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Ramsar National Report to COP15

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Section 1: Institutional Information

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>>> Czech Republic

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

National Report letter signed Czech 2025.pdf

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>>> None at the moment

Name of organisation

>>> No response

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>>> No response

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Name and title

>>> None

Name of organization

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>>> No response

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>>> No response

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)

>>> Successful implementation and completion of the project LIFE FOR MIRES (2018 - 2024). The project was focused on the restoration of several types of wetlands (springs, small streams, peatlands...) in the Šumava NP. See: https://life.npsumava.cz/en/

2)

>>> Development of the international cooperation with representatives of Ramsar committees or RS guarantors of neighboring parties (Poland, Germany, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria)

3)

>>> The organization of three international courses on wetland restoration continued. This is an activity within the Carpathian Wetland Initiative.

4)

>>> Identification of 5 wetlands that meet the criteria for wetlands of international importance. Preparation of a proposal for their official designation on the RS list is now underway.

5)

>>> The government canceled the construction plan for the Donau-Odra-Elbe canal. It was a struggle that lasted many years. The construction would destroy or severely damage 3 RS in the Czech Republic

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

1)

>>> Secure financial resources for the implementation of selected resolutions

2)

>>> Fill in RIS.

3)

>>> Identify potential RS

4)

>>> To ensure financial resources for implementation of Ramsar resolutions.

5)

>>> Chairing of IAC of the Wetland City Accreditation

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

1)

>>> Registration of new RS to the List of RS.

2)

>>> Continue organizion international courses on wetland restoration

3)

>>> Designation of CEPA NFP

4)

>>> Send updated RIS to the Ramsar Secretariat.

5)

>>> Study tours for Czech Ramsar Committee and Expert group abroad to make contacts and share experience and knowledge on RS conservation, management and research.

- D. Does the Administrative Authority have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Convention Secretariat?
- >>> We would appreciate very much a coordinator for CEPA. The coordinator should be member of the Secretariat staff. Also CEPA expert group should be establish. CEPA expert group could work on the same principle as STRP. Although a lot of effort and projects are devoted to awareness and education in the Member States, it still seems insufficient.
- 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)? >>> No.
- F. In accordance with paragraph 21 of Resolution XIII.18 on Gender and wetlands, please provide a short description about the balance between genders participating in wetland-related decisions, programmes and research.
- >>> There is no significant problem with gender in the Czech Republic...
- G. On the basis of your indications above, list possible areas where change is necessary for the achievement of gender equality.
- >>> Not relevant.
- H. Please describe lessons learnt in the context of wetlands and gender equality work in your country. >>> Not relevant.
- I. If possible, please list gender-related policies, strategies and action plans in place relevant to wetlands in your country.
- >>> Nor relevant.
- I. If applicable, identify examples of strategies and actions your country is implementing to support youth participation in the implementation of the Convention's Strategic Plan or in wetlands management (Resolution XIV.12 on Strengthening Ramsar connections through youth, paragraph 21). >>> Not applicable.
- K. Please list the names of the organizations which have been consulted on or have contributed to the information provided in this report.
- >>> Representative of STRP Czech Republic Nature Conservation Agency.

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	☐ Y=Not Relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☐ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☑ A=Yes
b) Poverty eradication strategies	☐ Y=Not Relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☐ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☐ A=Yes
c) Water resource management and water efficiency plans	☐ Y=Not Relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☑ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☐ A=Yes
d) Coastal and marine resource management plans	☐ Y=Not Relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☐ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☐ A=Yes
e) Integrated coastal zone management plan	☐ Y=Not Relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☐ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☐ A=Yes
f) National forest management plan/strategies	☐ Y=Not Relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☑ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☐ A=Yes
g) National policies or measures on agriculture	☐ Y=Not Relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☑ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☐ A=Yes

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

1.1 Additional information

>>> Integrate wetland protection, wise use and restoration are part of National Biodiversity Strategy 2016-2025 and will be a part of the NBS for nex period as well.

