COP12 NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT - SECTION 4 ANNEX

OPTIONAL – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Guidance for filling in this section

1. A Contracting Party is not required to complete this Section 4 Annex as part of its COP12 Reporting.
2. The Annex has been provided so that any Contracting Party that wishes to can provide additional information specific to any or all of their designated Ramsar Sites, given that the situation and status of individual Ramsar Sites can differ greatly within the territory of a Contracting Party.
3. The only indicator questions included in this section are those from Section 3 of the COP12 NRF which directly concern Ramsar Sites.
4. In some cases, to make them meaningful in the context of reporting on each Ramsar Site separately, some of these indicator questions and/or their answer options have been adjusted from their formulation in Section 3 of the COP12 NRF.
5. Please include information on only one site in each row. In the appropriate columns please add the name and official site number (from the Ramsar Sites Information Service).
6. For each 'indicator question', please select one answer from the 'drop-down' list in the green boxes.
7. A final column of this Annex is provided as a 'free text' box for the inclusion of any additional information concerning the Ramsar Site. **Please do not use double quotes " ": use single quotes ' ' instead.**
8. If more Ramsar Sites are being reported on than the number of rows available in the format below, please cut and paste additional rows into the format, one for each additional Ramsar Site, so that the same 'drop-down' answer menus appear for each site.

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List of indicator questions:

- 1.1.3 Has the condition (ecological character) of the Ramsar Site changed since the last triennium?
- 1.4.1 Has an assessment been made of the ecosystem benefits/services provided by the Ramsar Site?
- 2.4.1 Does the site have a management plan (or equivalent)?
- 2.4.2 If you answered yes to 2.4.1, is the management plan being implemented?
- 2.4.4 Has a cross-sectoral site management committee been established for the site?
- 2.4.5 Has a description of the ecological character of the Ramsar Site been prepared?
- 1.4.3 Have socio-economic and cultural values of wetlands been included in the management planning for the Ramsar Site?
- 2.5.1 Has any assessment of the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management been made?
- 2.6.1 Are mechanisms in place for the Administrative Authority to be informed of negative changes or likely negative changes in the ecological character of the Ramsar Site, pursuant to Article 3.2?
- 2.6.2 Have all cases of change or likely negative change in the ecological character of the Ramsar Site been reported to the Ramsar Secretariat, pursuant to Article 3.2?
- 4.1.2 Has a visitor/interpretation/education centre been established at the Ramsar Site?
- 4.1.3b Is stakeholder participation in decision-making promoted, especially with local stakeholder involvement in the management of the Ramsar Site?
- 4.1.7a Have communication mechanisms been established to share information between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the Ramsar Site manager(s)?

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Ex:1603	*Lake White*	*O – No change*	*A - Yes*	*B - No*	*B - No*	*A - Yes*	*B - No*	*A - Yes*	*A - Yes*	*A - Yes*	*B - No*	*A - Yes*	*B - No*	*D – Planned*	
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