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OF THE RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

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Section 1: Institutional Information

Important note: the responses below will be considered by the Ramsar Secretariat as the definitive list of your focal points, and will be used to update the information it holds. The Secretariat's current information about your focal points is available at <http://www.ramsar.org/search-contact>.

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Section 2: General summary of national implementation progress and challenges

In your country, in the past triennium (i.e., since COP12 reporting):

A. What have been the five most successful aspects of implementation of the Convention?

- 1) Legislative framework for protection of wetlands has been strengthened
- 2) Red list of wetlands dependent species including migratory waterfowls updated; necessary conservation measures undertaken
- 3) Wise Use Principles practiced in conservation of nationally important wetlands, i.e., Tanguar haor, Hakaluki haor, Hail haor, Sonadia island and the Sundarbans, etc
- 4) Wildlife crime control unit with the involvement of different agencies strengthened and effectively curbing poaching of wildlife including waterfowls
- 5) Co-management approaches enhanced community participation in decision making and management of wetlands

B. What have been the five greatest difficulties in implementing the Convention?

- 1) Increase of population and expansion of human habitats, urbanization, agricultural and development activities
- 2) Regulation of flows of the river systems in the upper riparian areas; siltation due to degradation of watershed and loss of connectivity between wetlands and river systems
- 3) Inadequate scientific knowledge and understanding on conservation and value of goods and services of wetlands ecosystem
- 4) Ignorance of the valuation of forests and wetlands ecosystem services causing budget constraint for conservation of natural resources.
- 5) Water pollution due to industrial, urban, agrochemical and other types of pollutants including pollution from trans-boundary sources

C. What are the five priorities for future implementation of the Convention?

- 1) Wetlands protection and conservation which have been included in Article 18A of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
- 2) Implementation of Vision 2021 which has been prioritised in the 7th five year plan
- 3) Achieving SDGs and NBSAP targets
- 4) Considering Ecosystem value in national accounting
- 5) Designating more wetlands as RAMSAR sites

D. Do you (AA) have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Ramsar Secretariat?

Technical support from STRP in designating more wetlands under the Convention.

E. Do you (AA) have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Convention's International Organisation Partners (IOPs)? (Including ongoing partnerships and partnerships to develop)

Technical and financial support to assess climate change impact on wetland ecosystems, transboundary scientific studies, and economic valuation.

F. How can national implementation of the Ramsar Convention be better linked with implementation of other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), especially those in the 'biodiversity cluster' (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), World Heritage Convention (WHC), and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?

Creating synergies with other MEAs through institutional arrangement, interfocal point Coordination and adopting new policies and plans.

G. How can implementation of the Ramsar Convention be better linked with the implementation of water policy/strategy and other strategies in the country (e.g., on sustainable development, energy, extractive industries, poverty reduction, sanitation, food security, biodiversity)?

Stronger inter-ministerial coordination

H. Do you (AA) have any other general comments on the implementation of the Convention?

More cooperation in data sharing and scientific studies with coordination support from the Secretariat, Regional Centres and IOPs.

I. Please list the names of the organisations which have been consulted on or have contributed to the information provided in this report:

1. Ministry of Environment and Forests
2. Ministry of Land
3. Department of Environment
4. Forest Department
5. Department of Fisheries
6. Department of Agriculture Extension
7. Department of Bangladesh Haor and Wetland Development
8. Bangladesh Space Research and Remote Sensing Organization (SPARRSO)
9. University of Dhaka
10. IUCN Bangladesh
11. USAID-Winrock International CREL Project
12. United States Forest Service
13. GIZ
14. Worldfish-NGO
15. Centre for Natural Resources Studies (CNRS)-NGO

Section 3: Indicator questions and further implementation information

Goal 1. Addressing the drivers of wetland loss and degradation

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.

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1.1	Have wetland issues/benefits been incorporated into other national strategies and planning processes, including: {1.3.2} {1.3.3} KRA 1.3.i
A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant	
a)	National Policy or strategy for wetland management
b)	Poverty eradication strategies
c)	Water resource management and water efficiency plans
d)	Coastal and marine resource management plans
e)	Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan
f)	National forest programmes
g)	National policies or measures on agriculture
h)	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans drawn up under the CBD
i)	National policies on energy and mining
j)	National policies on tourism
k)	National policies on urban development
l)	National policies on infrastructure
m)	National policies on industry
n)	National policies on aquaculture and fisheries {1.3.3} KRA 1.3.i
o)	National plans of actions (NPAs) for pollution control and management
p)	National policies on wastewater management and water quality
1.1 Additional information:	

Target 2. Water use respects wetland ecosystem needs for them to fulfil their functions and provide services at the appropriate scale *inter alia* at the basin level or along a coastal zone.

