



**NATIONAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS**

**National Reports to be submitted to the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
of the Conference of the Contracting Parties,  
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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.

## **Ramsar COP13 National Report Format (NRF)**

### **Background information**

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> **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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> **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 background  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).



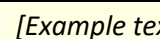
21. The Format is created as a form in Microsoft Word to collect the data. You will be able to enter replies and information in the yellow or green boxes.

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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>		A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text)</b>		<i>[Example text]</i> To have comprehensive inventory of all wetlands by

<b>Answer):</b>	2018
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	<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
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	<i>[Example text]</i> A comprehensive inventory of all wetlands
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>	

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](mailto:nationalreports@ramsar.org)) by January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the Ramsar Secretariat for advice at ([nationalreports@ramsar.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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) Ramsar Advisory Mission/ Advrsory Mission recognized from 18 – 22 Dec. 2017 to the Mesopotamian Marshes in the Iraq and Iran to examine and propose options for cooperative mechanisms and programmes for the long-term conservation and sustainable development of the marshes.
- 2) Three new sites was added to the Ramsar List of Wetlands include (central marsh, Hammar marsh and sawa Lake) in 2015, and cooperation with the Convention Secretariat in the implementation of some issues related to the implementation of the Convention's plan for the conservation of iraqi ramsar sites
- 3) Many events (scientific conferences, celebrations and workshops) was implemented and training; awareness programs of Marshlands population to awareness raising about the wetlands conservation
- 4) Survey 32 site of wetland throughout Iraq, environmental and socio-economic data was collected from the sites to meet the requirements for inclusion in the Ramsar Wetlands List
- 5) Attend the meetings of the Standing Committee, which was held during the past three years
- 6) Cooperation with government institutions in implementation of some issues related to implementation of the Convention plan for the conservation of wetlands especially in the extractive oil industries and climate change

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

- 1) Lack of community awareness of the wetlands importance and the effective contribution in improving the livelihoods dependent on the resources of these wetlands
- 2) Marshes water inflow reduction due to decreasing the water resources and climate changes which leading to increasing the environmental, economic and social impacts in some of Iraq's wetlands, especially in the Ramsar sites
- 3) Oil extraction problems and their effects on the marshes (Ramsar Sites) environment
- 4) Proliferation of mines and projectiles in Hawizeh marsh ( ramsar site), which prevent the implementation of the operational program for marsh management plan.
- 5) Lack the expertise to manage the wetlands on a sustainable basis and supporting the management plans of the wetlands

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

- 1) Activate cooperation between Iraq and neighboring countries (Riparian countries) on water management and conservation of the wetlands environment with assistance of the Convention
- 2) Develop an integrated management plan to meet the wetlands protection and conservation requirements
- 3) Inclusion new Iraqi wetlands as Ramsar sites of international importance
- 4) Capacity building for wetland workers
- 5) Awareness of the importance of the implementation of the program of wetlands and how to maintain them using a variety of methods of visual and readable media, and supporting marshland population to reviving their social and economic heritage and implementing the small projects

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

- Capacity building on sustainable wetlands management.
- Coordination with neighboring countries on the management of water resources
- Considering the arabic language as a 4th language in the convention .
- Supporting marshland population to reviving their social and economic heritage.

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)

- Support the training centers in the Convention on training programs and expertise also knowledge exchange on wetlands management

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)?

- Coordination between the national parties responsible for the agreements implementation to identificate the common goals between them and to unify and develop the management activities
- Supporting joint projects which implementing in wetlands site by relevant conventions and unifying management 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)?

- Provision of environmental water inflows to wetlands will conserve the biodiversity, pollution reduction and improved wetland economic outputs.