Target 2

Water userespects 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]

- 2.1 Have the Guidelines for allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands and the additional guidance on tools and methodologies been brought to the attention of national ministries and/or agencies at different levels of territorial organizations (Resolutions VIII.1, VIII.2)? {2.1}

 □ A=Yes
- 2.1 Additional Information
- >>> Yes, through the National Biodiversity Strategy 2016 2025.
- 2.2 Have assessments of environmental flow been undertaken in relation to mitigation of impacts on the ecological character of wetlands? {2.2}

☑ D=Planned

- 2.2 Additional Information
- >>> Planned as a part of Nature Restoration Law implementation.
- 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?
- ☑ O=No change
- 2.3 Additional Information
- >>> No comment.
- 2.4 Have the Guidelines for allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions of wetlands (Resolutions VIII.1 and XII.12) been used/applied in decision-making processes? {2.3}
- ☑ C=Partially
- 2.4 Additional Information

>>> No

- 2.5 Have projects that promote and demonstrate good practice in water allocation and management for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands been developed {2.4}
 ☑ A=Yes
- 2.5 Additional Information
- >>> For exemple through the project Life for Mires (2019-2024) that was solved in RS Sumava peatlands.
- 2.6 Does the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology? $\{2.8\}$ \square A=Yes
- 2.6 Additional Information
- >>> In minority, mainly in small villages.

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? $\{3.1\}$ \square A=Yes
- 3.1 Additional Information

Please specify if it was applied for policy formulation or in implementation of good practice.

>>> There are programmes of financial support for the projects concerning establishment, sustainable and wise

use of wetlands and wetland restoration.

3.2 Has the private sector undertaken any activities or actions for the conservation, wise use, and management of (a) Ramsar Sites or (b) wetlands in general? {3.2}

Please select only one per square.

a) Ramsar Sites	☐ Y=Not relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☐ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☑ A=Yes
b) Wetlands in general	☐ Y=Not relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☐ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☑ A=Yes

3.3 Have actions been taken to implement incentive measures which encourage the conservation and wise use of wetlands? {3.3}

☑ A=Yes

3.3 Additional information

Please specify the types of incentive measures (loans, tax breaks, or others). >>> Financial support of projects.

3.4 Have actions been taken to remove perverse incentive measures which lead to degradation or loss of wetlands? {3.4}

☑ Z=Not Applicable

3.4 Additional Information

Please specify the actions that have been taken to remove perverse incentive measures (e.g. removal of subsidies for agricultural expansion) and provide the source links or upload the source documents here.
>>> Not applicable

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

>>> There is continuous monitoring of invasive alien species in all habitats.

4.2 Has your country adopted any national policies, strategies, or guidelines on invasive species control and management that are relevant for wetlands? {4.2} ☑ A=Yes

4.2 Additional information

>>> Measures for the elimination of all invasive species that occur in the territory of the Czech Republic are gradually being worked out. The measures are placed at: https://invaznidruhy.nature.cz/ (in Czech version only)

4.3. Has your country successfully controlled through management actions invasive species of high risk to wetland ecosystems? {4.3}

☑ G=More than #

>>> 3

4.3 Additional Information

>>> It is not easy task. The big problem are invasive species of fish and plants. Effective methods for eliminating invasive fish species have not yet been found.

4.4 Has the effectiveness of wetland invasive alien species control programmes been assessed? {4.5}

□ D=Planned

4.4 Additional Information

>>> No

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}
 ☑ C=Partially
- 5.1 Additional information

>>> No.

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

☑ E=# Sites

>>> 12

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

☑ E=# Sites

>>> 12

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

☑ E=# Sites

>>> None

5.2 - 5.4 Additional information

>>> Since RSs are parts of protected areas, there are not specific management plans for RS, they are part of management plans for protected areas.

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

» 14

5.5 Additional information

Please provide the source links or upload the source documents here indicating the assessment tool used (e.g. Ramsar Site Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT), Resolution XII.15), and the source of the information.

>>> The effectiveness of their management has been evaluated continuously.

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

☑ E=# Sites

>>> 2

- 5.6 Additional information
- >>> RS that are a part of National parks.
- 5.7 For how many Ramsar Sites has an ecological character description been prepared (see Resolution X.15)?

☑ E=# Sites

>>> 14 (all of Czech RS)

5.7 Additional information

For example give the name and official number of the Site or Sites.

- >>> The ecological character description for all RS was prepared thanks to the project Protection, Research and Sustainable Use of Wetlands in the Czech Republic.
- 5.8 Resolution VI.13 urges Parties to give priority to providing the Secretariat with maps and completed Ramsar Information Sheets (RIS) for all Sites designated for the Ramsar List, and to revise this data at least every six years. If your country has not updated its RIS as required, describe the challenges in updating RIS, particularly descriptions of ecological character.
- >>> RIS for all RS has been updated however not officialy send to the Ramsar Secretariat up to now. It is plan to do it asap.

