



NATIONAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

National Reports to be submitted to the 13th Meeting
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The purpose of this Microsoft Word form is to help Contracting Parties to collect data for the National Report. However, the data collected through this form must be transferred to the online National Reporting system at <https://reports.ramsar.org> or send the Word form by email (nationalreports@ramsar.org) by 21 January 2018 for the official submission of the National Report. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the Ramsar Secretariat for advice (nationalreports@ramsar.org).

Please note that for Contracting Parties wishing to provide information in the Online Reporting System on national targets (Section 4 optional) of the National Report Format or on the Word Form the deadline is 30 November 2016.

1. The COP13 National Report Format (NRF) has been approved by the Standing Committee 52 for the Ramsar Convention's Contracting Parties to complete as their national reporting to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties of the Convention (United Arab Emirates, 2018).
2. The Standing Committee through Decision SC52-07 has also agreed that an online National Reporting format could be made available to Parties by keeping the off-line system and requested the Secretariat to present an evaluation for the next COP regarding the use of the on-line system.
3. The National Report Format is being issued by the Secretariat in 2016 to facilitate Contracting Parties' implementation planning and preparations for completing the Report. The deadline for submission of national targets is by 30 November 2016 and the deadline for submission of completed National Reports is January 21st 2018.
4. Following Standing Committee discussions, this COP13 NRF closely follows that of the NRF used for COP12, to permit continuity of reporting and analysis of implementation progress by ensuring that indicator questions are as far as possible consistent with previous NRFs (and especially the COP12 NRF). It is also structured in terms of the Goals and Strategies of the 2016-2024 Ramsar Strategic Plan adopted at COP12 as Resolution XII.2.
5. This COP13 NRF includes 92 indicator questions. In addition, Section 4 is provided as an optional Annex in order to facilitate the task of preparing the Party's National Targets and Actions for the implementation of each of the targets of the Strategic Plan 2016-2024 according to Resolution XII.2.
6. As was the case for previous NRF, the COP13 Format includes an optional section (Section 5) to permit a Contracting Party to provide additional information, on indicators relevant to each individual Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar Site) within its territory.
7. Note that, for the purposes of this national reporting to the Ramsar Convention, the scope of the term "wetland" is that of the Convention text, i.e. all inland wetlands (including lakes and rivers), all nearshore coastal wetlands (including tidal marshes, mangroves and coral reefs) and human-made wetlands (e.g. rice paddy and reservoirs), even if a national definition of "wetland" may differ from that adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention.

The purposes and uses of national reporting to the Conference of the Contracting Parties

8. National Reports from Contracting Parties are official documents of the Convention and are made publicly available on the Convention's website.
9. There are seven main purposes for the Convention's National Reports. These are to:
 - i) provide data and information on how, and to what extent, the Convention is being implemented

- ii) provide tools for countries for their national planning
- iii) capture lessons and experience to help Parties plan future action;
- iv) identify emerging issues and implementation challenges faced by Parties that may require further attention from the Conference of the Parties;
- v) provide a means for Parties to account for their commitments under the Convention;
- vi) provide each Party with a tool to help it assess and monitor its progress in implementing the Convention, and to plan its future priorities; and
- vii) provide an opportunity for Parties to draw attention to their achievements during the triennium.

10. The data and information provided by Parties in their National Reports have another valuable purpose as well, since a number of the indicators in the National Reports on Parties' implementation provide key sources of information for the analysis and assessment of the "ecological outcome-oriented indicators of effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention".

11. To facilitate the analysis and subsequent use of the data and information provided by Contracting Parties in their National Reports, the Ramsar Secretariat holds in a database all the information it has received and verified. The COP13 reports will be in an online National Reporting system.

12. The Convention's National Reports are used in a number of ways. These include:

- i) providing an opportunity to compile and analyze information that contracting parties can use to inform their national planning and programming.
 - ii) providing the basis for reporting by the Secretariat to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the global, national and regional implementation, and the progress in implementation, of the Convention. This is provided to Parties at the COP as a series of Information Papers, including:
 - the Report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the Convention at the global level;
 - the Report of the Secretary General pursuant to Article 8.2 (b), (c), and (d) concerning the List of Wetlands of International Importance); and
 - the reports providing regional overviews of the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan in each Ramsar region;
- iii) providing information on specific implementation issues in support of the provision of advice and decisions by Parties at the COP.
- iv) providing the source data for time-series assessments of progress on specific aspects in the implementation of the Convention included in other Convention products. An example is the summary of progress since COP3 (Regina, 1997) in the development of National Wetland Policies, included as Table 1 in Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 2 (4th edition, 2010); and
- v) providing information for reporting to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on the national implementation of the CBD/Ramsar Joint Work Plan and the Ramsar

Convention's lead implementation role on wetlands for the CBD. In particular, the Ramsar Secretariat and STRP used the COP10 NRF indicators extensively in 2009 to prepare contributions to the in-depth review of the CBD programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems for consideration by CBD SBSTTA14 and COP10 during 2010 (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/3). Similar use of COP12 NRF indicators is anticipated for the CBD's next such in-depth review.

