15

Help desk

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Secretariat staff at nationalreports@ramsar.org. Use of this email address will facilitate a timely response from the Secretariat.

Link to online tutorials on how to access and use the ORS:

<https://www.ramsar.org/document/ramsar-online-reporting-system-tutorial>

Find previous reports here: <https://www.ramsar.org/search>

Link to sample National Report Submission Letter: <https://www.ramsar.org/document/national-reports-cop15-sample-letter>

Please read the general guidance section before starting to complete the form.

Section 1: Institutional Information

Important note: The responses below will be considered by the Convention on Wetlands Secretariat as the definitive list of your focal points. All individuals listed below agree that the submitted information will be used to update the information in the Secretariat's contact database and will be published on the public website here Contacts on website.

Designated Administrative Authority for the Convention on Wetlands

Name of Administrative Authority

>>> Department of Environmental Protection

Head of Administrative Authority - name and title

>>> Ms. Ingrid M. Chite, Acting Director

Mailing address

>>> Private Bag 0068
Gaborone

Telephone

>>> +267 3902050

Email

>>> ichite@gov.bw

Designated National Focal Point for the Convention on Wetlands

Name and title

>>> Moemedi Mbakile

Mailing address

>>> Private Bag 24
Kasane
Botswana

Telephone

>>> +267 6240197

Email

>>> mbakile.moemedi@yahoo.com

Designated Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) National Focal Point

Name and title

>>> Belda Quetina Mosepele (Ms.)

Name of organisation

>>> Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mailing address

>>> Private Bag 0027
Gaborone
Botswana

Telephone

>>> +2673650100

Email

>>> bmosepele@buan.ac.bw

Designated Government Communication, Capacity Building, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Programme National Focal Point

Name and title

>>> Ms. Lechani Motshwarakgole

Name of organisation

>>> Department of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Environment and Tourism

Mailing address

>>> Private Bag 0027, Gaborone, Botswana

Telephone

>>> +267 3902050

Email

>>> lemotshwarakgole@gov.bw

Designated Non-Governmental Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Programme National Focal Point

Name and title

>>> Mr. Nlisi C. Mothusi

Name of organisation

>>> Birdlife Botswana

Mailing address

>>> Gaborone, Botswana

Telephone

>>> +267 3190540

Email

>>> blb@birdlifebotswana.org.bw

Designated National Focal Point on Strengthening the Convention on Wetland's Connections through Youth

Name and title

>>> Ms. Masego Matswiri

Name of organization

>>> Ministry of Environment and Tourism

Mailing address

>>> Private Bag BO 199, Gaborone, Botswana

Phone

>>> +267 3914955

Section 2: General summary of national implementation progress and challenges

In your country, in the past triennium (i.e., since COP14 reporting)

A. What have been the five main achievements of the implementation of the Convention since COP14?

1)

>>> Revised Okavango Delta Management Plan

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[ODMP Final Plan document 29 July 2021 v4 \(7\).pdf](#)

2)

>>> Approved three year Plan for the Botswana National Wetlands Committee

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[BNWC three year Program 2022-2024.xls](#)

3)

>>> Approved Project Memorandum and commencement of the Update of Makgadikgadi Framework Management Plan. the project is the process of procuring the services of a consultant.

4)

>>> The commencement of the National Ecosystem Assessment- this project is among other things, it is expected to assist in the update of National Wetlands Inventory.

5)

>>> country's participation of the Contracting Party in the establishment of the Southern Africa Ramsar Regional Initiative.

B. What have been the five main challenges in implementing the Convention since COP14?

1)

>>> limited direct funding for the implementation of the convention activities in the country

2)

>>> Drying up of wetlands due to drought. major rivers downstream of the Okavango Delta have dried and major dams across the country have dried up due to extreme heat, reaching 42 degrees Celsius and low rainfall in the country.

3)

>>> absence of dedicated unit responsible for the implementation of the Convention activities. officers designated to implement the convention have other duties that are equally demanding. this has compromised effectiveness in the convention implementation.

4)

>>> Competing National Priorities in allocation of resources

C. Please outline five priorities for implementing the Convention in your country during the coming triennium (2026-2028)

1)

>>> Update/Development of National Wetlands Inventories

2)

>>> Designation of at least One (1) Ramsar site during the 2026 - 2028 Triennium

3)

>>> Update of the Okavango Delta Wetlands System Ramsar Site Information sheet

4)

>>> Establishment of local/site Wetlands Management Committees across all the country 's districts.