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

- Develop coordination mechanism between the parties responsible on implementation of the Convention through direct supervision by the Secretariat on the management plans updating, follow up and improve the implementation methods of the objectives listed therein

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

None

### 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The ministries concerned with issues above develop wetlands infrastructure and incorporate the wetland bebenefits through their annual plans and each according to their competence. Some of these plans shall be supervised by the Ramsar National Management Committee</li> </ul>

**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
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Guidelines for the allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands (Resolution VIII.1, VIII.2) ? 1.24.	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
<p>2.1 Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment process conducted periodically (monthly and annually) to determine the quantity and quality of the wetlands. Water are allocated to the Ramsar sites within the water distribution plans at the national level, and in some sites depend on monitoring systems</li> </ul>	
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)	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
<p>2.2 Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmental flows was identified, in addition to the ongoing monitoring activities for water quality and biodiversity within Ramsar sites</li> <li>- some projects was implimentating such as Biodiversity; water quality studies, and specialized studies on the impact of oil industries, phytotechnologies, climate changes....etc.</li> </ul>	
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
<p>2.3 Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The concept of water sustainability has been enhanced, but need more interaction by water policy decision makers , and improving water resources.</li> </ul>	
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
<p>2.4 Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Water distribution system need to be governed more actively to ensure that the allocated water reaches Ramsar sites</li> </ul>	
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
<p>2.5 Additional information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The inflow and outflow water regulators in the Ramsar sites have been completed as well as there are many planned water control projects will be implemented in the future</li> </ul>	

<p>2.6 How many household/municipalities are linked to sewage system? SDG Target 6.3.1.</p>	<p>F= Less than 50%</p> <p>E=# household/municipalities; F= Less than #; G=More than #; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant</p>
<p>2.6 Additional information: - Most treatment plants release sewage water to Ramsar sites without treatment</p>	
<p>2.7 What is the percentage of sewerage coverage in the country? SDG Target 6.3.1.</p>	<p>Y= Not Relevant</p> <p>E=# percent; F= Less than # percent; G= More Than # percent; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant</p>
<p>2.7 Additional information:</p>	
<p>2.8 What is the percentage of users of septic tank/pit latrine? SDG Target 6.3.1.</p>	<p>G= More Than 50%</p> <p>E=# percent; F=Less Than # percent; G= More Than # percent; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant</p>
<p>2.8 Additional information: - Most of the rural areas as well as a number of neighbourhoods within cities near the Ramsar sites do not have a sewerage system and using septic tank latrine</p>	
<p>2.9 Does the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology? SDG Target 6.3.1.</p>	<p>B</p> <p>A= Yes, B= No; C= Partially, D=,Planned X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant</p>
<p>2.9 Additional information: - Some pilot projects have been implemented on a small scale</p>	
<p>2.10 How do the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology perform? SDG Target 6.3.1.</p>	<p>B</p> <p>A=Good; C=Functioning; B=Not Functioning; Q=Obsolete; X= Unknown Y= Not Relevant</p>
<p>2.10 Additional information: - Some pilot projects have been implemented on a small scale areas</p>	

2.11 How many centralised wastewater treatment plants exist at national level? SDG Target 6.3.1.	X
	E= # plants; F= Less than #; G=More than #; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.11 Additional information: - None	

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: - Most wastewater treatment plants do not operate efficiently and release sewage water to wetlands without treatment	

2.13 The percentage of decentralized wastewater treatment technology, including constructed wetlands/ponds is? SDG Target 6.3.1.	Q
	A=Good; C=Functioning; B=Not Functioning; Q=Obsolete; X= Unknown; Y= Not Relevant
2.13 Additional information: - A number of pilot projects were carried out in the areas adjacent to the Ramsar sites but did not succeed due to lack of expertise to manage this type of project	

2.14 Is there a wastewater reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1.	D
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
2.14 Additional information: - a water remediation projects are planned to be implemented in the wetlands of Southern Iraq, using environmental design and wastewater to make a restorative garden for health, cultural heritage, and environmental education. Eden in Iraq is the name of the project which will implemented when funding is available	

2.15 What is the purpose of the wastewater reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1.	S
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	R=Agriculture; S=Landscape; T=Industrial; U=Drinking; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
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2.15 Additional information: Please indicate if the wastewater reuse system is for free or taxed or add any additional information.