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}

☐ A=Yes

7.1 Additional information

If "Yes", please provide the source links or upload the source documents here describing the mechanisms established >>> Each RS has its own guarantor, person who observe RS and infor Czech Ramsar Committee about all changes (negative and positive as well).

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}

☑ A=Yes

7.2 Additional information

If "Yes" or "Some cases", please indicate for which Ramsar Sites the Administrative Authority has **not** made Article 3.2 reports to the Secretariat
>>> Not relevant.

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)? $\{8.1\}$ \square A=Yes

8.1 Additional information

For example, if "in progress" or "planned", by when will it be completed? >>> The largest inventory was completed in 1999. Subsequently, mapping of all habitats for the purposes of Natura 2000 was carried out. Another inventory was processed for part of the territory in 2014-2017. The wetlands database (https://wetlands.nature.cz) is continuously supplemented. We are planning a new large inventory for the next period.

8.2 If your country has an NWI, has it been updated in the last decade [2014-2024]? $\{8.2\}$ \square C1=Partially

8.2 Additional information

>>> No

8.3 How often is the NWI updated?

☑ C=Not updated

8.3 Additional information

>>> Wetland DB is continuously supplemented. We are planning a new large inventory for the next period.

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

☑ A=Yes

8.4 Additional information

For example if "partially" or "planned" by when will the data/information be made public? >>> All information are publishes on website: https://wetlands.nature.cz

8.5 Please explain how the NWI data/information is maintained if at all? {8.3}

>>> Agency of Nature and Landscape Protection is maintains NWI data.

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. $\{8.6\}$ \square E=# km2

>>> 635.76

8.6 Marine/Coastal Wetlands

	Square kilometers (km2)
A Permanent shallow marine waters	0
B Marine subtidal aquatic beds	0
C Coral reefs	0
D Rocky marine shores	0
E Sand, shingle or pebble shores	0
F Estuarine waters	0
G Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats	0
Ga Bivalve (shellfish) reefs	0
H Intertidal marshes	0
l Intertidal forested wetlands	0
J Coastal brackish/saline lagoons	0
K Coastal freshwater lagoons	0
Zk(a) – Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems	0

8.6 Inland Wetlands

	Square kilometers (km2)
L Permanent inland deltas	0
M Permanent rivers/streams/creeks; includes waterfalls	106,21
N Seasonal/intermittent/irre gular rivers/streams/creeks	
O Permanent freshwater lakes	
P Seasonal/intermittent freshwater lakes	0
Q Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline lakes	0
R Seasonal/intermittent saline/brackish/alkaline lakes and flats	0
Sp Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/pools	0
Ss Seasonal/intermittent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/pools	0
Tp Permanent freshwater marshes/pools	
Ts Seasonal/intermittent freshwater marshes/pools on inorganic soils	
U Non-forested peatlands	
Va Alpine wetlands	
Vt Tundra wetlands	2,506
W Shrub-dominated wetlands	
Xf Freshwater, tree- dominated wetlands	
Xp Forested peatlands	
Y Freshwater springs; oases.	32,02
Zg Geothermal wetlands	0
Zk(b) – Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems	15,716

8.6 Human-made wetlands

	Square kilometers (km2)
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1 Aquaculture ponds.	112,4
2 Ponds	no data
3 Irrigated land	no data
4 Seasonally flooded agricultural land	no data
5 Salt exploitation sites	0
6 Water storage areas	no data
7 Excavations	no data
8 Wastewater treatment areas	no data
9 Canals and drainage channels, ditches	no data
Zk(c) – Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems	0

8.7 How has the ecological character of wetlands in your country, overall, changed since COP14 ? {8.5}

Ecological character is the combination of the ecosystem components, processes and benefits/services that characterize the wetland at a given point in time.

Please select only one per square.

a) Ramsar Sites	☐ P=Status improved ☑ O=No change ☐ N=Status deteriorated
b) All wetlands in your country	□ P=Status improved ☑ O=No change □ N=Status deteriorated

8.7 Additional Information

>>> According to evaluation of ecological character of RS the state of majority RS is not the best however without significant changes.