The structure of the COP13 National Report Format

13. The COP13 National Report Format (NRF) is in five sections:

Section 1 provides the institutional information about the Administrative Authority and National Focal Points for the national implementation of the Convention.

Section 2 is a 'free-text' section in which the Party is invited to provide a summary of various aspects of national implementation progress and recommendations for the future.

Section 3 provides the 92 implementation indicator questions, grouped under each Convention implementation Goals and Targets in the Strategic Plan 2016-2024, and with an optional 'free-text' section under each indicator question in which the Contracting Party may, if it wishes, add further information on national implementation of that activity.

Section 4 is an optional annex to allow any Contracting Party that has developed national targets to provide information on the targets and actions for the implementation of each of the targets of the Strategic Plan 2016-2024.

In line with Resolution XII.2, which encourages Contracting Parties "to develop and submit to the Secretariat on or before December 2016, and according to their national priorities, capabilities and resources, their own quantifiable and time-bound national and regional targets in line with the targets set in the Strategic Plan", all Parties are encouraged to consider using this comprehensive national planning tool as soon as possible, in order to identify the areas of highest priority for action and the relevant national targets and actions for each target.

The planning of national targets offers, for each of them, the possibility of indicating the *national priority* for that area of activity as well as the *level of resourcing available, or that could be made available during the triennium, for its implementation*. In addition, there are specific boxes to indicate the *National Targets* for implementation by 2018 and the *planned national activities* that are designed to deliver these targets.

Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 shows the synergies between CBD Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Ramsar Targets. Therefore, the NRF provide an opportunity that Contracting Parties indicate as appropriate how the actions they undertake for the implementation of the Ramsar Convention contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets according to paragraph 51 of Resolution XII.3.

Section 5 is an optional annex to allow any Contracting Party that so wishes to provide additional information regarding any or all of its Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites).

General guidance for completing and submitting the COP13 National Report Format
Important – please read this guidance section before starting to complete the National Report format

14. All Sections of the COP13 NRF should be completed in one of the Convention’s official languages (English, French, Spanish).

15. The deadline for submission of the completed NRF is January 21st 2018. It will not be possible to include information from National Reports received after that date in the analysis and reporting on Convention implementation to COP13.

16. The deadline for submission of national targets is by 30 November 2016

17. All fields with a pale yellow must be filled in.

Fields with a pale green background are free-text fields in which to provide additional information, if the Contracting Party so wishes. Although providing information in these fields is optional, Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide such additional information wherever possible and relevant, as it helps us understand Parties’ progress and activity more fully, to prepare the best possible global and regional implementation reports to COP.

18. To help Contracting Parties refer to relevant information they provided in their National Report to COP12, for each appropriate indicator a cross-reference is provided to the equivalent indicator(s) in the COP12 NRF or previous NRF, shown thus: {x.x.x}

19. For follow up and where appropriate, a cross-reference is also provided to the relevant Key Result Area (KRA) relating to Contracting Parties implementation in the Strategic Plan 2009-2015.

20. Only Strategic Plan 2016-2024 Targets for which there are implementation actions for Contracting Parties are included in this reporting format; those targets of the Strategic Plan that do not refer directly to Parties are omitted (e.g. targets 6 and 14).

21. The Format is created as a form in Microsoft Word to collect the data. You will be able to enter replies and information in the yellow or green boxes.

For each of the ‘indicator questions’ in Section 3, a legend of answer options is provided.

These vary between indicators, depending on the question, but are generally of the form: ‘A - Yes’, ‘B - No’, ‘C - Partially’, ‘D - In progress’. This is necessary so that statistical comparisons can be made of the replies. Please indicate the relevant letter (A, B etc.) in the yellow field.

For each indicator question you can choose only one answer. If you wish to provide further information or clarification, do so in the green additional information box below the relevant indicator question. Please be as concise as possible (maximum of 500 words in each free-text box).

22. In Section 4 (Optional) for each target the planning of national targets section looks as follows (in the example of Target 8 on inventory):

Planning of National Targets	
Priority of the target:	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	<i>[Example text]</i> To have comprehensive inventory of all wetlands by 2018
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	<i>[Example text]</i> To update the existing inventory so as to cover all the national territory, and to incorporate relevant information about wetlands, including digital information, when possible
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals	<i>[Example text]</i> A comprehensive inventory of all wetlands
Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018	

The input has to be made only in the yellow boxes. For PRIORITY and RESOURCING, the coded answers are given in the right part of the table (always in *italics*). The answer chosen should be typed inside the yellow box at the left side of the coded options. TARGETS and PLANNED ACTIVITIES are text boxes; here, Contracting Parties are invited to provide more detailed information in the respective box on their National Targets for achievement in implementation by 2018 and the planned national activities that are designed to deliver these targets.