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2.1	Has the quantity and quality of water available to, and required by, wetlands been assessed to support the implementation of the Guidelines for the allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands (Resolution VIII.1, VIII.2) ?1.24.
C	
A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned	
2.1 Additional information: Water Quality Standards have been set for wetlands (fisheries and agriculture use) in Environment Conservation Rules 1997 (draft amendment is finalised to be promulgated) under Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act 1995 (latest amendment in 2010)	

2.2 Have assessments of environmental flow been undertaken in relation to mitigation of impacts on the ecological character of wetlands (Action r3.4.iv)	C A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
2.2 Additional information: Protocol for e-flow assessment in Bangladesh was first prepared by IUCN under the “Minimum Environmental Flow Requirement for Ecosystem and Its Functioning” Project, IUCN Bangladesh, DoE, UNEP. Following the protocol e-flow of the Bakkhali River in Cox’s Bazar district was estimated. E-flow was also assessed by BUET for some rivers in NE and SC hydrological region. E-flow for the major rivers e.g. Brahmaputra and Ganges was done by CEGIS/WARPO under the study on the ‘Impact Assessment of Indian River Linking Project for Inter basin Water Transfer (IRLP) in Bangladesh’.	
2.3 Have Ramsar Sites improved the sustainability of water use in the context of ecosystem requirements?	C A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; O= No Change; X= Unknown
2.3 Additional information: Sustainable water use has been included as the one of the core approaches in Tanguar Haor-the second Ramsar site in Bangladesh. Ecosystem requirement of water was assessed in the Tanguar Haor, and following that five core zone have been created. Complete dewatering of those areas for irrigation purpose is prohibited in Tanguar Haor.	
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. (Action 3.4.6.)	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
2.4 Additional information: Water Act, 2013; Public Waterbody (Jalmahal) Management Policy 2009 etc.	
2.5 Have projects that promote and demonstrate good practice in water allocation and management for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands been developed (Action r3.4.ix.)	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
2.5 Additional information: 1. Greater Jessore Fisheries Development Project 2. Greater Comilla District Fisheries Development Project 3. Fisheries Development Project in Rangpur Division 4. Aquaculture Development and Extension Project in Chittagong Hill Tracts 5. Neemgachi Community-based Aquaculture Project 6. Enhancement of Fish Production through Restoration of Water-bodies 7. Restoration of the Natural Breeding Habitats of the Halda River	
2.6 How many household/municipalities are linked to sewage system? SDG Target 6.3.1.	E=136990 E=#household/municipalities; F= Less than #; G=More than #; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.6 Additional information: Dhaka WASA sewerage connection no-136990 (2016-17) Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)	

2.7 What is the percentage of sewerage coverage in the country? SDG Target 6.3.1.	X
	E=#percent; F= Less than # percent; G= More Than # percent; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.7 Additional information:	

2.8 What is the percentage of users of septic tank/pit latrine? SDG Target 6.3.1.	E=75%
	E=#percent; F=Less Than # percent; G= More Than # percent; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.8 Additional information: 75% households have sanitary toilet facilities. (2016) Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)	

2.9 Does the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology? SDG Target 6.3.1.	C
	A= Yes, B= No; C= Partially, D=,Planned X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.9 Additional information:	

2.10 How do the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology perform? SDG Target 6.3.1.	C
	A=Good; C=Functioning; B=Not Functioning; Q=Obsolete; X= Unknown Y= Not Relevant
2.10 Additional information:	

2.11 How many centralised wastewater treatment plants exist at national level? SDG Target 6.3.1.	E=1
	E= # plants; F= Less than #; G=More than #; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.11 Additional information:	

2.12 How is the functional status of the wastewater treatment plants? SDG Target 6.3.1.	C
	A=Good; C=Functioning; B=Not Functioning; Q=Obsolete; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.12 Additional information:	

2.13 The percentage of decentralized wastewater treatment technology, including constructed wetlands/ponds is? SDG Target 6.3.1.	X
	A=Good; C=Functioning; B=Not Functioning; Q=Obsolete; X=Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.13 Additional information:	

2.14 Is there a wastewater reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1.	C
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
2.14 Additional information: Industrial waste water	

2.15 What is the purpose of the waste water reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1.	T
	R=Agriculture; S=Landscape; T=Industrial; U=Drinking; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant

2.15 Additional information: Please indicate if the wastewater reuse system is for free or taxed or add any additional information.

Target.3. Public and private sectors have increased their efforts to apply guidelines and good practices for the wise use of water and wetlands. {1.10}

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3.1 Is the private sector encouraged to apply the Ramsar wise use principle and guidance (Ramsar handbooks for the wise use of wetlands) in its activities and investments concerning wetlands? {1.10.1} KRA 1.10.i	C
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
3.1 Additional information: EIA process encourages the principles of wise use of water and wetlands.	
3.2 Has the private sector undertaken activities or actions for the conservation, wise use and management of? {1.10.2} KRA 1.10.ii: a) Ramsar Sites b) Wetlands in general	A=Yes; B=No; C= Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown= Not Relevant
	a) C
	b) C
3.2 Additional information:	

3.3	Have actions been taken to implement incentive measures which encourage the conservation and wise use of wetlands? {1.11.1} KRA 1.11.i	A
		A=Yes; B=No; C= Partially; D=Planned
3.3	Additional information: National Environment Awards given by the Honourable Prime Minister	
3.4	Have actions been taken to remove perverse incentive measures which discourage conservation and wise use of wetlands? {1.11.2} KRA 1.11.i	D
		A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned; Z=Not Applicable
3.4	Additional information:	