- No such systems are currently in place, but they can be implemented in the future when funding is available. designs of the projects were completed recently.

**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	D
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
3.1 Additional information: - Increased cooperation and coordination between the supervisors of the Ramsar sites and the private sector is needed to activate the wise use principle, which has been worked on. The private sector response is encouraging but till now has not reached the required level - Currently, there is coordination with some private sector institutions to support wetlands protection programs in the areas of sustainability, tourism, agriculture, biodiversity , wastewater treatment systems	
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) C b) D
3.2 Additional information: - Part of the requirements for the wise use of resources within the Ramsar sites related to water, biodiversity conservation and awareness among the population about the importance of wetlands has been implemented	

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	C A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
3.3 Additional information: - Many courses, Seminars , workshops and events have been carried out in recent years in order to awareness raising about the wise use of resources. Control activities have been activated which have reduced the resources depletion and damage to the environment	

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: - Environmental police and border guards work on prevent overfishing activities, and application of laws and implementation of relevant instructions	

**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	A A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
4.1 Additional information: - A number of studies and surveys have been completed in addition to the continuous monitoring work by the field teams. It also included in the Ramsar Information sheet of the Ramsar sites	

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	D A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
4.2 Additional information: - Invasive species combating is effectively ongoing in addition to preparing of integrated strategy to monitor and control the resulting damage and determination of their environmental and economic impacts	



4.3 How many invasive species are being controlled through management actions?.	E= 2 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): - The controlled invasive species are (Eichhornia (plant), Ceratophyllum demersum (plant) and Serrasalminae (fish). - The year of assessment is 2016 (Ministry of Water Resources in Iraq)	

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: - Field monitoring is ongoing throughout the year, plans are being made to eliminate these species	

## 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: - Detailed studies have been completed for 32 different sites for future inclusion in the Convention - Wetland surveys are ongoing to determine the requirements of Ramsar sites	
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	F= 3
	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	F= 3
	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	X
	E= # sites; F=Less than #; G=More than #; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
5.3 – 5.5 Additional information: - Management plans for three sites have been prepared (Hammar, Huwaiza and Central Marshes) also a management plan for the site of Sawa Lake is being prepared	
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: - A quarterly evaluation of the activities and procedures implemented by the national parties which involved in the sites management plans	
5.7 How many Ramsar Sites have a cross-sectoral management committee? {2.4.4} {2.4.6} KRA 2.4.iv	E=3
	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): - Hammar Marsh (2242), Huwaiza Marsh (1718) and central Marsh (2241) - The Sawa Lake (2240) site has an intersectoral committee but the management plan is being prepared	

<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>G= 1</b></p> <p>E=# sites; F=Less than #; G=More than; C= Partially #; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
<p>5.8 Additional information (If at least 1 site, please give the name and official number of the site or sites):</p> <p>- Huwaiza Marsh (1718)</p>	

<p>5.9 Have any assessments of the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management been made? {2.5.1} KRA 2.5.i</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>B</b></p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Some Sites</p>
<p>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):</p> <p>....</p>	

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

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<p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Some Sites; D=Planned</p>
<p>7.1 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Some sites', please summarise the mechanism or mechanisms established):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local administrations were established in the governorates which have a Ramsar sites responsible for communicating with population whether by direct meetings in the administratives centers or by field tours that work periodically to meet residents and listen to their complaints</li> <li>- From through the joint committees and NGOs</li> </ul>	

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): ....Projects of oil industries in Ramsar sites		

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): - Ramsar Advisory Mission to the HAWIZEH MARSH RAMSAR SITE, 14 to 16 February, 2014		

### 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	A
		A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; D=Planned
8.1 Additional information: - 218 sites have been identified in the most of Iraq's governorates as wetlands. In the future, the initial surveys will be completed. The database construction has been completed for 32 of these sites and will be published in the near future.		