Please note that only ONE coded option –the one that better represents the situation in the Contracting Party– should be chosen. Blanks will be coded in COP13 National Reports Database as “No answer”.

23. The NRF should ideally be completed by the principal compiler in consultation with relevant colleagues in their agency and others within the government and, as appropriate, with NGOs and other stakeholders who might have fuller knowledge of

aspects of the Party's overall implementation of the Convention. The principal compiler can save the document at any point and return to it later to continue or to amend answers. Compilers should refer back to the National Report submitted for COP12 to ensure the continuity and consistency of information provided. In the online system there will be also an option to allow consultation with others.

24. After each session, remember to save the file. A recommended filename structure is: COP13NRF [Country] [date], for example: COP13NRFSpain13January 2018.doc
25. After the NRF has been completed using the word version (offline), please enter the data in the NR online system at this link: <https://reports.ramsar.org> or send it by email (nationalreports@ramsar.org) by January 21st 2018. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the Ramsar Secretariat for advice at (nationalreports@ramsar.org).
26. The completed NRF must be accompanied by a letter that can be uploaded in the online system or send by email (nationalreports@ramsar.org) in the name of the Head of Administrative Authority, confirming that this is the Contracting Party's official submission of its COP13 National Report.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the Ramsar Secretariat for advice (nationalreports@ramsar.org).

National report to Ramsar COP13

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) Compilation and implementation of ecosystem-based management in 12 demonstration wetlands (Helle, Harraye minab, Mighan, Zarivar, Alagol-Ajigol, Choghakhor, Hamoons, Solduz, Noroozloo, Gavkhouni, Qurigul, Qaraqeshlaq)
- 2) Establish a georeference databank for Iran wetlands
- 3) Ratify the law for conservation, restoration and management of the Iranian wetlands in the Parliament
- 4) Ratify National Wetlands Conservation Strategy and Action Plan (NWCSAP) in the Cabinet.
- 5) Celebrate WWD 2016 with the participation of the executive secretary of the convention

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

- 1) Drought and climate change and lack of water resources
- 2) Lack of inflow of some transboundary wetlands whose water resources are in other countries
- 3) Water and soil pollution, overgrazing, soil erosion, water drainage, poaching in wetlands basin
- 4) Entry of non-native and harmful species such as Azolla, Common water hyacinth, crucian carp

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

- 1) To develop ecosystem-based management plans for all Ramsar sites in collaboration with all stakeholders
- 2) To restore degraded wetland particularly the ones in Montreux list
- 3) To designate new Ramsar sites and update RISs
- 4) Complete the wetland database
- 5) To enhance transboundary and regional cooperation

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

- 1) Strengthening the cooperation between Ramsar secretariat and wetlands international and water-related organisations with regard to the climate change and drought to assist parties in developing projects
- 2) Capacity building of the contracting parties for implementation of strategic plan
- 3) Assisting the parties in developing business plans for WPAs and Ramsar sites.
- 4) Providing technical assistance and advisory mission for removing wetlands from Montreux list

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 assistance from IOPs for restoration and management of Hamoon Wetlands and lake Urmia and its satellite wetlands will be appreciated.

It is also suggested that IOPs develop more guidelines and deliver services regarding the management of wetlands in arid areas

Considering the critical situation of wetlands almost all over the world exchanging experience regarding drought risk management will be very helpful.

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)?

Sustainable Development National Committee in which there are expertised subcommittees related to the above-mentioned conventions, is the best opportunity for better coordination and sharing tasks prescribed under conventions at national level. National Committee of Biosphere Reserve also plays a very important role in this regard

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)?

There are two councils namely Supreme Council of Water and Supreme Council of Environment which are dedicated to consider and make decisions at National Level on the above-mentioned matters.

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

It is also suggested to provide further assistance to RRC-CWA in technical and training fields and to extend exchange of information and experience among the parties.

Encouraging provision of technical assistance by IOPs for training of experts of contracting parties and site managers, would be a good idea as well.

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

Department of Environment, Conservation of Iranian Wetland project, RRC-CWA, Ramsar National Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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	A
b)	Poverty eradication strategies	Y
c)	Water resource management and water efficiency plans	A
d)	Coastal and marine resource management plans	A
e)	Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan	A
f)	National forest programmes	C
g)	National policies or measures on agriculture	C
h)	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans drawn up under the CBD	A
i)	National policies on energy and mining	A
j)	National policies on tourism	A
k)	National policies on urban development	C
l)	National policies on infrastructure	C
m)	National policies on industry	A
n)	National policies on aquaculture and fisheries {1.3.3} KRA 1.3.i	A
o)	National plans of actions (NPAs) for pollution control and management	C
p)	National policies on wastewater management and water quality	A
1.1 Additional information: According to the "Law of Conservation, Restoration and Management of Iran Wetlands", any degradation and irreparable pollution in wetlands is prohibited.		