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.*

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4.1	Does your country have a national inventory of invasive alien species that currently or potentially impact the ecological character of wetlands? {1.9.1} KRA 1.9.i	C
		A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
4.1	Additional information: Department of Fisheries maintain the list of invasive alien species	
4.2	Have national policies or guidelines on invasive species control and management been established or reviewed for wetlands? {1.9.2} KRA 1.9.iii	A
		A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
4.2	Additional information: Wildlife (Preservation and Security) Act 2012, Bangladesh Biological Diversity Act 2017, Fish Act 1950 (Ammended 2014)	
4.3	How many invasive species are being controlled through management actions?.	C
		E= # species; F=Less than #; G=More than #; C=Partially; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
4.3	Additional information: (If 'Yes', please indicate the year of assessment and the source of the information):	
4.4	Have the effectiveness of wetland invasive alien species control programmes been assessed?	C
		A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
4.4	Additional information:	

Goal 2. Effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Site network

Target 5. *The ecological character of Ramsar Sites is maintained or restored through effective, planning and integrated management {2.1.}*

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5.1 Have a national strategy and priorities been established for the further designation of Ramsar Sites, using the <i>Strategic Framework for the Ramsar List</i> ? {2.1.1} KRA 2.1.i	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
5.1 Additional information: Hakaluki Haor, Sonar char, Nijhum Dwip, Char Kukri Mukri etc.	
5.2 Are the Ramsar Sites Information Service and its tools being used in national identification of further Ramsar Sites to designate? {2.2.1} KRA 2.2.ii	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
5.2 Additional information:	
5.3 How many Ramsar Sites have an effective, implemented management plan? {2.4.1} KRA 2.4.i	E = 2 E=# sites; F=Less than #; G=More than #; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
5.4 For how many of the Ramsar Sites with a management plan is the plan being implemented? {2.4.2} KRA 2.4.i	E=2 E= # sites; F=Less than #; G=More than #; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
5.5 For how many Ramsar Sites is effective management planning currently being implemented (outside of formal management plans ? {2.4.3} KRA 2.4.i	E=2 E= # sites; F=Less than #; G=More than #;X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
5.3 – 5.5 Additional information:	
5.6 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? {1.6.2} KRA 1.6.ii	C A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
5.6Additional information: Sundarbans Reserved Forest (560)	
5.7 How many Ramsar Sites have a cross-sectoral management committee? {2.4.4} {2.4.6} KRA 2.4.iv	E=2 E= # sites; F=Less than #; G=More than #; C=Partially; X=Unknown, Y=Not Relevant;
5.7 Additional information (If at least 1 site, please give the name and official number of the site or sites): Sundarbans Reserved Forest (560) Tanguar Haor (1031)	

5.8 For how many Ramsar Sites has an ecological character description been prepared (see Resolution X.15)? {2.4.5}{2.4.7} KRA 2.4.v	E=2
	E=# sites; F=Less than #; G=More than; C= Partially #; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
5.8 Additional information (If at least 1 site, please give the name and official number of the site or sites): Sundarbans Reserved Forest (560) Tanguar Haor (1031)	

5.9 Have any assessments of the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management been made? {2.5.1} KRA 2.5.i	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Some Sites
5.9 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Some sites', please indicate the year of assessment, which assessment tool did you use (e.g. METT, Resolution XII.15, and the source of the information):	

Target 7. Sites that are at risk of change of ecological character have threats addressed {2.6.}.

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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? {2.6.1} KRA 2.6.i	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Some Sites; D=Planned
7.1 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Some sites', please summarise the mechanism or mechanisms established):	
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? {2.6.2} KRA 2.6.i	O
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Some Cases; O=No Negative Change
7.2 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Some cases', please indicate for which Ramsar Sites the Administrative Authority has made Article 3.2 reports to the Secretariat, and for which sites such reports of change or likely change have not yet been made):	
7.3 If applicable, have actions been taken to address the issues for which Ramsar Sites have been listed on the Montreux Record, including requesting a Ramsar Advisory Mission? {2.6.3} KRA 2.6.ii	Z
	A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable
7.3 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate the actions taken):	

Goal 3. Wisely Using All Wetlands

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 {1.1.1} KRA 1.1.i

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8.1 Does your country have a complete National Wetland Inventory? {1.1.1} KRA 1.1.i	C A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; D=Planned
8.1 Additional information:	
8.2 Has your country updated a National Wetland Inventory in the last decade?	C A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; C1= Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
8.2 Additional information:	
8.3 Is wetland inventory data and information maintained? {1.1.2} KRA 1.1.ii	C A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
8.3 Additional information: Department of Fisheries, Department of Bangladesh Haor and Wetland Development, Water Resources Planning Organization(WARPO)	
8.4 Is wetland inventory data and information made accessible to all stakeholders? {1.1.2} KRA 1.1.ii	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
8.4 Additional information: Uploaded on the website	