Some RS include multiple types of wetlands and unfortunately we do not yet have their exact areas, I am afraid. It is challenge for next triennium!

8.8 On a scale of **1-5** rate the change in the ecological character of wetlands in your country, overall, since last COP

Please select only one per square.

a) Marine/coastal	☐ 5=major improvement ☐ 4=improvement ☐ 3=no change ☐ 2=deterioration ☐ 1=major deterioration
b) Inland	□ 5=major improvement □ 4=improvement ☑ 3=no change □ 2=deterioration □ 1=major deterioration
c) Human-made	□ 5=major improvement □ 4=improvement □ 3=no change □ 2=deterioration □ 1=major deterioration

8.9 What are your main needs in developing or updating an NWI to suport SDG Indicator 6.6.1 reporting for tracking global wetland status and trends? Please select below. {8.7}

	Ye s
a) Access to data and data acquisition standards	
b) Wetland delineation methods and approaches	
c) Habitat classifications	V
d) Standardization in data interpretation methods	Ø
e) Regulatory framework and governance structure	
f) Resources	7
g) Relevant skills	
h) Data collection and mapping	
i) Collaboration	
j) Others	

8.9 Additional Information

e.g explain others as referred to in (j) >>> Not relevant.

8.10 Please select from the list below the main needs of your country in using NWI results to implement COP mandates, e.g. conservation and wise use of all wetlands (Resolutions X.2, XIII.12, XIII.13, XIII.14, XIII.16, XIV.17 and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)) to achieve sustainable development.

	Ye s
a) Resources	V
b) Relevant skills	
c) Data systems and management	
d) Application of NWI information for decision making (climate, biodiversity and sectoral planning/reporting)	V
e) Regulatory framework and governance structure	
f) Data interpretation and communication	
g) Collaboration	V
h) Others	

8.10 Additional Information

>>> Not relevant.

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 Additional information

>>> Not relevant.

9.2 Since COP14 have any amendments to existing legislation or policies been made to reflect commitments under the Convention on Wetlands? $\{9.2\}$ \square B=No

9.2 Additional information

>>> Not relevant

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? $\{9.3\}$

9.3 Additional information

- >>> Wetland restoration is one of the measures in the government-approved document Adaptation to Climate Change.
- 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

9.4 Additional information

>>> CEPA exists, but it needs to be strengthened.

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

☑ A=Yes

9.5 Additional information

- >>> Czech Government approved strategic document Adaptation to Climate Change. Wetland protection and restoration is one of the measures in climate change mitigation.
- 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=Yes
- 9.6 Additional Information

>>> 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}

☑ C=Partially

9.7 Additional information

>>> Wetlands on agricultural land are treated by legislation.

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	□ C=Planned □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
b) climate change	□ C=Planned □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
c) valuation of ecoystem services	□ C=Planned □ B=No ☑ A=Yes

9.8 Additional information

>>> The Ministry of Environment supports projects focused on the role of wetlands in the landscape, on agricultural land, in climate change mitigation and ecosystem services of wetlands.

9.9 Has your country made efforts to conserve and wisely use urban and peri-urban wetlands in line with Resolutions XI.11 and XIV.10? {9.8}

☑ C=Partially

9.9 Additional information

>>> Efforts and activities related to urban and peri-urban wetlands should be strengthened and we want to focus on them in the coming period.

9.10 Has your country made efforts to conserve small wetlands in line with Resolution XIII.21 and XIII.15? {9.9}

☑ D=Planned

9.10 Additional information

>>> Unfortunately, small wetlands often disappear from the landscape; they are among the most endangered and require greater attention and protection.

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?

☑ Y=Not relevant

10.1 Additional Information

>>> Not relevant.

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?

10.2 Additional Information

>>> Not relevant.

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) $\{10.1\}$ \square B=No

10.3 Additional information

>>> Not relevant.

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) $\{10.2\}$ \square B=No

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.
>>> Not relevant.