5)

>>> Capacity Building for the Botswana National Wetlands Committee members on the operations of the Convention, Negotiations and development of resolutions.

D. Does the Administrative Authority have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Convention Secretariat?

>>> among others, the Administration Authority recommends the following;

1. the secretariat should create an internship position for focal points for atleast 6 monts at the Ramsar Convention Secretariat. this will allow focal points to familiarize with the provisions of the convention and what is expected of them.
2. the Secretariat should Conduct regular Visits to contracting Parties, particularly Ramsar Sites. this should mainly focus on status and threats faced by Ramsar Sites.

E. Does the Administrative Authority have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Convention's International Organization Partners (IOPs) (including ongoing partnerships and partnerships to be developed)?

- >>> 1. Reseach and implementation of earth Observation tools on the monitoring of National wetlands, this could include the National Wetlands Inventory, ecosystem management and ecosystem Services.
2. Technical support on the demonstration of values of wetlands to the National economy and improved livelihoods.

K. Please list the names of the organizations which have been consulted on or have contributed to the information provided in this report.

- >>> 1. Department of Water and Sanitation
2. Statistics Botswana
 3. University of Botswana
 4. Botswana National Museum and Monuments
 5. Ministry Of Agriculture
 6. Birdlife Botswana
 7. Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
 8. University of Botswana Okavango Research Institute
 9. Department of Forestry and Range Resources

Section 3 - all goals: Indicator questions and further implementation information

In responding to each of these questions, Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide links, references/ upload documents where applicable and relevant.

Section 3 - Goal 1. Addressing the drivers of wetland loss and degradation

In responding to each of these questions, Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide links, references/ upload documents where applicable and relevant.

[Reference to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15]

Target 1

Wetland benefits are featured in national/local policy strategies and plans relating to key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture, fisheries at the national and local level.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 14]

1.1 Have any actions been taken since COP14 to integrate wetland protection, wise use and restoration, or wetland benefits, into other national strategies and planning processes, including: {1.1}

Please select only one per square.

a) National policy or strategy for wetland management	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
b) Poverty eradication strategies	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
c) Water resource management and water efficiency plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
d) Coastal and marine resource management plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
e) Integrated coastal zone management plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
f) National forest management plan/strategies	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
g) National policies or measures on agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes

h) National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans drawn up under the CBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
i) National policies on energy and mining	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
j) National policies on tourism	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
k) National policies on urban development	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
l) National policies on infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
m) National policies on industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
n) National policies on aquaculture and fisheries {1.3.3}	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
o) National plans of actions (NPAs) for pollution control and management	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
p) National policies on wastewater management and water quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
q) National policies, strategies or plans on sanitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
r) National policies, strategies or plans on food security	<input type="checkbox"/> Y=Not Relevant <input type="checkbox"/> X=Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> C=Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes

Target 2

Water users respects wetland ecosystem needs for them to fulfil their functions and provide services at the appropriate scale inter alia at the basin level or along a coastal zone.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 7, Sustainable Development Goal 6, Indicator 6.3.1]

2.2 Have assessments of environmental flow been undertaken in relation to mitigation of impacts on the ecological character of wetlands? {2.2}

☒ B=No

2.3 Have the designation or management of Wetlands of International Importance ("Ramsar Sites") improved the sustainable use of water (e.g. reduced drainage, reduced use of pesticides, controlled pollution etc.) in your country?

☒ A=Yes

2.3 Additional Information

>>> the designation of the Okavango Wetlands system has prompted the development of Okavango Delta Management Plan. the plan recommends actions to be undertaken within the Ramsar site. it is the same plan that deems the system ecological sensitive, hence requirement for detailed Environmental Impact Assessment for all activities in the delta.