<p>8.5 Has the condition* of wetlands in your country, overall, changed during the last triennium? {1.1.3}</p> <p>a) Ramsar Sites b) wetlands generally</p> <p>Please describe the sources of the information on which your answer is based in the green free- text box below. If there is a difference between inland and coastal wetland situations, please describe. If you are able to, please describe the principal driver(s) of the change(s).</p> <p>*'Condition' corresponds to ecological character, as defined by the Convention</p>	<p>N=Status Deteriorated; O=No Change; P=Status Improved</p>
<p>a) P b) N</p>	
<p>8.5 Additional information on a) and/or b): Recent census of migratory water fowl in Tanguar Haor done by Bangaldehy Bird Club in 2015 and 2016 has shown increased number of species and those abundance. This has indicated the improvement of the habitat quality of the Ramsar site through the co-management established under the project 'Community Based Sustainable Management of Tanguar Haor' project of MoEF implemented with the technical assistance of IUCN Bangladesh. Ecological character of the Sundarbans is in good condition with the habitats for flora and fauna.</p>	

<p>8.6 Based upon the National Wetland Inventory if available please provide a baseline figure in square kilometres for the extent of wetlands (according to the Ramsar definition) for the year 2017.SDG Target 6.6</p>	<p>E= 39271.42 (Approx) E= # KM²; F=Less than #; G=More than #;A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p>8.6 Additional information: If the information is available please indicate the % of change in the extent of wetlands over the last three years.</p>	

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.}.*

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<p>9.1 Is a Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) that promotes the wise use of wetlands in place? {1.3.1} KRA 1.3.i (If 'Yes', please give the title and date of the policy in the green text box)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; D=Planned</p>
<p>9.1 Additional information Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act 1995 (Amended in 2010), Environment Conservation Rules 1997 (Revised in 2017) Water Act, 2013 Public waterbody (Jalmahal) Management Policy, 2009</p>	
<p>9.2 Have any amendments to existing legislation been made to reflect Ramsar commitments? {1.3.5}{1.3.6}</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; D=Planned</p>
<p>9.2 Additional information: 15th amendment of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act 1995 (Amended in 2010), Wildlife (Preservation and Security) Act, 2012, Public waterbody (Jalmahal) Management Policy 2009</p>	
<p>9.3 Do your country's water governance and management systems</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p>

treat wetlands as natural water infrastructure integral to water resource management at the scale of river basins? {1.7.1}{1.7.2} KRA 1.7.ii	A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
9.3 Additional information:	

9.4 Have Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) expertise and tools been incorporated into catchment/river basin planning and management (see Resolution X.19)? {1.7.2}{1.7.3}	A
	A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
9.4 Additional information: 1. Formation of Community Groups 2. Awareness materials, campaign, day observation	

9.5 Has your country established policies or guidelines for enhancing the role of wetlands in mitigating or adapting to climate change? {1.7.3}{1.7.5} KRA 1.7.iii	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
9.5 Additional information: Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (BCCSAP) 2009 National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan(NBSAP) 2016-21 National Action Plan(NAP)-UNCCD 2015-25	

9.6 Has your country formulated plans or projects to sustain and enhance the role of wetlands in supporting and maintaining viable farming systems? {1.7.4}{1.7.6} KRA 1.7.v	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
9.6 Additional information:	

9.7 Has research to inform wetland policies and plans been undertaken in your country on: a) agriculture-wetland interactions b) climate change c) valuation of ecosystem services {1.6.1} KRA 1.6.i	A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
	a) A b) A c) D
9.7 Additional information:	

9.8 Has your country submitted a request for Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention, Resolution XII.10 ?	B
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
9.8 Additional information: (If 'Yes', please indicate How many request have been submitted):	

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.*

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10.1 Have the guiding principles for taking into account the cultural	C1

values of wetlands including traditional knowledge for the effective management of sites (Resolution VIII.19) been used or applied?(Action 6.1.2/ 6.1.6)	A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; C1= Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
10.1 Additional information: 1. Economic valuation of cultural, regulatory and provisional services of Sundarban mangroves in Bangladesh. 2017.USAID CREL-Winrock International JDR Research Grants. 2. Economic valuation of Tanguar Haor Ramsar Site. 2012. IUCN Tanguar Management Project	

10.2 Have case studies, participation in projects or successful experiences on cultural aspects of wetlands been compiled. Resolution VIII.19 and Resolution IX.21? (Action 6.1.6)	A A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; D=Planned
10.2 Additional information: (If yes please indicate the case studies or projects documenting information and experiences concerning culture and wetlands). Case Study 1: Untold Stories of Tanguar Haor (Ref. Newas, I. 2016. IUCN Bangladesh Country Office) Case Study 2: Rivers Beyond Borders, an Atlas of 54 trans-boundary rivers of Bangladesh and India. (Copyright: IUCN 2014 published under the Ecosystems for Life: A Bangladesh-India Initiative) Case Study 3: Assessment of selected activities of the Community Based Adaptation in the Ecologically Critical Areas through Biodiversity Conservation and Social Protection Project (CBA-ECA Project) of the Department of Environment published with the technical assistance of IUCN Bangladesh Country Office.	