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:
 Gavkhoni wetland, Urmia lake, Choghakhor, Poldokhtar and Bishedalan wetlands in Lorestan province, environment water requirement is determined, . Water quality in some wetlands such as Mile and Moghan, Choghakhor, Solduz, Kanibarazan, Norouzloo.. ... are determined according to national water quality standards.

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:
 the assessments of environmental flow has been undertaken In Urmia lake and satellite wetlands, which includes 5 Ramsar sites

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 use of water is considered in wetlands which have Integrated Management Plans

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.)	C
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned

2.4 Additional information:
 The guidelines of the Convention have been used to formulate a national action plan for wetlands

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:
 -In Urmia, Ab Baran projects (local water management groups) and management systems were restored
 -The project of allocating water right of Urmia and Howr-al-azim and the transferring of water from the Chah- nimeha to Hamoon has been carried out.

2.6 How many household/municipalities are linked to sewage system? SDG Target 6.3.1.	G
	E=# household/municipalities; F= Less than #; G=More than #; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.6 Additional information: More than 29500000 household/municipalities are linked to sewage system in Urban and Rural areas	

2.7 What is the percentage of sewerage coverage in the country? SDG Target 6.3.1.	E
	E=# percent; F= Less than # percent; G= More Than # percent; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.7 Additional information: 37% of country is under sewerage system coverage (connect to modern sewerage collection network and wastewater treatment system) (47% in urban area and 0.5% in rural area.)	

2.8 What is the percentage of users of septic tank/pit latrine? SDG Target 6.3.1.	G
	E=# percent; F=Less Than # percent; G= More Than # percent; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.9 Additional information: More than 99% in urban and 92% in rural areas	

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

2.9 Additional information:
Most of them are in rural areas.

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

2.11 How many centralised wastewater treatment plants exist at national level? SDG Target 6.3.1.	E
	E= # plants; F= Less than #; G=More than #; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.12 Additional information: 171 centralised waste water treatment are in urban and 28 of them are in rural areas	

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.	C
	A=Good; C=Functioning; B=Not Functioning; Q=Obsolete; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.13 Additional information: Less than 10%, all in Tehran	

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

2.15 What Is the purpose of the wastewater reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1.	R,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.
Wastewater reuse, uses for agriculture, industrial and artificial recharge to/for agriculture without irrigation network is for free.

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	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
3.1 Additional information:	
The PES (Payment for Ecosystem Services) plan of Kaniborazan wetland is being conducted by the Shahid Beheshti University	

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; Y= Not Relevant
	a) D b) A

3.2 Additional information:
 In accordance with the MOU of the Omid Fund and DoE, the Omid Fund will support wetlands conservation entrepreneurship proposals that provide local communities with economic returns and helps wetland conservation.

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	D A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
3.3 Additional information:	

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	A A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned; Z=Not Applicable
3.4 Additional information: Sustainable agriculture and alternative livelihoods which are in progress in different wetlands remove perverse incentive measures which discourage conservation and wise use of wetlands	

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: Azolla species, Eichhornia crassipe, Tilapia, Carassius carassius and some others have been identified, but the list has not yet been finalized.	

<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4.2 Additional information: According to Article 3 of the Law on Conservation , Restoration and Management of Iran Wetlands, it is prohibited to introduce harmful and non-native plant and animal species to wetlands.</p>	

<p>4.3 How many invasive species are being controlled through management actions?.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>E= # species; F=Less than #; G=More than #; C=Partially; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4.3 Additional information: (If ‘Yes’, please indicate the year of assessment and the source of the information): Azolla and Common water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes) have been somewhat controlled in Anzali wetland by management measures</p>	

<p>4.4 Have the effectiveness of wetland invasive alien species control programmes been assessed?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4.4 Additional information: To some extent, in Anzali wetland this invasive alien species has been assessed</p>	

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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<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>

5.1 Additional information:
Zarivar wetland RIS forms have been submitted to the Secretariat for modifications.

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:
We collect initial information based on Ramsar forms

5.3 How many Ramsar Sites have an effective, implemented management plan? {2.4.1} KRA 2.4.i	E
	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
	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
	E= # sites; F=Less than #; G=More than #; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant

5.3 – 5.5 Additional information:
5.3: Urmia,Shadegan,Parishan,Helle,Harraye minab,Mighan,Zarivar,Alagol Ajjgol,Choghakhor,Hamoons,Solduz,Noroozloo,Gavkhouni,Qurigul,Qaraqeshlaq,Miankaleh, Bujagh,Amirkelayeh,Anzali, have management plan.
5.4:,Integrated management plans is being implemented for 8 wetlands
5.5: 7 wetlands are being currently implemented

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

5.6 Additional information:
Based on the monitoring program as an annex to Integrated Management Plans, the effectiveness of the wetland management is evaluated.