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[ODMP Final Plan document 29 July 2021 v4 \(7\).pdf](#)

Target 3

Public and private sectors have increased their efforts to apply guidelines and good practices for the wise use of water and wetlands.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 7, 10, 15, 16 and 18]

3.1 Has your country put in place policies, including incentives, guidelines or other instruments to encourage the private sector to apply the wise use principle and guidance (Ramsar handbooks for the wise use of wetlands) in activities and investments related to wetlands? {3.1}

☒ B=No

Target 4

Invasive alien species and pathways of introduction and expansion are identified and prioritized, priority invasive alien species are controlled or eradicated, and management responses are prepared and implemented to prevent their introduction and establishment.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 6]

4.1 Does your country have a national inventory of invasive alien species that currently or potentially impact the ecological character of wetlands? {4.1}

☒ A=Yes

4.1 Additional information

>>> water lettuce, salvania molesta

Section 3 - Goal 2. Effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Site network

In responding to each of these questions, Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide links, references/ upload documents where applicable and relevant.

[Reference to Sustainable Development Goals 6, 11, 13, 14, 15]

Target 5

The ecological character of Ramsar Sites is maintained or restored through effective planning and integrated management

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 1, 3 and 5]

5.1 Have a national strategy and priorities been established for the further designation of Ramsar Sites, using the Strategic Framework for the Ramsar List? {5.1}

☒ B=No

5.2 How many Ramsar Sites have a management plan? {5.3}

☒ E=# Sites

>>> 1

5.3 How many of the Ramsar Sites are actively implementing their management plan? {5.4}

☒ E=# Sites

>>> 1

5.4 How many Ramsar Sites are implementing management actions outside of formal management plans? {5.5}

☒ E=# Sites

>>> 1

5.5 Have all Ramsar Sites been assessed regarding the effectiveness of their management (through formal management plans where they exist or otherwise through existing actions for appropriate wetland management)? {5.6}

If "yes", please indicate the number of Ramsar Sites

If "partially", please indicate the number of Ramsar Sites

If "planned", please indicate the number of Ramsar Sites

☒ A=Yes

>>> 1

5.6 How many Ramsar Sites have a cross-sectoral management committee? {5.7}

☒ E=# Sites

>>> 1

5.7 For how many Ramsar Sites has an ecological character description been prepared (see Resolution X.15)?

☒ E=# Sites

>>> 1

Target 7

Sites that are at risk of change of ecological character have threats addressed {2.6.}.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 3, 4 and 10]

7.1 Are mechanisms in place for the Administrative Authority to be informed of negative human-induced changes or likely changes in the ecological character of Ramsar Sites, pursuant to Article 3.2? {7.1}

☒ B=No

7.2 Have all cases of negative human-induced change or likely change in the ecological character of Ramsar Sites been reported to the Ramsar Secretariat, pursuant to Article 3.2? {7.2}

☒ B=No

Section 3 - Goal 3. Wisely Using All Wetlands

In responding to each of these questions, Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide links, references/ upload documents where applicable and relevant.

[Reference to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]

Target 8

National wetland inventories have been either initiated, completed or updated and disseminated and used for promoting the conservation and effective management of all wetlands

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 21]

8.1 Does your country have a National Wetland Inventory (NWI)? {8.1}

☒ A=Yes

8.2 If your country has an NWI, has it been updated in the last decade [2014-2024]? {8.2}

☒ C=In Progress

8.2 Additional information

>>> 2026

8.3 How often is the NWI updated?

☒ X=Unknown

8.4 Is wetland inventory data and information publicly available? {8.4}

☒ A=Yes

8.6 Based on the information in NWI, if available, please provide the total area in square kilometres (km²) for the extent of wetlands (according to the Convention on Wetland's definition) for the year of available data and provide the relevant disaggregated information in the box below. This information will also be used to report on SDG 6, Target 6.6, Indicator 6.6.1, for which the Convention is a co-custodian. {8.6}

☒ E=# km²

>>> Linyanti- Chobe River Floodplains swamps 1850km²
2. Okavango Delta 10 000km²
3. Letsibogo Dam 18km²
4. Shashe dam 23km²
5. Bokaa Dam 0.35km²
6. Gaborone Dam 38km²
7. Lake xau 300km²savute Marsh and Mbabe Depression 30km²
8. nxai and Kgama kgama pans 230km²
9. Nogatsu pans 230km²
10. Makgadikgadi Pans 23 000km²
11. metsemotlhaba River 30km²
12. Chobe - Zambezi Wetlands

Target 9

The wise use of wetlands is strengthened through integrated resource management at the appropriate scale, inter alia, within a river basin or along a coastal zone {1.3.}.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 1, 9, 10 and 15].

