

### RAMSAR CONVENTION

## Ramsar National Report to COP15

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#### **Section 1: Institutional Information**

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Begleitbrief Ramsar National Report to COP 15 2024.pdf

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# 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)
- >>> Intensifying maintenance measures e.g. driving back trees and shrubs in the Ramsar site "Ruggeller Riet" as well as the implementation of fallow rotation
- 2)
- >>> Eradicating invasive alien species and preventing their further distribution in the Ramsar site "Ruggeller Riet"
- 3)
- >>> Visitor management: regular supervisions of the Ramsar site by the Nature Watch
- 4)
- >>> Monitoring of Coenonympha oedippus especialy and other species in the Ramsar site "Ruggeller Riet"
- 5)
- >>> Transformation of the pilot project for temporary water retention in the Ramsa site "Ruggeller Riet" into a permanent instrument to improve the water retention

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

- 1)
- >>> Nitrogen deposits by air
- 2)
- >>> Climage change and decreasing water levels
- 3)
- >>> Establishment of new invasive alien species
- 4١
- >>> Spreading of shrubs
- 5)
- >>> Visitor management/public relations concerning disregarding restricted trails, leash obligations for dogs etc.

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

- 1)
- >>> Improved water management based on the permanent water retention instrument in the Ramsa site "Ruggeller Riet"
- 2)
- >>> Continued controlling of invasive alien species
- 3)
- >>> Adjusting management plans (stop further spreading of shrubland)
- 4)
- >>> Designate the Ramsar site "Ruggeller rite" and "Schwabbrünnen Äscher" as a site of the Emerald Network
- 5)
- >>> Regular monitoring of different species/Biodiversity monitoring
- D. Does the Administrative Authority have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance

from the Convention Secretariat? >>> No

- 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.
- >>> In research and management there certainly is a balance of men and women
- G. On the basis of your indications above, list possible areas where change is necessary for the achievement of gender equality. >>> X
- H. Please describe lessons learnt in the context of wetlands and gender equality work in your country.
- I. If possible, please list gender-related policies, strategies and action plans in place relevant to wetlands in your country. >>> X
- J. 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). >>> X
- K. Please list the names of the organizations which have been consulted on or have contributed to the information provided in this report.
- >>> Office of Environment, Liechtenstein

# 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

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[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	☐ Y=Not Relevant ☐ X=Unknown ☐ D=Planned ☐ C=Partially ☐ B=No ☑ A=Yes

### 1.1 Additional information

>>> X

## 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} 

  ☐ C=Partially
- 2.1 Additional Information

>>> X

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

☑ C=Partially

2.2 Additional Information

>>> X

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?

☑ C=Partially

2.3 Additional Information

>>> X

- 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

>>> X

- 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} 
  ☑ C=Underway
- 2.5 Additional Information

>>> X

- 2.6 Does the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology?  $\{2.8\}$
- 2.6 Additional Information

>>> X

#### 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?  $\{3.1\}$
- 3.1 Additional Information

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

	sector undertaken any activities or actions for the conservation, wise use, and Ramsar Sites or (b) wetlands in general? {3.2} er 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
3.2 Additional inform	mation
3.3 Have actions be use of wetlands? {3 ☑ B=No	en taken to implement incentive measures which encourage the conservation and wise 3.3}
3.3 Additional inform	nation
Please specify the typ	es of incentive measures (loans, tax breaks, or others).
3.4 Have actions be wetlands? {3.4}  ☑ Z=Not Applicable	en taken to remove perverse incentive measures which lead to degradation or loss of
3.4 Additional Inform	mation
	ions that have been taken to remove perverse incentive measures (e.g. removal of subsidies for and provide the source links or upload the source documents here.
invasive alien specie implemented to pre	es and pathways of introduction and expansion are identified and prioritized, priority es are controlled or eradicated, and management responses are prepared and vent their introduction and establishment.  I Biodiversity Framework Target 6]
	try have a national inventory of invasive alien species that currently or potentially al character of wetlands? $\{4.1\}$
4.1 Additional inform	mation
	y adopted any national policies, strategies, or guidelines on invasive species control nat are relevant for wetlands? {4.2}
4.2 Additional inform	mation
4.3. Has your count wetland ecosystems  ☑ E=# species  ››› Solidago spp.	ry successfully controlled through management actions invasive species of high risk to s? {4.3}