10.3 Have the guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous people's participation in the management of wetlands been used or applied. (Resolution VII.8)(Action 6.1.5)	A A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; D=Planned
10.3 Additional information: (If the answer is "yes" please indicate the use or application of the guidelines) Ecologically Critical Area Management Rules 2016,Protected Area Management Rules 2017	

10.4 Traditional knowledge and management practices relevant for the wise use of wetlands have been documented and their application encouraged (Action 6.1.2)	A A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; D=Planned
10.4 Additional information:	

Target 11. Wetland functions, services and benefits are widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated. {1.4.}

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11.1 Has an assessment been made of the ecosystem benefits/services provided by Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? {1.4.1} KRA 1.4.ii	C1 A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; C1=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
11.1 Additional information: (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, how many Ramsar Sites and their names): Sundarbans Reserved Forest (560)	

11.2 Have wetland programmes or projects that contribute to	A
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poverty alleviation objectives or food and water security plans been implemented? {1.4.2} KRA 1.4.i	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
11.2 Additional information:	

11.3 Have socio-economic values of wetlands been included in the management planning for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? {1.4.3}{1.4.4} KRA 1.4.iii	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
11.3 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, if known, how many Ramsar Sites and their names): Sundarbans, Tanguar Haor (2 Ramsar sites) Hakaluki Haor, Halda River and Hail Haor (3 Others)	

11.4 Have cultural values of wetlands been included in the management planning for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? {1.4.3}{1.4.4} KRA 1.4.iii	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
11.4 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, if known, how many Ramsar Sites and their names): Sundarbans, Tanguar Haor (2 Ramsar sites) Hakaluki Haor, Halda River and Hail Haor (3 Others)	

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. {1.8.}

COP13 REPORT	
12.1 Have priority sites for wetland restoration been identified? {1.8.1} KRA 1.8.i	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C= Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
12.1 Additional information:	

12.2 Have wetland restoration/rehabilitation programmes, plans or projects been effectively implemented? {1.8.2} KRA 1.8.i	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C= Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
12.2 Additional information: (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, if available the extent of wetlands restored): Tanguar Haor Management Plan drafted initially in 2000 was implemented through project titled "Community Based Sustainable Management of Tanguar Haor" under which various areas of reed lands, swamp forests and fish refugee areas were restored. Sundarbans Management Plan was implemented by FD through different projects. Halda River Fisheries Development Project Community Based Adaptation in the Ecologically Critical Areas through Biodiversity Conservation and Social Protection Project (CBA-ECA Project) of the Department of Environment	

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

COP13 REPORT	
13.1 Have actions been taken to enhance sustainability of key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries when they affect wetlands?	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
13.1 Additional information:(If 'Yes', please indicate the actions taken): Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is mandatory for polluting industries and environment degradation potential projects	
13.2 Are Strategic Environmental Assessment practices applied when reviewing policies, programmes and plans that may impact upon wetlands? {1.3.3}{1.3.4} KRA 1.3.ii	C A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
13.2 Additional information:	
13.3 Are Environmental Impact Assessments made for any development projects (such as new buildings, new roads, extractive industry) from key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries that may affect wetlands? {1.3.4}{1.3.5} KRA 1.3.iii	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Some Cases
13.3 Additional information:	

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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.{3.2.}

COP13 REPORT	
15.1 Have you (AA) been involved in the development and implementation of a Regional Initiative under the framework of the Convention? {3.2.1} KRA 3.2.i	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
15.1 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Planned', please indicate the regional initiative(s) and the collaborating countries of each initiative): Sundarbans MoU between India and Bangladesh	
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? {3.2.2}	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
15.2 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate the name(s) of the centre(s): Contribution to the formation of SAARC Peoples Forum, SAARC Research Center, SAARC Coastal Zone Management Center, SAARC Forestry Center, SACEP, etc.	

Target 16. Wetlands conservation and wise use are mainstreamed through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness {4.1}.

COP13 REPORT	
<p>16.1 Has an action plan (or plans) for wetland CEPA been established? {4.1.1} KRA 4.1.i</p> <p>a) At the national level b) Sub-national level c) Catchment/basin level d) Local/site level</p> <p>(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)</p>	<p>A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; D=Planned</p> <p>a) C b)- c) C d) C</p>
<p>16.1 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'In progress' to one or more of the four questions above, for each please describe the mechanism, who is responsible and identify if it has involved CEPA NFPs)</p> <p>Department of Environment is working for Community based Ecologically Critical Areas Forest Department is working in co-management modality for forest management Department of Fisheries is working on community based fisheries management</p>	
<p>16.2 How many centres (visitor centres, interpretation centres, education centres) have been established? {4.1.2} KRA 4.1.ii</p> <p>a) at Ramsar Sites b) at other wetlands</p>	<p>E= # centres; F=Less than #; G=More than #; C= Partially; X=Unknown; y=Not Relevant;</p> <p>a) E=3 b) E=X</p>
<p>16.2 Additional information (If centres are part of national or international networks, please describe the networks):</p>	
<p>16.3 Does the Contracting Party:</p> <p>a) promote stakeholder participation in decision-making on wetland planning and management b) specifically involve local stakeholders in the selection of new Ramsar Sites and in Ramsar Site management? {4.1.3} KRA 4.1.iii</p>	<p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p> <p>a) A b) A</p>
<p>16.3 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please provide information about the ways in which stakeholders are involved):</p> <p>a. Multi-stakeholders' consultation at different levels (local to district to national) b. By engaging communities through the Village Conservation Groups (VCG) and other community groups</p>	
<p>16.4 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral National Ramsar/Wetlands Committee?{4.1.6} KRA 4.3.v</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C= Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p>16.4 Additional information (If 'Yes', indicate a) its membership; b) number of meetings since COP12; and c) what responsibilities the Committee has):</p> <p>(a) Committees formed with high, mid level government officials, NGO representatives,</p>	