10.5 Have traditional knowledge and management practices relevant to the wise use of wetlands been documented and their application encouraged $\{10.3\}$ \square B=No

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}

☑ B=No

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

☑ Y=Not Relevant

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}

☑ D=Planned

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

☑ D=Planned

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?
☑ A=Yes

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

☑ C=Partially

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

☑ A=Yes

12.3 If applicable provide information on the extent of restored wetland area and types since last COP, in square kilometres

	Restoration planned m2 or km2	Under restoration	Total Restored
Marine/Coastal	not relevant	not relevant	not relevant
Inland			21,83
Human-made			

12.3 Additional information

Explain/clarify the data/statistics presented in the table above

>>> It is only data from Sumava NP. Thanks to the project Life for Mires many ha of wetland were restored, 35 km springs were restored and 212 km drainage channels were blocked during the project implementation (2018-2024).

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}

☑ D=Planned

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	□ D=Planned ☑ B=No □ A=Yes
b) Mining	□ D=Planned ☑ B=No □ A=Yes
c) Agriculture	□ D=Planned □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
d) Tourism	□ D=Planned □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
e) Urban development	☑ D=Planned □ B=No □ A=Yes
f) Infrastructure	☑ D=Planned □ B=No □ A=Yes
g) Industry	☑ D=Planned □ B=No □ A=Yes
h) Forestry	□ D=Planned □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
i) Aquaculture	□ D=Planned □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
j) Fisheries	□ D=Planned □ B=No ☑ A=Yes

13.2 Are Strategic Environmental Assessment practices applied when reviewing policies, programmes and plans that may impact wetlands? $\{13.1\}$ \square A=Yes

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

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 15

Ramsar Regional Initiatives with the active involvement and support of the Parties in each region are reinforced and developed into effective tools to assist in the full implementation of the Convention.

15.1 Has your country been part of the development and implementation of a Ramsar Regional Initiative?? {15.1}

☑ A=Yes

15.1 Additional information

If "yes", please list the Ramsar Regional Initiatives in which your country is actively involved.

>>> Carpathian Wetland Initiative

15.2 Has your country supported or participated in the development of other regional (i.e., covering more than one country) wetland training and research centres? {15.2}
☑ B=No

Target 16

Wetlands conservation and wise use are mainstreamed through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness.

[Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 21].

16.1 Has an action plan (or plans) for wetland CEPA been established? {16.1}

Even if no CEPA plans have been developed, if broad CEPA objectives for CEPA actions have been established, please indicate this in the Additional information section below *Please select only one per square.*

a) At the national level	□ D=Planned ☑ C=In Progress □ B=No □ A=Yes
b) Sub-national level	□ D=Planned □ C=In Progress □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
c) Catchment/basin level	□ D=Planned □ C=In Progress □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
d) Local/site level	□ D=Planned □ C=In Progress □ B=No ☑ A=Yes

16.1 Additional information

If "yes" or "in progress" to one or more of the four categories above

>>> There is several NGOs which are active in CEPA activities concerning wetlands. F.e. Czech Society of Ornithology, Czech Union of Nature Conservationists and others, mainly local NGOs.

16.2 How many centres (visitor centres, interpretation centres, education centres) that focus on wetlands have been established? {16.2}

a) at Ramsar Sites

☑ E=# centres

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b) at other wetlands

☑ X=Unknown

16.3 Does the Contracting Party {16.3}

Please select only one per square.

a) ensure stakeholder participation in decision-making on wetland planning and management	□ D=Planned □ C=Partially □ B=No □ A=Yes
b) specifically involve local stakeholders in the selection of new Ramsar Sites and in Ramsar Site management?	□ D=Planned □ C=Partially □ B=No □ A=Yes

16.4 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral national Ramsar/wetlands committee? {16.4}

16.4 Additional information

>>> There is also the Expert group that works under the Czech Ramsar Committee (CRC). The Expert group plays the role of advisory body for the CRC.

16.5 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral body equivalent to a national Ramsar/wetlands committee? {16.5}

16.5 Additional information

>>> None.

16.6 Are other communication mechanisms (apart from a national committee) in place to share the Convention's implementation guidelines and other information between the Administrative Authority and: {16.6}

Please select only one per square.

a) Ramsar Site managers	□ D=Planned □ C=Partially □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
b) other MEA national focal points	□ D=Planned □ C=Partially □ B=No ☑ A=Yes
c) other ministries, departments and agencies	□ D=Planned □ C=Partially □ B=No ☑ A=Yes

16.6 Additional information

>>> There are guarantors for all RS

NFPs of the "natural" MEAs meet once a year to exchange experience and knowledge.