9.1 Is a national wetland policy (or equivalent instrument) that promotes the wise use of wetlands in place? {9.1}

☒ B=No

9.2 Since COP14 have any amendments to existing legislation or policies been made to reflect commitments under the Convention on Wetlands? {9.2}

☒ B=No

9.3 Do your country's water governance and management systems recognize wetlands as natural water infrastructure integral to water resource management at the scale of river basins? {9.3}

☒ A=Yes

9.4 Have communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA) expertise and tools been incorporated into catchment/river basin planning and management (see Resolution X.19)? {9.4}

☒ A=Yes

9.5 Has your country established policies or guidelines for enhancing the role of wetlands in mitigating or adapting to climate change? {9.5}

☒ B=No

9.6 Has your country included wetland actions in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and other related national policies on climate change mitigation and adaptation?

☒ A=No

9.7 Has your country formulated policies, plans or projects to sustain and enhance the role of wetlands in supporting and maintaining viable farming systems? {9.6}

☒ B=No

9.8 Has research to inform wetland policies and plans been undertaken in your country on: {9.7}

Please select only one per square.

a) agriculture-wetland interactions	<input type="checkbox"/> C=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
b) climate change	<input type="checkbox"/> C=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes

c) valuation of ecosystem services	<input type="checkbox"/> C=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
------------------------------------	--

Target 10

The traditional knowledge innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities relevant for the wise use of wetlands and their customary use of wetland resources, are documented, respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with a full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities at all relevant levels.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 22]

10.1 Do you have national legislation or equivalent on indigenous and local communities at all relevant levels in wetland management, and/or Site management?

☒ C1= Partially

10.1 Additional Information

>>> Generally, through the CBNRM Policy development and implementation, wetlands management have been broadly covered as part of natural resources.

<https://www.okavangodelta.com/the-okavango/concessions/> - The Okavango Delta is managed by concession legislative kind of framework. Concessions are granted by lease and are managed by indigeneous/communities and safari outfitters. Strict environmental standards form part of these leases, ensuring a pristine safari environment. These concessions present an unspoiled Okavango to the visitors, with diverse activities on offer. Traditionally hunting concessions, these evolved into the photographic, hunting and mixed use concessions of the 1980s and 90s and today activities are solely photographic (non-consumptive tourism).

10.2 If the answer to question 10.1 is “yes”, have the guiding principles for considering the cultural values of wetlands including traditional knowledge for the effective management of Sites (Resolution VIII.19) been used?

☒ C1= Partially

10.2 Additional Information

>>> <https://www.car.org.bw/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Botswana-CBNRM-2016-Review.pdf>
Probably due to the initial focus on wildlife, most CBOs (32) are supported by the DWNP. The DFRR supports 14 CBOs, directly or indirectly through FCB. DNMM and BTO work with seven CBOs each. Some CBOs are supported by more than one government department. The breakdown of parastatals or government departments supporting active CBOs is as follows:

DWNP (wildlife and fisheries): 32 CBOs

DFRR (veld and forestry resources) 14 CBOs

DNMM (heritage sites) 7 CBOs

BTO (eco-tourism): 7 CBOs

<https://www.okavangodelta.com/the-okavango/concessions/>

<https://www.theafricanwild.com/concessions-from-the-okavango-delta/> : Concessions of the Okavango Delta are numbered from 1 to 50 preceded by the prefix NG which stands for Ngamiland. Ngamiland is the regional name of the area. Managed concessions in the Delta range from NG 2 to NG 34. All are different and all are important in their own way. And each one is perfect for different groups of communities and different kinds of safaris.

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

[Botswana-CBNRM-2016-Review.pdf](https://www.car.org.bw/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Botswana-CBNRM-2016-Review.pdf)

10.3 Have case studies on the participation of indigenous people in projects or successful experiences on cultural aspects of wetlands been compiled? (Resolutions VIII.19 and IX.21) {10.1}

☒ A=Yes

10.3 Additional information

>>> https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/pbaaf679.pdf

<https://portals.iucn.org/library/efiles/documents/2000-127.pdf>

<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/ar/682691468013786577/IPP3470P0956171tswana0March02702009.doc>

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/JCHMSD-09-2022-0167/full/html#:~:text=The%20cultural%20heritage%20of%20wetlands,well%20as%20other%20neighbourin>

<https://www.actapress.com/Abstract.aspx?paperId=456284>

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

USAID FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

10.4 Have the guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous people's participation in the management of wetlands been applied? (Resolution VII. 8) {10.2}

☒ A=Yes

10.4 Additional information

If "yes" please list national legislation/policies and actions that consider the needs and participation of indigenous and local communities in wetland management at all relevant levels.