4.3 Additional Information

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

#### 4.4 Additional Information

>>> **>** 

### 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

#### 5.1 Additional information

>>> **>** 

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

>>> O

#### 5.2 - 5.4 Additional information

>>> X

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

#### 5.5 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.

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

☑ E=# Sites

>>> O

#### 5.6 Additional information

>>> **>** 

5.7 For how many Ramsar Sites has an ecological character description been prepared (see Resolution

X.15)?

☑ E=# Sites

>>> 1

#### 5.7 Additional information

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

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.

#### 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 Additional information

If "Yes", please provide the source links or upload the source documents here describing the mechanisms established >>> The Administrative Authority has been informed about the impact and need for management of the expanding, invasive neophyte 'goldenrod' (Solidago spp.). Solidago spp. is being monitored and managed.

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?  $\{7.2\}$ 

#### 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
>>> x

#### 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?  $\rightarrow x$ 

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

#### 8.2 Additional information

>>> X

#### 8.3 How often is the NWI updated?

#### 8.3 Additional information

>>> X

8.4 Is wetland inventory data and information publicly available?  $\{8.4\}$   $\square$  A=Yes

#### 8.4 Additional information

For example if "partially" or "planned" by when will the data/information be made public?  $\rightarrow x$ 

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

>>> 1.01

8.6 According to the Convention's definition and classification of wetlands, the disaggregated information on wetland extent is as follows

**Note**: The minimum information that should be provided is the total area of wetlands for each of the three major categories; "marine/coastal", "inland" and "human-made".

If the data on inventories are partial or not complete, use the available information to fill in the form, specifying if it is partial or not complete.

Guidance on information on national wetland extent can be consulted at: https://www.ramsar.org/document/guidance-on-information-on-national-wetland-extent.

>>> X

#### 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
I 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 Marine/Coastal Wetlands total (km2)

>>> (

#### 8.6 Inland Wetlands

	Square kilometers (km2)
L Permanent inland deltas	0
M Permanent rivers/streams/creeks; includes waterfalls	0.36
N Seasonal/intermittent/irre gular rivers/streams/creeks	0.01
O Permanent freshwater lakes	0
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	0
Ts Seasonal/intermittent freshwater marshes/pools on inorganic soils	0
U Non-forested peatlands	0.2
Va Alpine wetlands	0
Vt Tundra wetlands	0
W Shrub-dominated wetlands	0
Xf Freshwater, tree- dominated wetlands	0
Xp Forested peatlands	0
Y Freshwater springs; oases.	0
Zg Geothermal wetlands	0
Zk(b) – Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems	0

## 8.6 Inland Wetlands total (km2)

>>> 0.4

### 8.6 Human-made wetlands

	Square kilometers (km2)
1 Aquaculture ponds.	0
2 Ponds	0
3 Irrigated land	0
4 Seasonally flooded agricultural land	0
5 Salt exploitation sites	0
6 Water storage areas	3.2
7 Excavations	0
8 Wastewater treatment areas	0
9 Canals and drainage channels, ditches	0
Zk(c) – Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems	0

8.6 Human-made wetlands total (km2) >>> 0.32

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	<ul><li>□ P=Status improved</li><li>☑ O=No change</li><li>□ N=Status deteriorated</li></ul>
b) All wetlands in your country	<ul><li>□ P=Status improved</li><li>☑ O=No change</li><li>□ N=Status deteriorated</li></ul>

#### 8.7 Additional Information

>>> X

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

#### 8.8 Additional Information

8.9 Additional Information

e.g explain others as referred to in (j)

>>> X

8.10 Additional Information

>>> X

#### **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}

☑ D=Planned

9.1 Additional information

>>> X

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

9.2 Additional information

>>> X

- 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} 
  ☑ B=No
- 9.3 Additional information

>>> X

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}

☑ B=No

9.4 Additional information

>>> X

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

>>> The national climate change adaption strategy (2017) https://www.llv.li/serviceportal2/amtsstellen/amtfuer-umwelt/klima/klimastrategie-2050\_55.pdf.