National representative of STRP is a member of the Czech Ramsar Committee

Representatives of the Czech Republic who are responsible for expert questions of CMS and AEWA are members of the Expert group of the Czech Ramsar Committee.

16.7 Has your country organized any Convention on Wetlands-branded World Wetlands Day events, whether led by government or NGOs, since COP14? $\{16.7\}$ \square A=Yes

16.7 Additional information

>>> There are a lot of events, majority of them is organised by NGOs. Czech Society for ornithology organises birdwatching walks in wetlands, there are presentations, discussions, interviews with some "wetland" man or woman in radio (local and national level).

The Czech Ramsar Committee in cooperation with Botanical Institute of the Czech Academy of Science and University of South Bohemia and ENKI, civic association organise every year in February on the occassion of WWD the seminar on wetland hydrology and ecology.

16.8 Did your country undertake any campaigns, programmes or projects to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands to people and wildlife during the World Wetlands Days since COP14? $\{16.8\}$ \square B=No

16.8 Additional information

>>> It is planned.

16.9 Has information about your country's wetlands and/or Ramsar Sites and their status been made public (e.g., through publications or a website)? $\{18.5\}$ \square A=Yes

16.9 Additional Information

>>> The is information on website of each PLA or NP and website of the Ministry of the Environment and Nature Conservation Agency.

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}

☑ A=Yes

17.1 Additional information

>>> No.

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}

☑ A=Yes

17.2 Additional information

>>> No.

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?	 Z=Not applicable B=No □ A=Yes
b) from non-national or multilateral development assistance agencies?	

17.3 Additional information

for example from which countries or agencies >>> Not relevant.

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.

>>> About 12,000 Eur for activities of the Czech Ramsar Committee and several hundred thousand euros for wetland restoration.

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

>>> NFP for Ramsar is at the same time a NFP for AEWA and CMS. Anyway, the NFPs for expert questions of AEWA and CMS are members of the Expert group of the Czech Ramsar Committee. Ramsar NFP is in regular contact of CBD NFP.

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

18.2 Additional information

>>> Department of International Cooperation of the MoE organises once a year meeting of all MEAs NFP.

18.3 Additional information

For example describe the support and indicate the amount of funding. >>> Not relevant.

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}
☑ A=Yes

18.4 Additional information

>>> The Czech Ministry of the Environment organises every year the international training course on wetland restoration for participants from members of the Carpathian Wetland Initiative.

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

☑ A=Yes

18.5 Additional information

>>> They are identified however have not designated as RS yet.

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

18.6 Additional information

>>> There is an international cooperation on Elbe, Donau, Odra and Morava rivers basins.

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

☑ B=No

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? $\{19.1\}$

19.1 Additional information

>>> None.

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

☑ C=Partially

19.2 Additional Information

>>> The main responsible body is the MoE. Proposal of suitable actions and strategies is prepared by the Czech Ramsar Committee.

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

☑ C=Partially

19.3 Additional information

>>> There is number of educational programmes for basic schools, the Czech Ramsar Committee evaluates them systematicaly. Also ENKI, civic association evaluates these programmes. Situation is not good.

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

a) at Ramsar Sites

☑ E=# opportunities

>>> 2

b) at other wetlands

☑ E=# Opportunities

19.4 Additional information

>>> NFP in cooperation with STRP representatives and members of the Czech Ramsar Committee organise training courses for wetland site managers usually every year.

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

☑ B=No

19.5 Additional information

>>> None

Section 4. Optional annex to allow any Contracting Party that has developed national targets to provide information on those

Goal 2

Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites

The ecological character of Ramsar Sites is maintained or restored through effective, planning and integrated management. [Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 3, 4 and 5]

Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - Priority

☑ A=High

Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - Resourcing
☑ D=Severely limiting

Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - National Targets >>> Monitor ecological character of RS

Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - Planned activity >>> Project to monitor and evaluate ecological character o RS.

Goal 3

Target 8: National wetland inventories

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]

Target 8: National wetland inventories - Priority

☑ A=High

Target 8: National wetland inventories - Resourcing
☑ C=Limiting

Target 8: National wetland inventories - National Targets >>> Make a new national wetland inventory and compare the results with the NWI made in 1999.

Target 8: National wetland inventories - Planned activity >>> Support project on national wetland inventory.