professionals
 (b) at least four meetings per year
 (c) Provide guidance and monitor the activities done in the local levels

16.5 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral body equivalent to a National Ramsar/Wetlands Committee? {4.1.6} KRA 4.3.v	A A=Yes; B=No; C= Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
16.5 Additional information (If 'Yes', indicate a) its membership; b) number of meetings since COP12; and c) what responsibilities the Committee has): Committee recently formed (Ecologically Critical Area committees MFF National Coordinating Body)	

16.6 Are other communication mechanisms (apart from a national committee) in place to share Ramsar implementation guidelines and other information between the Administrative Authority and: a) Ramsar Site managers b) other MEA national focal points c) other ministries, departments and agencies {4.1.7} KRA 4.1.vi	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned a) A b) A c) A
16.6 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please describe what mechanisms are in place):	

16.7 Have Ramsar-branded World Wetlands Day activities (whether on 2 February or at another time of year), either government and NGO-led or both, been carried out in the country since COP12? {4.1.8}	A A=Yes; B=No
16.7 Additional information:	

16.8 Have campaigns, programmes, and projects (other than for World Wetlands Day-related activities) been carried out since COP12 to raise awareness of the importance of wetlands to people and wildlife and the ecosystem benefits/services provided by wetlands? {4.1.9}	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
16.8 Additional information (If these and other CEPA activities have been undertaken by other organizations, please indicate this):	

Target 17. Financial and other resources for effectively implementing the fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 from all sources are made available. {4.2.}

COP13 REPORT	
17.1	A
a) Have Ramsar contributions been paid in full for 2015, 2016 and 2017? {4.2.1} KRA 4.2.i	A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable
b) If 'No' in 17.1 a), please clarify what plan is in place to ensure future prompt payment: Contributions for the year 2016, 2017 and 2018 have been paid, however, contribution for the year 2015 not yet paid. A request letter is needed to pay the contribution for the year 2015.	

17.2 Has any additional financial support been provided through voluntary contributions to non-core funded Convention activities? {4.2.2} KRA 4.2.i	B
	A=Yes; B=No
17.2 Additional information (If 'Yes' please state the amounts, and for which activities):	

17.3 [For Contracting Parties with a development assistance agency only ('donor countries')]: Has the agency provided funding to support wetland conservation and management in other countries? {3.3.1} KRA 3.3.i	Z
	A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable
17.3 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate the countries supported since COP12):	

17.4 [For Contracting Parties with a development assistance agency only ('donor countries')]: Have environmental safeguards and assessments been included in development proposals proposed by the agency? {3.3.2} KRA 3.3.ii	Z
	A=Yes; B=No; C= Partially; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant; Z=Not Applicable
17.4 Additional information:	

17.5 [For Contracting Parties that have received development assistance only ('recipient countries')]: Has funding support been received from development assistance agencies specifically for in-country wetland conservation and management? {3.3.3}	A
	A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable
17.5 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate from which countries/agencies since COP12):	
Global Environment Facility (GEF), The Emassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN)	

17.6 Has any financial support been provided by your country to the implementation of the Strategic Plan?	A
	A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable
17.6 Additional information (If "Yes" please state the amounts, and for which activities):	

Target 18. International cooperation is strengthened at all levels {3.1}

COP13 REPORT	
18.1 Are the national focal points of other MEAs invited to participate in the National Ramsar/Wetland Committee? {3.1.1}{3.1.2} KRAs 3.1.i & 3.1.iv	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
18.1 Additional information:	

18.2 Are mechanisms in place at the national level for collaboration between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the focal points of UN and other global and regional bodies and agencies (e.g. UNEP, UNDP, WHO, FAO, UNECE, ITTO)? {3.1.2}{3.1.3} KRA 3.1.iv	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned