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

☑ D=Planned

9.6 Additional Information

>>> X

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} 
☑ A=Yes

9.7 Additional information

>>> X

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

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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

>>> X

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?  $\{9.8\}$ 

☑ B=No

#### 9.9 Additional information

>>> )

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

☑ B=No

#### 9.10 Additional information

>>> X

#### 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?

☑ B=No

#### 10.1 Additional Information

>>> X

#### 10.2 Additional Information

>>> X

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

>>> X

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.

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

#### 10.5 Additional information

>>> The "Ruggeller Riet" was traditionally used for peat cutting and sedges were cut to use as animal bedding. The cutting of the sedges is still used as a management measure, while peat cutting is now prohibited to preserve the moor. As witnesses of this period of time, the peat huts were preserved and left in the landscape.

#### 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?  $\{11.2\}$ 

11.2 Additional information

>>> )

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

☑ B=No

11.3 Additional Information

>>> X

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 >>> x

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

11.5 Additional information

>>> X

#### 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

12.1 Additional Information

>>> X

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

☑ B=No

12.2 Additional information

If "yes", please provide a list of sites, specifying wetland types

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

☑ B=No

#### 12.3 Additional information

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

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}

☑ B=No

#### 12.4 Additional Information

If "yes" or "partially", please indicate the progress in implementation >>> X

#### 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

#### 13.1 Additional Information

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

#### 13.2 Additional information

>>> X

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

>>> X

#### 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}

☑ B=No

#### 15.1 Additional information

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

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

#### 15.2 Additional information

If "yes", please indicate the name(s) of the centre(s).  $\rightarrow x$ 

#### 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 info	rmation	
If "yes" or "in progres	s" to one or more of the four categori	es above
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		
>>> 0		
b) at other wetlands  E=# centres	5	
>>> O		
16.2 Additional info	rmation	
16.3 Does the Conti	racting Party {16.3} er 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	
16.3 Additional info	rmation	
16.4 Do you have a ☑ B=No	n operational cross-sectoral nation	nal Ramsar/wetlands committee? {16.4}
16.4 Additional info	rmation	
16.5 Do you have a {16.5} ☑ B=No	n operational cross-sectoral body	equivalent to a national Ramsar/wetlands committee?
16.5 Additional info	rmation	
	mentation guidelines and other in	om a national committee) in place to share the formation between the Administrative Authority and:
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

>>> X

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}

☑ B=No

#### 16.7 Additional information

>>> X

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} ☑ Å=Yes

#### 16.8 Additional information

>>> X

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} ☑ A=Yes

#### 16.9 Additional Information

>>> X

#### 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

#### 17.1 Additional information

>>> X

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

#### 17.2 Additional information

>>> X

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

multilateral development	<ul><li>Z=Not applicable</li><li>B=No</li><li>A=Yes</li></ul>
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#### 17.3 Additional information

for example from which countries or agencies >>> x

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

#### 17.4 Additional information

If "yes" please state the amounts, and for which activities.  $\rightarrow x$ 

#### 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?  $\{18.1\}$   $\square$  B=No

18.1 Additional information

>>> X

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} 
☑ B=No

18.2 Additional information

>>> X

18.3 Additional information

For example describe the support and indicate the amount of funding.

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

18.4 Additional information

>>> X

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

☑ A=Yes

18.5 Additional information

>>> X

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

☑ Y=Not Relevant

18.6 Additional information

>>> X

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

☑ B=No

18.7 Additional information

If "yes", please list which regional networks or initiatives  $\mapsto$  x

#### 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

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

☑ B=No

#### 19.2 Additional Information

>>> **>** 

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

☑ B=No

#### 19.3 Additional information

>>> X

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

#### a) at Ramsar Sites

☑ E=# opportunities

>>> **0** 

#### b) at other wetlands

☑ E=# Opportunities

#### 19.4 Additional information

>>> X

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

☑ A=Yes

#### 19.5 Additional information