



*"People and Wetlands: The Vital Link"*  
**7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties  
to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971),  
San José, Costa Rica, 10-18 May 1999**

Agenda item XI: Issues arising from Resolutions and Recommendations of previous meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties

### **Note by the Secretary General**

The following is the list of Resolutions and Recommendations of the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties with, next to those which required action, an indication of the COP7 documents that deal with them, up to 31 January 1999. Contracting Parties may still introduce additional draft resolutions and/or recommendations which might deal with other issues raised in COP6 Resolutions and Recommendations.

#### **COP6 RESOLUTIONS**

- RES.VI.1 Working definitions of ecological character, guidelines for describing and maintaining the ecological character of listed sites and operation of the Montreux Record (with annex of definitions and guidelines)  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.10: Draft Resolution on Wetland Risk Assessment
- RES.VI.2 Adoption of specific criteria based on fish for identifying wetlands of international importance (with annex of criteria and guidelines for application)  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.11: Draft Resolution on Strategic framework and guidelines for application of the Ramsar Criteria for Identifying Wetlands of International Importance (to be distributed with the second mailing of COP7 papers on 9 April 1999)
- RES.VI.3 Review of the Ramsar criteria for identifying wetlands of international importance and the accompanying guidelines  
As per RES. VI.2
- RES.VI.4 Adoption of population estimates for operation of the specific criteria based on waterfowl  
As per RES. VI.2 and VI.3
- RES.VI.5 Inclusion of subterranean karst wetlands as a wetland type under the Ramsar classification system  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.13: Draft Resolution on Guidelines on karst and other subterranean hydrological systems

- RES.VI.6 The Wetland Conservation Fund [now renamed the Ramsar Small Grants Fund for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use (SGF)]  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.5: Draft Resolution on critical evaluation of the Convention's Small Grants Fund for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use (SGF), and recommendations for its future operations
- RES.VI.7 The Scientific and Technical Review Panel [STRP]  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.2: Draft Resolution on Composition and *modus operandi* of the Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP); and Ramsar COP7 DOC. 4, Annex 1, Report of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) (to be distributed with the second mailing of COP7 papers on 9 April 1999)
- RES.VI.8 Secretary General matters – No follow-up required
- RES.VI.9 Cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.4: Draft Resolution on Partnerships and cooperation with other Conventions, including harmonized information management infrastructures
- RES.VI.10 Cooperation with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and its implementing agencies: the World Bank, UNDP and UNEP  
As per RES. VI.9 and Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.20: Draft Resolution on Guidelines for international cooperation under the Convention (to be distributed with the second mailing of COP7 papers on 9 April 1999)
- RES.VI.11 Consolidation of recommendations and resolutions of the Conference of the Contracting Parties  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 13.1
- RES.VI.12 National Wetland Inventories and candidate sites for listing  
As per RES. VI.2
- RES.VI.13 Submission of information on sites designated for the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance  
As per RES. VI.2
- RES.VI.14 The Ramsar 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Statement, the Strategic Plan 1997-2002, and the Bureau Work Programme 1997-1999  
See Ramsar COP7 DOCS. 6 to 12: Regional Overviews on the Implementation of the Convention and Ramsar COP7 DOC. 5: Report of the Secretary General. These documents will be distributed with the second mailing of COP7 documents on 9 April 1999.

- RES.VI.15 Amendment of the Rules of Procedure as of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 2: Proposed Rules of Procedure
- RES.VI.16 Accession procedures – No follow-up required
- RES.VI.17 Financial and budgetary matters (with Annex I: the core budget 1997-1999 and Annex II: calculation of contributions according to the UN scale of assessments for the year 1997)  
Concerning operative paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of this Resolution, see Ramsar COP7 DOC. 4, paragraphs 49, 10 (a), and 12, respectively
- RES.VI.18 Establishment of the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 13.2 (distribution 9 April 1999)
- RES.VI.19 Education and public awareness  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.9: Draft Resolution on the Ramsar Convention's Outreach Programme
- RES.VI.20 Thanks to the people and governments of Australia – No follow-up required
- RES.VI.21 Assessment and reporting on the status of wetlands  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.21: Draft Resolution/Recommendation on a Global review of wetland resources and priorities for wetland inventory
- RES.VI.22 Consideration of overall cost reduction and in particular of possible relocation of the Ramsar Bureau and its operations  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 4, paragraphs 21 and 29
- RES.VI.23 Ramsar and water  
See Ramsar DOC. 16: Technical Session I on Ramsar and water (distribution 9 April 1999)

## **COP6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- REC.6.1 Conservation of peatlands  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.18: Draft Recommendation/Resolution on a Global action plan to conserve peatlands and mires (distribution 9 April 1999)
- REC.6.2 Environmental impact assessment  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.16: Draft Resolution/Recommendation on the Ramsar Convention and impact assessment: strategic, environmental and social (distribution 9 April 1999)

- REC.6.3 Involving local and indigenous people in the management of Ramsar wetlands  
See Ramsar COP7 15.8: Draft Resolution on Guidelines for establishing participatory processes to involve local communities and indigenous people in the management of wetlands
- REC.6.4 The “Brisbane Initiative” on the establishment of a network of listed sites along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway
- REC.6.5 Establishment of further wetland manager training programmes  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 5: Report of the Secretary General (distribution 9 April 1999) and Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.9: Draft Resolution on the Ramsar Convention’s Outreach Programme
- REC.6.6 Establishment of regionally-based Ramsar Liaison Officers
- REC.6.7 Conservation and wise use of coral reefs and associated ecosystems
- REC.6.8 Strategic planning in coastal zones
- REC.6.9 Framework for National Wetland Policy development and implementation  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.6: Draft Resolution on a Framework for developing and implementing National Wetland Policies
- REC.6.10 Promotion of cooperation on the economic valuation of wetlands  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.15: Draft Resolution/Recommendation on Incentives to encourage the application of the principle of wise use of wetlands (distribution 9 April 1999)
- REC.6.11 Continuing collaboration for Mediterranean wetlands  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC 15.XX (number to be allocated): Draft Resolution on the Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative, including the Mediterranean Wetlands Committee (distribution 9 April 1999)
- REC.6.12 Conservation and wise use in private and public funded activities
- REC.6.13 Guidelines on management planning for Ramsar sites and other wetlands  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 13.3, Annex 2 (distribution 9 April 1999)
- REC.6.14 Toxic chemicals
- REC.6.15 Restoration of wetlands  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 15.17: Draft Resolution/Recommendation on Restoration as an element of national planning for wetland conservation and wise use, and Ramsar COP7 DOC. 17.4 (distribution for both documents: 9 April 1999)

- REC.6.16 Conservation and wise use of wetlands in bilateral and multilateral development cooperation programmes  
As per RES. VI.10
- REC.6.17 Ramsar sites in the territories of specific Contracting Parties, also including:  
REC.6.17.1 Greek Ramsar Sites  
REC.6.17.2 National Reserve of Paracas and the national strategy for the conservation of wetlands in Peru  
REC.6.17.3 Azraq Oasis, Jordan  
REC.6.17.4 Australian Ramsar sites  
REC.6.17.5 The Lower Danube Basin  
See Ramsar COP7 DOCS. 6, 9, 10, and 11: Overview of implementation of the Convention in the Neotropics, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, and Oceania respectively (distribution 9 April 1999)
- REC.6.18 Conservation and wise use of wetlands in the Pacific Islands region  
See Ramsar COP7 DOC. 11: Overview of implementation of the Convention in the Oceania Region