5.7 How many Ramsar Sites have a cross-sectoral management	E
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committee? {2.4.4} {2.4.6} KRA 2.4.iv	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):	
The wetlands with an approved Integrated Management Plan have a cross-sectoral committee (at provincial and local levels) which is responsible for implementing the program.	

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 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):	
For 24 Ramsar sites ecological character is available in books and reports and they are being prepared. Wetland databank is also in progress.	

5.9 Have any assessments of the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management been made? {2.5.1} KRA 2.5.i	C 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):	
Periodic monitoring and revision of the management plan are two tools for assessing the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management of the ecosystem. The review of the Parishan, Shadegan and Urmia wetlands is in progress Parishan MP revised 2 years in a participatory process with stakeholders.	

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): DoE offices at provincial and local levels are regularly monitoring situation of Ramsar sites and trained guards, NGOs and local community report the situation to the offices. The online monitoring stations also send data to the online database.	
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	C 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): The condition of Urmia wetland has been reported to the Convention	
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	A A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable
7.3 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate the actions taken): The request for Ramsar's advisory mission to Anzali wetland is in the country's agenda	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8.1 Additional information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- A complete list of national wetlands is available. Follow -ups on national wetland databank completion is being undertaken</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Prepare a book on Iranian wetlands titled: Directory of Iranian Wetlands</p>	
8.2 Has your country updated a National Wetland Inventory in the last decade?	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; C1= Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8.2 Additional information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p>	
8.3 Is wetland inventory data and information maintained? {1.1.2} KRA 1.1.ii	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8.3 Additional information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The wetland databank is in progress</p>	
8.4 Is wetland inventory data and information made accessible to all stakeholders? {1.1.2} KRA 1.1.ii	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8.4 Additional information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p>	

<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 on 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) N b) N</p>	
<p>8.5 Additional information on a) and/or b):</p> <p>1) Due to climate change, Iran's central plateau wetlands are more exposed. 2) The Caspian sea marginal wetlands were subjected to water recession</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>G</p> <p>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> <p>35141 square kilometres demonstrate the extent of 105 wetlands based on the national wetland inventory.</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>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; D=Planned</p>
<p>9.1 Additional information:</p> <p>“National Wetland Conservation Strategy and Action Plan” has been submitted to the Cabinet in 23/6/2015</p> <p>The law of conservation, restoration and management of Iran wetlands was approved by the Parliament in 04/05/2017</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;">B</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9.2 Additional information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p>	
<p>9.3 Do your country's water governance and management systems 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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9.3 Additional information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">According to IWRM, the environmental water right of some wetlands have been determined and in any dam construction projects it should be taken into consideration as well as EIA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In general there are decent guidelines and legislations regarding this issue. But there are also some cases where wetland issues have been neglected in basin water management.</p>	
<p>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}</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9.4 Additional information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It has been developed for some wetlands and it will soon be developed for all wetlands. In recent management plans which are based on ecosystem approach, one of the management goals relates to CEPA activities.</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">9.5 Additional information:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">some previous guidelines and policies are being revised and to be adapted to climate change</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In addition, students at universities have done numerous dissertations on this subject</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>

9.6 Additional information:

This has been done for some cases in the country:

1. Sustainable agriculture has been conducted in 110 villages in the ecological basin of Urmia and it has been planned for Bakhtegan basin.
2. Involvement of Ab-bandan-daran in management of wetlands and conservation of Siberian Crane in Fereydoonkenar, Ezbaran and Sorkhrood

<p>9.7 Has research to inform wetland policies and plans been undertaken in your country on:</p> <p>a) agriculture-wetland interactions</p> <p>b) climate change</p> <p>c) valuation of ecosystem services</p> <p>{1.6.1} KRA 1.6.i</p>	<p>A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned</p>
<p>9.7 Additional information:</p> <p>a) Sustainable agricultural techniques have been implemented to reduce water consumption and chemical inputs funded by the Japanese government in 110 villages located in the Urmia lake. This work in the Gavkhouni wetland has not yet been officially launched however, the experience of farmers in Urmia was placed in a two-day workshop by farmers and Gavkhouni stakeholders.</p> <p>b) a reserch has been done by Tarbiat Modares University about establishing a model for drought risk management with emphsizing on Urmia lake basin</p> <p>c)Paying for Ecosystem Services program (PES) is being developed as a pilot for the Kaniberazan wetland</p>	