Target 9: Wise Use

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

Target 9: Wise Use - Priority

☑ A=High

Target 9: Wise Use - Resourcing
☑ C=Limiting

Target 9: Wise Use - National Targets >>> Improve state of RS Třeboňské rybníky

Target 10: Traditional Knowledge

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]

Target 10: Traditional Knowledge - Priority

☑ B=Medium

Target 10: Traditional Knowledge - Resourcing
☑ D=Severely limiting

Target 10: Traditional Knowledge - National Targets >>> Keep traditional knowledge.

Target 10: Traditional Knowledge - Planned activity
>>> Organise the conference on Wetlands and culture (that will include also traditional knowledge) on the occassion of 55 year of Ramsar Convention.

Target 11: Wetland functions

Wetland functions, services and benefits are widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated. [Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 2, 12 and 13]

Target 11: Wetland functions - Priority

☑ A=High

Target 11: Wetland functions - Resourcing
☑ D=Severely limiting

Target 11: Wetland functions - National Targets
>>> Raise public awareness about the functions of wetlands

Target 11: Wetland functions - Planned activity >>> Education, seminars, conferences

Target 12: Restoration

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 to Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 2, 8, and 11]

Target 12: Restoration - Priority

☑ A=High

Target 12: Restoration - Resourcing
☑ B=Adequate

Target 12: Restoration - National Targets
>>> Continue wetland restoration projects
Develop cooperation with river basin enterprises
Block drainage channels
Restore springs and streams

Target 12: Restoration - Planned activity
>>> Continue wetland restoration projects
Develop cooperation with river basin enterprises
Block drainage channels
Restore springs and streams

Goal 4

Target 15: Regional Initiatives

Ramsar Regional Initiatives with the active involvement and support of the Parties in each region are reinforced and developed into effective tools to assist in the full implementation of the Convention.

Target 15: Regional Initiatives - Priority

☑ B=Medium

Target 15: Regional Initiatives - Resourcing
☐ C=Limiting

Target 15: Regional Initiatives - National Targets >>> Continue to organize wetland restoration courses

Target 15: Regional Initiatives - Planned activity >>> Training courses

Target 16: Wetlands conservation and wise use

Wetlands conservation and wise use are mainstreamed through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness. [Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 21]

Target 16: Wetlands conservation and wise use - Priority

☑ A=High

Target 16: Wetlands conservation and wise use - National Targets >>> Ensure legislative protection of all RS.

Declare new RS

Target 16: Wetlands conservation and wise use - Planned activity
>>> Support the declaration of the Krušné hory Protected Landscape Area (PLA) - RS Krušnohorské mountains mires
Designation of 5 new RS.

Target 17: Financial and other resources

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]

Target 17: Financial and other resources - Priority

☑ A=High

Target 17: Financial and other resources - Resourcing
☑ C=Limiting

Target 17: Financial and other resources - National Targets

>>> Ensure adequate financial resources for the project of a new wetland inventory, monitoring of the ecological status of wetlands, research on wetland biodiversity, and more.

Target 17: Financial and other resources - Planned activity

>>> Ensure adequate financial resources for the project of a new wetland inventory, monitoring of the ecological status of wetlands, research on wetland biodiversity, and more.

Target 18: International cooperation

International cooperation is strengthened at all levels.

Target 18: International cooperation - Priority

☑ B=Medium

Target 18: International cooperation - Resourcing

☑ B=Adequate

Target 18: International cooperation - National Targets

>>> Develop cooperation with neighboring countries in the area of sharing know-how, wetland management, protection and research.

Participate in the restoration of wetlands in Ukraine.

Organize joint meetings of Ramsar committees.

Designate transboundary RS

Target 18: International cooperation - Planned activity

>>> Develop cooperation with neighboring countries in the area of sharing know-how, wetland management, protection and research.

Participate in the restoration of wetlands in Ukraine.

Organize joint meetings of Ramsar committees.

Target 19: Capacity Building

Capacity building for implementation of the Convention and its 4th Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 is enhanced. [Reference to Global Biodiversity Framework Target 20]

Target 19: Capacity Building - Priority

☑ B=Medium

Target 19: Capacity Building - Resourcing
☑ C=Limiting

Target 19: Capacity Building - National Targets >>> Declare NFP for CEPA

Target 19: Capacity Building - Planned activity >>> Declare NFP for CEPA Develop CEPA programme