18.2 Additional information:	
18.3 Has your country received assistance from one or more UN and other global and regional bodies and agencies (e.g. UNEP, UNDP, WHO, FAO, UNECE, ITTO) or the Convention's IOPs in its implementation of the Convention? {4.4.1} KRA 4.4.ii. The IOPs are: BirdLife International, the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), Wetlands International, WWF and Wildfowl & Wetland Trust (WWT)	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
18.3 Additional information (If 'Yes' please name the agency (es) or IOP (s) and the type of assistance received): UNDP, GEF, UNEP, USAID, FAO, GIZ etc.	
18.4 Have networks, including twinning arrangements, been established, nationally or internationally, for knowledge sharing and training for wetlands that share common features? {3.4.1}	D A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
18.4 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate the networks and wetlands involved):	
18.5 Has information about your country's wetlands and/or Ramsar Sites and their status been made public (e.g., through publications or a website)? {3.4.2} KRA 3.4.iv	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
18.5 Additional information: Through publication of books, reports, newsletter and uploading on website	
18.6 Has information about your country's wetlands and/or Ramsar Sites been transmitted to the Ramsar Secretariat for dissemination? {3.4.3} KRA 3.4.ii	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
18.6 Additional information:	
18.7 Have all transboundary wetland systems been identified? {3.5.1} KRA 3.5.i	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned; Z=Not Applicable
18.7 Additional information:	
18.8 Is effective cooperative management in place for shared wetland systems (for example, in shared river basins and coastal zones)? {3.5.2} KRA 3.5.ii	B A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; Y=Not Relevant
18.8 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate for which wetland systems such management is in place):	
18.9 Does your country participate in regional networks or initiatives for wetland-dependent migratory species? {3.5.3} KRA 3.5.iii	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned; Z=Not Applicable
18.9 Additional information:	

Target 19. Capacity building for implementation of the Convention and the 4th Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 is enhanced.

COP13 REPORT	
19.1 Has an assessment of national and local training needs for the implementation of the Convention been made? {4.1.4} KRAs 4.1.iv & 4.1.viii	B A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
19.1 Additional information:	
19.2 Are wetland conservation and wise-use issues included in formal education programmes}.	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
19.2 Additional information: If you answer yes to the above please provide information on which mechanisms and materials Graduate and Masters programs in University level	
19.3 How many opportunities for wetland site manager training have been provided since COP12? {4.1.5} KRA 4.1.iv a) at Ramsar Sites b) at other wetlands	a) C b) C E=# opportunities; F=Less than #; G= More than #; C= Partially; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
19.3 Additional information (including whether the Ramsar Wise Use Handbooks were used in the training):	
19.4 Have you (AA) used your previous Ramsar National Reports in monitoring implementation of the Convention? {4.3.1} KRA 4.3.ii	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned; Z=Not Applicable
19.4 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate how the Reports have been used for monitoring): Reports are used in developing Management Plans	

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

Goal 1. Addressing the drivers of wetland loss and degradation

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. Contributes to Aichi Target 2

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	D	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, wetland benefits will be highlighted and mainstreamed in the policies: water, energy, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Updating as well as amendment of the policies on water, energy, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries. ❖ Conduct study on valuation of major wetland ecosystems. 	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018		

Additional information:

Target 2. Water use respects wetland ecosystem needs for them to fulfil their functions and provide services at the appropriate scale inter alia at the basin level or along a coastal zone. Contributes to Aichi Targets 7 and 8 and Sustainable Development Goal 6.3.1

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely

	limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, efforts including regional cooperation to ensure wise use of water at the basin level and along the coastal zone will be enhanced.
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Preparation of Integrated Management Plan for areas under agriculture, fisheries and forest ❖ Completing Land Zoning Plan ❖ Dissemination of the both plan among the stakeholders towards implementation ❖ Conduct study on impact of pollution on major ecosystems and enhance enforcement for preventing pollution
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals	
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Additional information:

Target 3. *Public and private sectors have increased their efforts to apply guidelines and good practices for the wise use of water and wetlands. {1.10}. Contributes to Aichi Targets 3, 4, 7 and 8.*

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, compliance level of public and private sector will be enhanced to a level that they will ensure the wise use of water and wetlands.	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Conduct study on impacts of incentives/subsidies harmful for biodiversity ❖ Developing policy roadmap for phasing out incentives/subsidies ❖ Developing policy on sustainable consumption and production 	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
Note: this field has to be completed when the full		

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Additional information:

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. Contributes to Aichi Target 9.*

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	D	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, study on the impact of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) will be furnished, regulations towards control Invasive Alien Species will be developed and capacities of the port-of-entries will be enhanced to regulate Invasive Alien Species.	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Conduct study on the impact of IAS on biodiversity❖ Develop guidelines for controlling IAS❖ Strengthening quarantine system	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
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Additional information:

Goal 2. Effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Site network

Target 5. *The ecological character of Ramsar Sites is maintained or restored through effective, planning and integrated management {2.1.}. Contributes to Aichi Target 6,11, 12.*

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, the ecological character of Ramsar Sites will be monitored or restored through effective planning and integrated management	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Preparation and implementation of Conservation Management Plan and restoration plan for major wetland ecosystems ❖ Strengthen and expand community based/co-management in major wetland ecosystems 	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
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Additional information:

Target 7. *Sites that are at risk of change of ecological character have threats addressed {2.6.}. Contributes to Aichi Targets 5, 7, 11, 12*

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, threats on Ramsar Sites will be addressed through continuous efforts of sustainable management options	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Different projects are under implementation in the Ramsar Sites 	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and		

Sustainable Development Goals

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Additional information:

Goal 3. Wisely Using All Wetlands

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 {1.1.1} KRA 1.1.i. Contributes to Aichi Targets 12, 14, 18, 19.