<p>9.8 Has your country submitted a request for Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention, Resolution XII.10 ?</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p>9.8 Additional information: (If 'Yes', please indicate How many request have been submitted):</p> <p>4 towns, Rasht, Varzaneh, Marivan and Gandoman have been introduced to be nominated as Wetland Cities to the Secretariat of the Convention</p>	

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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<p>10.1 Have the guiding principles for taking into account the cultural</p>	<p>C1</p>

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
<p>10.1 Additional information: The integrated management plans have been developed for 15 wetlands, in collaboration with local communities, and taking traditional knowledge into account.</p>	

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
<p>10.2 Additional information: (If yes please indicate the case studies or projects documenting information and experiences concerning culture and wetlands).</p> <p>Alternative livelihoods which are rehabilitating some traditional activities of local communities in relation to wetlands are being conducted in pilot sites and also the various groups of local communities are involved in the management and conservation of the wetland in the pilots of Conservation of Iranian Wetland Project</p>	

10.3 Have the guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' 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
<p>10.3 Additional information: (If the answer is "yes" please indicate the use or application of the guidelines)</p> <p>.....</p>	

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
<p>10.4 Additional information: In addition to the use of existing international guideline and experiences to strengthen the participation of local communities in the management of wetlands, the experience and lessons learned from internal case studies are compiled in the form of 2 publications by Conservation of Iranian Wetland Project which include "Establishment of Sustainable livelihood and micro-credit funds" and "Modeling local communities participation in restoration of Lake Urmia through establishment of Sustainable Agriculture".</p>	

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	C
	A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; C1=Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
<p>11.1 Additional information: (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, how many Ramsar Sites and their names):</p> <p>In the first section of vulnerability assessment of wetlands their ecosystem services is examined and the booklet on Vulnerability Assessment of Ramsar Sites (Concepts and Methods) is in the publishing process</p> <p>A rapid assessment on ecosystem benefits and services has been carried out for all Ramsar sites</p> <p>The economic valuation of some Ramsar sites such as Miankale, Shadegan and Arjan-Parishan and Anzali have been accomplished.</p>	

11.2 Have wetland programmes or projects that contribute to poverty alleviation objectives or food and water security plans been implemented? {1.4.2} KRA 1.4.i	C
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
<p>11.2 Additional information:</p> <p>In the framework of a joint project financially supported by the Government of Japan in the ecological zone of Lake Urmia, more than 10,000 volunteer farmers in 110 pilot villages have implemented sustainable agricultural techniques in their farms and orchards, In addition, alternative and sustainable livelihood initiatives have also been implemented in this area, and five women's micro-credit funds have been established, resulting in the creation of about 16 jobs and the involvement of 300 villagers.</p>	

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
<p>11.3 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, if known, how many Ramsar Sites and their names):</p> <p>One of the strategic objectives of wetlands ecosystem management program is the socio-economic issues and related priority actions.</p>	

<p>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</p>	<p>C A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p>11.4 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, if known, how many Ramsar Sites and their names): The program of Communication, Education , Participation and Awareness (CEPA) for the country's wetlands is under preparation and wetland cultrual values are included too.</p>	

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.}

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<p>12.1 Have priority sites for wetland restoration been identified? {1.8.1} KRA 1.8.i</p>	<p>A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p>12.1 Additional information: The Ramsar sites which in Montreux Record are in high priority for restoration measures. In some of them such as Lake Urmia, Hamoon wetlands, Anzali wetland and Shadegan marsh the restoration activities are being done.</p>	

<p>12.2 Have wetland restoration/rehabilitation programmes, plans or projects been effectively implemented? {1.8.2} KRA 1.8.i</p>	<p>A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p>12.2 Additional information: (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, if available the extent of wetlands restored): Restoration programs are in progress for most of the country's wetlands that in wetlands with an ecosystem management program, this program has been done in accordance with priority activity</p>	

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
<p>13.1. Additional information: (If 'Yes', please indicate the actions taken):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The cross- sectoral structure for implementation of integrated management plans for wetlands involves all key sectors in the process - There are key and responsible sections for increasing the sustainability of wetland management and conservation programs in governmental organizations at the National level for the coordination and management of wetlands and lakes in the country. 	