8.2	Has your country updated a National Wetland Inventory in the last decade?	A
		A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; C1=Partially; D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant
8.2 Additional information: The Working is continuing to wetlands monitoring by using the remote sensing techniques and field visits		

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>
8.3 Additional information: .....	

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;">D</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
8.4 Additional information: - It will be published soon	

<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) O b) O</p>
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8.5 Additional information on a) and/or b):

- Most of the wetlands in Iraq depend on the amount of water supplied through inlets, through which their environmental components are conserved. In general, this quantity varies from year to year, but during the last three years, acceptable levels of inflows have been maintained. (Ministry of Water Resources)
- But due to the climatic changes conditions like rain level decreasing as well as dams construction on the main rivers (Tigris and Euphrates) by the neighboring countries, which would threaten the wetlands environment in the future. so,urgent solutions are required

<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= 10,000</p> <p>E= # Km<sup>2</sup> ; F=Less than #; G=More than #; A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant</p>
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8.6 Additional information: If the information is available please indicate the % of change in the extent of wetlands over the last three years.

- No accurate statistics but work is continuing on a comprehensive database construction for all of Iraq's wetlands

**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>

9.1 Additional information:  
 - The strategic study of Water and Land Resources in Iraq completed by the Ministry of Water Resources includes the policy of water and land management in Iraq up to 2035, which is considered as wetlands conservation and water allocation is part of this policy.

9.2 Have any amendments to existing legislation been made to reflect Ramsar commitments? {1.3.5}{1.3.6}	C
	A=Yes; B=No; C=In Progress; D=Planned

9.2 Additional information:  
 - A draft law of the National Wetlands Authority, which regulates the work mechanism and supervision of wetlands in Iraq, has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Ramsar Convention

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	A
	A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned

9.3 Additional information:  
 - Wetlands are an important component of Iraq's water management system. water have been allocated to the Iraqi marshes as other sectors (agriculture, industrial and domestic)

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:  
 - Has been taken into account when the strategy of water and land resources in Iraq was prepared which included the implementation of training programs and increasing the expertise of workers in the wetlands and the activation of the tools of Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness, as well as it will be more details in the management plans preparation of Ramsar sites

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

9.5 Additional information:  
 - Measures are being taken to mitigate the effects of climate change in coordination between the different ministries and supporting the related projects and a policy is currently under way

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

9.6 Additional information:

- projects are being prepared for implementation, some of which are funded by the international organizations, some of them by the private sector, especially in the areas adjacent to the Marshlands.

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) A

9.7 Additional information:

- universities and research centers have been prepared many studies, but cooperation between state institutions and universities must be activated in the near future, which is currently being through the national communication units of Ramsar site

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):

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**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 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

A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation; C1= Partially; D= Planned; X= Unknown; Y=Not Relevant

10.1 Additional information:

- Several events have been implemented to support cultural values and preserve traditional knowledge.

10.2 Have case studies, participation in projects or successful

A



experiences on cultural aspects of wetlands been compiled. Resolution VIII.19 and Resolution IX.21? (Action 6.1.6)	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). - <i>Restoring a wetland and a unique culture in the Mesopotamian marshes/ introduced to the Secretariat(2017)</i>	

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) - Meetings and workshops are held annually on the conservation of wetlands and the wise use of their resources, attended by representatives of the local population in cooperation with NGOs, in which opinions are exchanged, successful decisions are reached, and solutions to problems	

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: ...Some events and activities have been implemented to application encouraged and documented the Traditional knowledge and management practices relevant for the wise use of wetlands	

**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

11.1 Additional information: (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate, how many Ramsar Sites and their names):