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, National Wetland Inventories will be accomplished and disseminated to the key stakeholders towards effective management of wetlands	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Preparing the inventory of wetlands incorporating relevant information including digital information❖ Preparation and implementation of restoration plan	

Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals

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Additional information:

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}. Contributes to Aichi Targets 4, 6, 7.*

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, integrated resource management along the coastal zone and major river basin will be strengthened	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	❖ Implementing of integrated land management	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
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Additional information:

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. Contributes to Aichi Target 18.*

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of local communities or ethnic groups will be recognized and documented	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	❖ Development and implementation of projects to recognize and document the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of local communities	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and		

Sustainable Development Goals

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Additional information:

Target 11. Wetland functions, services and benefits are widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated. {1.4}. Contributes to Aichi Targets 1, 2, 13, 14.

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, wetland functions, services and benefits will be widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Valuation of major wetland ecosystems❖ Perusing to incorporate value of ecosystem goods and services in the green GDP calculation❖ Extensive awareness programme❖ Introducing valuation of ecosystem goods and services into the national education curriculum and relevant training module	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
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Additional information

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. {1.8}. Contributes to Aichi Targets 14 and 15.

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target :	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, Development and implementation of restoration plan for the major degraded wetlands	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	❖ Preparation and implementation of restoration plan for degraded ecosystems	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
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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. Contributes to Aichi Targets 6 and 7.*

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, sustainability of the key sectors such as water, energy, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries for biodiversity conservation and human livelihoods will be enhanced	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Development and implementation of policy on sustainable consumption and production ❖ Development and implementation of roadmap for phasing out of incentives/subsidies harmful to biodiversity 	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
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Additional information

GOAL 4. Enhancing implementation

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. {3.2.}

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	Active involvement and support of Bangladesh as a party will be continued	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	❖ Participation in regional and global initiatives	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018		

Additional information

Target 16. Wetlands conservation and wise use are mainstreamed through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness {4.1}. Contributes to Aichi Target 1 and 18.

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, conservation and wise use of wetlands through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness will be mainstreamed	

Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cross-sectoral involvement ❖ Community engagement ❖ Campaigning, Day observation, sharing of traditional knowledge
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals	
Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018	
Additional information	

Target 17. Financial and other resources for effectively implementing the fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 from all sources are made available. {4.2.}. Contributes to Aichi Target 20.

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, Financial and other resources will be mobilized	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	❖ Accelerate the financial and other resource mobilization from internal and external sources	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018		
Additional information		

Target 18. International cooperation is strengthened at all levels {3.1}

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	By 2024, the international cooperation and dialogue towards conservation and sustainable use of wetlands will be strengthened	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	❖ Implementation of Ramsar strategic Plan	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018		

Additional information

Target 19. Capacity building for implementation of the Convention and the 4th Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 is enhanced. Contributes to Aichi Targets 1 and 17.

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	Capacity building for implementation of the Convention and the 4th Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016–2024 will be enhanced	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	❖ Adoption of Ramsar Strategic Plan	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals		
Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018		

Section 5: Optional annex to enable Contracting Parties to provide additional voluntary information on designated Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites)

Guidance for filling in this section

1. Contracting Parties can opt to provide additional information specific to any or all of their designated Ramsar Sites.
2. The only indicator questions included in this section are those from Section 3 of the COP13 NRF which directly concern Ramsar Sites.
3. 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 COP13 NRF.
4. 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](#)).
5. For each 'indicator question', please select one answer from the legend.
6. A final column of this Annex is provided as a 'free text' box for the inclusion of any additional information concerning the Ramsar Site.

List of indicator questions:

- 5.7** Has a cross-sectoral site management committee been established for the site?
- 5.9** If an assessment of the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management has been made please indicate the year of assessment, which assessment tool did you use (e.g. METT, Resolution XII.15), the result (score) of the assessment and the source of the information in the box for additional information.
- 11.1** Has an assessment been made of the ecosystem benefits/services provided by the Ramsar Site?
- 11.3** Have socio-economic values of wetlands been included in the management planning for the Ramsar Site?
- 11.4** Have cultural values of wetlands been included in the management planning for the Ramsar Site?
- 16.3a** Is stakeholder participation in decision-making promoted, especially with local stakeholder involvement in the management of the Ramsar Site?
- 16.6a** Have communication mechanisms been established to share information between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the Ramsar Site manager(s)?

Ramsar Site number	Ramsar Site name	5.7 ①	5.9 ①	11.1 ③	11.3 ④	11.4 ④	16.3a ①	16.6a ①	Any additional comments/information about the site
560	Sundarbans Reserve Forest	A	A	C	A	A	A	A	
1031	Tanguar Haor	A	A	C	A	A	A	A	

- ① A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
- ③ A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
- ④ A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; Z=No Management Plan