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	A
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
<p>13.2 Additional information:</p> <p>A Strategic Environmental Assessment Project is defined between UNDP and DOE. It is a capacity building project. Within the project a core team including representatives of different organizations, NGOs and universities are trained so that they could be source persons to develop human resources technical capacities in the country. SEAP is not a regulator but within the project the necessary legal studies are done to provide draft regulations for approval (not approved yet). For some wetland basin with high sensitivity such as Lake Urmia, Zayande-rood and Karoon Basins this assessment is being implemented</p>	

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
<p>13.3 Additional information:</p> <p>EIA is essential for all development projects, particularly the ones which are located in high sensitive ecosystems and wetlands. EIA national committee is in charge of these cases.</p>	

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.}

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): Ramsar Regional Center (RRC) in West and Central Asia (WCA) is located in IRAN	

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): Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate the name(s) of the centre(s): RRC-CWA provides technical and financial support for participation of countries in the region, several workshops have been conducted and a few documents provided by the center. -Conducting a training workshop to encourage Afghanistan to join the Ramsar Convention -Coordination on the holding of the advisory mission of the Ramsar Convention for the Sustainable Development and Conservation of Wetlands in the Mianrodan (Mesopotamia)	

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

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16.1 Has an action plan (or plans) for wetland CEPA been established? {4.1.1} KRA 4.1.i	A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; D=Planned
a) At the national level	a) C
b) Sub-national level	b) C
c) Catchment/basin level	c) C
d) Local/site level	d) C
(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)	

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):
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<p>16.2 How many centres (visitor centres, interpretation centres, education centres) have been established? {4.1.2} KRA 4.1.ii 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; a) E b)E</p>
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16.2 Additional information (If centres are part of national or international networks, please describe the networks):
For all Ramsar sites, it has been established or planned for future.
for other wetlands, such as Hashilan a visitor centre has been established.

<p>16.3 Does the Contracting Party: 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 a) A b) A</p>
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16.3 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please provide information about the ways in which stakeholders are involved):

As participation is very much emphasized according to the ecosystem approach, it has been planned using ecosystem-based management for developing management plan of wetlands, particularly in Urmia, Shadegan, Parishan, Helle, Harraye minab, Mighan, Zarivar, Alagol-Ajigol, Choghakhor, Hamoons, Solduz, Noroozloo, Gavkhouni, Qurigul, Qaraqeshlaq), wetlands. For this the key stakeholders have been involved in the planning process and also implementation phase of wetlands manegement.
There are also some local communities who are actively participating in the management of wetlands, such as Kamjen, Kaniborazan, Yadegarloo, Hasanloo, Dorge sangi , Parishan, etc.

<p>16.4 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral National Ramsar/Wetlands Committee? {4.1.6} KRA 4.3.v</p>	<p>A 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</p>	

since COP12; and c) what responsibilities the Committee has):
 National Ramsar Committee is active and holds its meetings on a regular basis.
 Members: DOE wetland ecosystems office, Conservation of Iranian wetlands project, DoE international affairs office, RRCCW, Coastal wetlands management office, sustainable development national committee, DOE water and soil office, fisheries, ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Jihad-E-Agriculture, Ministry of Oil, Ministry of Road and Housing, Universities, NGOs.
 Besides that National council for coordination and management of Iran's wetlands and lakes has been established.

<p>16.5 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral body equivalent to a National Ramsar/Wetlands Committee? {4.1.6} KRA 4.3.v</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p>16.5 Additional information (If 'Yes', indicate a) its membership; b) number of meetings since COP12; and c) what responsibilities the Committee has):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p>	

<p>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:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Ramsar Site managers b) other MEA national focal points c) other ministries, departments and agencies</p> <p style="text-align: right;">{4.1.7} KRA 4.1.vi</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a) A b) A c) A</p>
<p>16.6 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please describe what mechanisms are in place):</p> <p>There are some bilateral/multilateral governmental committees such as: Supreme Council of Water, Supreme Council of Environment, Water and Environment Committee, Environment and Fisheries Committee, Forest and Environment Committee, National council for coordination and management of Iran's wetlands and lakes</p>	

<p>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}</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A=Yes; B=No</p>
<p>16.7 Additional information:</p> <p>On the World Wetland Day (WWD) each year, an official ceremony is held along side one of the country's important wetlands with the presence of local, national and international officials and authorities. This ceremony was held in 2016 near the Gavkhoni wetland of</p>	

Isfahan province, in 2017 beside Shadegan wetland in Khuzestan province and in 2018 in the birthplace of the Convention, Ramsar city. In addition, other local events in other provinces are held by the General Directorate and the Provincial Bureaus of the Environment and local NGOs.