>>> Environmental Assessment Act cap (65:07) and Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2012

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

ENVIRONMENT_ASSESSMENT_REGULATIONS_2012_BOTSWANA.pdf

EnvironmentalAssessmentAct2011_BOTSWANA_(1).pdf

10.5 Have traditional knowledge and management practices relevant to the wise use of wetlands been documented and their application encouraged {10.3}

☒ A=Yes

10.5 Additional information

>>> <https://ubrisa.ub.bw/jspui/handle/10311/2154>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/B978012817803400005X>

You have attached the following Web links/URLs to this answer.

DSpace

Target 11

Wetland functions, services and benefits are widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated. {1.4.}
[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 11, 12 and 13]

11.1 Has an assessment been made of the ecosystem benefits/services provided by Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? {11.1}

☒ A=Yes

11.1 Additional information

If "yes" or "partially", please indicate how many Ramsar Sites and their names

>>> 1 Ramsar Site ; Okavango Wetlands System

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

Final-ODMP-Economic-Valuation-Report_(1).pdf

11.2 Since COP14, have wetland programmes or projects that contribute to food and water security and hence poverty alleviation been implemented? {11.2}

☒ A=Yes

11.2 Additional information

>>> Maun Water Supply and Sanitation Project

Temo Letlotlo;

<https://temoletlotlo.com/>

https://www.ndb.bw/sites/default/files/brochures/Temo_Letlotlo_Guidelines_Volume-1.pdf

LIMID;

<https://www.gov.bw/sites/default/files/2019-12/LIMID%20Phase%20II%20Guidelines.pdf>

Thuo Letlotlo

<https://thuoletlotlo.gov.bw/> https://www.ndb.bw/sites/default/files/brochures/Temo_Letlotlo_Guidelines_Volume-1.pdf

11.3 Since COP14 have wetland programmes or projects that contribute to other benefits for human well-being been implemented?

☒ B=No

11.4 Have socio-economic values of wetlands been included in the management planning for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? {11.3}

☒ A=Yes

11.4 Additional information

If “yes” or “partially”, please indicate, if known, how many Ramsar Sites and their names

>>> 1 Ramsar Site; Okavango Wetlands System

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[ODMP_Final_Plan_document_29_July_2021_v4_\(7\).pdf](#)

11.5 Have cultural values of wetlands been included in the management planning for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands in general? {11.4}

☒ A=Yes

11.5 Additional information

>>> <https://reports.ramsar.org/answers/73546/documents/531?1722300311>

Target 12

Restoration is in progress in degraded wetlands, with priority to wetlands that are relevant for biodiversity conservation, disaster risk reduction, livelihoods and/or climate change mitigation and adaptation.

[Reference Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 2, 8 and 11]

12.1 Have national wetland restoration targets been established?

☒ B=No

12.2 Have priority sites for wetland restoration been identified? {12.1}

☒ B=No

12.3 Since COP14 have wetland restoration/rehabilitation programmes, plans or projects been implemented? {12.2}

☒ B=No

12.4 Have the Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands (Resolution VIII.1) and Resolution XII.11 on Peatlands, climate change and wise use: Implications for the Ramsar Convention been implemented? {12.3}

☒ Y=Not relevant

Target 13

Enhanced sustainability of key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries when they affect wetlands, contributing to biodiversity conservation and human livelihoods.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 10 and 14]

13.1 Have actions been taken to enhance sustainability of wetlands when they are affected by key sectors including

Please select only one per square.

a) Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
b) Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
c) Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
d) Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
e) Urban development	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
f) Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes

g) Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
h) Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
i) Aquaculture	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
j) Fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/> D=Planned <input type="checkbox"/> B=No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A=Yes

13.1 Additional Information

>>> this is done through various instruments including Environmental Assessment Act, 2011; Forest Act, Fish Protection Act, 2008; National Spatial Plan