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
<p>16.8 Additional information (If these and other CEPA activities have been undertaken by other organizations, please indicate this):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Different awareness raising activities at schools (book reading competition, painting competition, etc) - Some TV programmes have been prepared and broadcast by Ministry of Energy, CIWP, provincial DOE - Awareness raising activities such as "Iranian Wetland Challenges Exhibition" have been done for high level Authorities, including governors and parliament members. - A biannual conference on Engineering and Management of wetlands is held by DoE with participation of universities and research centers from all over the country 	

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) Have Ramsar contributions been paid in full for 2015, 2016 and 2017? {4.2.1} KRA 4.2.i	A A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable
<p>b) If 'No' in 17.1 a), please clarify what plan is in place to ensure future prompt payment:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p>	

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	A A=Yes; B=No
<p>17.2 Additional information (If 'Yes' please state the amounts, and for which activities): In accordance with the MOU of the Omid Fund and the Environmental department, the Omid Fund will support wetlands conservation entrepreneurship proposals that provide local communities with economic returns and help wetlands conservation. Three micro-credit funds are set up in three villages of Urmia Lake basin with rural women's management</p>	

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): The ecological management of Anzali Wetland project has been developed and is being implemented in cooperation with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Some support has also been received from UNDP/GEF Conservation of Iranian Wetlands Project The government of Japan provided fund for developing sustainable agriculture in Lake Urmiah basin	

17.6 Has any financial support been provided by your country to the implementation of the Strategic Plan?	B
	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}

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18.1 Are the national focal points of other MEAs invited to	C

<p>participate in the National Ramsar/Wetland Committee? {3.1.1} {3.1.2} KRAs 3.1.i & 3.1.iv</p>	<p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p>18.1 Additional information: For some of meetings depending on agenda, focal points of other MEAs are invited to the meetings</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p>18.2 Additional information: Mechanisms are 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 International projects in DoE are fully engaged and cooperated with UNDP office in Iran.</p>	
<p>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).</p>	<p>C</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p>18.3 Additional information (If 'Yes' please name the agency (es) or IOP (s) and the type of assistance received): The Conservation of Iranian Wetland Project which is a joint project of Iran and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), in addition to core-funds which are received from UNDP, for four consecutive years has received financial support from Japanese government to restore Lake Urumia. A proposal to combat climate change in the Bakhtegan wetland basin is also jointly proposed with UNDP for submission to adaptation fund.</p>	
<p>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}</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p>18.4 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate the networks and wetlands involved): A network of wetland ecosystem management secretariats has been established in provincial</p>	

DoEs around the country and training provided for all experts
 A national wetland data bank developed and launched for Ramsar sites and other important wetlands on DoE website: wetlands.doe.ir
 At national level there are good mechanisms for knowledge sharing of experts and managers such as in-service training courses, consulting workshops, distributing scientific reports and maps.
 And in cyberspace and social networks it is possible to exchange information and communicate with the people who work on this

<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18.5 Additional information:</p> <p>Within past years a good media coverage was done regarding the Situation and Baseline Data of Wetlands. The latest news regarding wetlands management, conservation and restoration activities are uploaded on DOE and CIWP websites and social media. Besides that due to critical situation of Lake Urmia and Anzali wetland they have got seperate websites. A lot of books have been published and also some Telegram channels have covered the news of wetlands.</p>	

<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18.6 Additional information:</p> <p>They were uploaded in Ramsar website.</p>	

<p>18.7 Have all transboundary wetland systems been identified? {3.5.1} KRA 3.5.i</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned; Z=Not Applicable</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18.7 Additional information:</p> <p>transboundary wetland systems of Hamoon and Hawr al-azim which are common with Afghanistan and Iraq have been identified.</p>	

<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p>18.8 Additional information (If ‘Yes’ or ‘Partially’, please indicate for which wetland</p>	

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: Our country is a member of Convention on the conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)	

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

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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	C
	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 In coordination with the Ministry of Education, wetland related topics are included in province geography books. And also Issues which are related to the wetlands have been included in relevant universities fields by coordinating with the Ministry of Science.	

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) E b) E
	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):

Annual workshops for the exchange of experiences of the country's ecosystem management secretariats have been held for Ramsar sites and other wetlands and Experts from the ecosystem Management Secretariats have periodically participated in this workshop in Ramsar, Tehran, and Isfahan.

<p>19.4 Have you (AA) used your previous Ramsar National Reports in monitoring implementation of the Convention? {4.3.1} KRA 4.3.ii</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p>
<p>19.4 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate how the Reports have been used for monitoring):</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned; Z=Not Applicable</p>

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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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 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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	
Planned Activities	

(Text Answer):	
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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 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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):		
Planned Activities (Text Answer):		
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):		

Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):		
Planned Activities (Text Answer):		
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):		
Planned Activities		

(Text Answer):	
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		
National Targets (Text Answer):		
Planned Activities (Text Answer):		
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):		

Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):		
Planned Activities (Text Answer):		
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 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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer

National Targets (Text Answer):	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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 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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
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 18. International cooperation is strengthened at all levels {3.1}

Planning of National Targets

Priority of the target:		A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):		
Planned Activities (Text Answer):		
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 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= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text		

Answer):	
Planned Activities (Text Answer):	
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals	
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Additional information

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.

Name of Contracting
Party:

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)?

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Ex:1603	Lake White	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	D - Planned	

- 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