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[Botswana NBSAP.pdf](#)

13.2 Are Strategic Environmental Assessment practices applied when reviewing policies, programmes and plans that may impact wetlands? {13.1}

☒ A=Yes

13.2 Additional information

>>> Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Okavango Delta System, Strategic Environmental Assessment Towns Layout Plans and development plans

13.3 Is there a legal requirement in your country to conduct environmental impact assessments for development projects (such as new buildings, new roads, extractive industry) from key sectors (e.g., water, energy, mining and agriculture) that may impact wetlands? {13.2}

☒ A=Yes

13.3 Additional information

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[EA Regulations No 30 of 2021 \(1\).pdf](#)

[EnvironmentalAssessmentAct2011 BOTSWANA \(1\).pdf](#)

Section 3 - Goal 4. Enhancing implementation

In responding to each of these questions, Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide links, references/ upload documents where applicable and relevant.

[Reference to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17]

Target 17

Financial and other resources for effectively implementing the Convention's fourth Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 from all sources are made available.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 19]

17.1 [For Contracting Parties with a development assistance agency (“donor countries”)] Since COP14, has the agency provided funding to support wetland conservation and management efforts in other countries? {17.3}

☒ Z=Not Applicable

17.2 [For Contracting Parties with a development assistance agency (“donor countries”)] Have environmental safeguards and assessments been included in development proposals proposed the development of projects by the agency? {17.4}

☒ Z=Not Applicable

17.3 [For Contracting Parties that have received development assistance since COP14] Has your country received financial support specifically for national wetland conservation and management: {17.5}

Please select only one per square.

--	--

a) from development assistance agencies of another country?	<input type="checkbox"/> Z=Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes
b) from non-national or multilateral development assistance agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Z=Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B=No <input type="checkbox"/> A=Yes

17.4 Has any financial support from the national budget been provided by your country to facilitate the implementation of the Convention on Wetlands? {17.6}

☒ A=Yes

17.4 Additional information

If “yes” please state the amounts, and for which activities.

>>> Administration of the Convention in the country such as Botswana National Wetlands Committee, Okavango Wetlands Management Committee

Target 18

International cooperation is strengthened at all levels

18.1 Are the national focal points of other MEAs invited to participate in the national Ramsar /wetland committee? {18.1}

☒ A=Yes

18.1 Additional information

>>> 1. Focal Person for CITES is a substantial member of Wetlands Committee
2. Focal person for Convention on Biological Diversity

18.2 Are mechanisms in place at the national level for collaboration between the Convention on Wetland’s Administrative Authority and the focal points of UN and other global and regional bodies and agencies (e.g. UNEP, UNDP, WHO, FAO, UNECE, ITTO)? {18.2}

☒ A=Yes

18.4 Has your country established international network(s), such as twinning arrangements, to facilitate knowledge sharing and training related to wetlands that share common features? {18.4}

☒ B=No

18.5 Have all transboundary wetland systems been identified? {18.6}

☒ A=Yes

18.5 Additional information

>>> Okvango River Basin
Orange Senqu River Basin
Zambezi River Basin
Limpopo River Basin

18.6 Is effective cooperative management in place for shared wetland systems (for example, in shared river basins and coastal zones)? {18.7}

☒ A=Yes

18.7 Does your country participate in regional networks or initiatives for wetland-dependent migratory species? {18.8}

☒ A=Yes

18.7 Additional information

If “yes”, please list which regional networks or initiatives

>>> Soutern Africa Ramsar Regional Initiative

Target 19

Capacity building for implementation of the Convention and its 4th Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 is enhanced.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 20]

19.1 Has your country conducted any national needs assessment since COP14 to inform capacity building

planning to implement the Convention's Strategic Plan? {19.1}

☒ B=No

19.2 Does your country or institution implement capacity development strategies or actions for the Convention's Strategic Plan?

☒ B=No

19.3 Are wetland conservation and wise-use issues included in formal education programmes (Resolution XIV.11)? {19.2}

☒ C=Partially

19.4 How many training events for wetland site managers have occurred since COP14? {19.3}

a) at Ramsar Sites

☒ X=Unknown

b) at other wetlands

☒ X=Unknown

19.5 Have you (AA) used your previous National Reports in monitoring implementation of the Convention? {19.4}

☒ D=Planned