- Under way to conduct such assessments for Ramsar sites

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

D

A=Yes; B=No;  
C=Partially;  
D=Planned; X=Unknown; Y=Not Relevant

11.2 Additional information:

- trainings have been organized on traditional professions, especially for women, to help families earn their living, as well as some small projects that support the environmental tourism aspect have been implemented

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

C

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):

- Only one Ramsar site from 4 Iraqi sites listed on Ramsar convention (Al-Huwaiza Marsh). Other sites management plans are in progress

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

C

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):

- Only one Ramsar site from 4 Iraqi sites listed on Ramsar convention (Al-Huwaiza Marsh). Other sites management plans are in progress

**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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12.1 Have priority sites for wetland restoration been identified? {1.8.1}

A

KRA 1.8.i	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 ): - Control structures have been implemented to improve the water management and conserve the marshes biodiversity - environmental monitoring system is currently active using the remote sensing technique	

**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*

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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?	D
	A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
13.1. Additional information: (If 'Yes', please indicate the actions taken): - Memorandums of understanding are currently being concluded with the relevant authorities which responsible on each sector to follow up the activities that may affect the environment of the sites and reduce their effects	

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: - Taken into account, especially in oil exploration field (industry) in areas near the Ramsar sites	

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:	

- Any executed project or intended to be implemented in the wetland sites should be prepared to environmental impact study of the project, especially the projects of oil industry in areas near the Ramsar site

## 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.}

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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	D 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):	
<p>- Ramsar Advisory Mission/ Advorsory Mission recognized from 18 – 22 Dec. 2018 to the Mesopotamian Marshes in the Iraq and Iran to examine and propose options for cooperative mechanisms and programmes for the long-term conservation and sustainable development of the marshes.</p> <p>- hope that there will be greater responsiveness by the riparian countries in the near future to propose an initiative on Tigris and Euphrates River Basin management, which will contribute significantly to the preservation of the wetlands environment.</p>	
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}	B A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
15.2 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate the name(s) of the centre(s):	
....	

**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

<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) C  b) C  c) D  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>- Ministry of Water Resources / Center for Restoration of Iraqi Marshes and Wetlands is the advisor of the national communication units that include the awareness raising unit which is responsible on establishing CEPA plans. The plan will be involved the the CEPA objectives as well as CEPA NEPs.</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=0  b) E=0</p>
<p>16.2 Additional information (If centres are part of national or international networks, please describe the networks):</p> <p>.....</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>- High Ministerial Committee has been established to supervise the Hwaiza, Hammar and Central Marshes Ramsar Sites as well as the National Focal Points responsible for the management of Ramsar sites, meetings are held with representatives of the local population Periodically</p>	

16.4 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral National Ramsar/Wetlands Committee? {4.1.6} KRA 4.3.v	<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership: Ministry of Water Resources / Center for Restoration of Iraqi Marshes and Wetlands, Ministry of Health and Environment, Ministry of Higher Education and Science &amp; Technology, Iraqi Media Network.</li> <li>- The communication and cooperation mechanism of the center for restoration Iraqi marshes and wetlands (Administrative Authority) in cooperation with other parties through its support units: as follows: The National scientific and technical communication unit: the Ministry of Science and Technology which is executing the functions and duties of this unit (responsible on projects implementation, wetlands studies and research ), It has a central committee responsible on cooperation with other ministries, research centers, civil society organizations, including Ministries (water resources, Higher Education, Environment, Oil, Relics and Tourism, Industry and Minerals), Marshes Research Center, Marine Science Centre, Nature Iraq Org. . Coordination and control Unit: the Ministry of Environment is executing the functions and duties of this unit (responsible on monitoring and implementation of environmental projects in wetlands). Coordinate work with all sections of the environment in the ministries and government institutions and nongovernmental. However Civil society organizations concerned the environment Cultural communication unit: the Iraqi Media Network is executing the functions and duties of this unit (responsible on implementation of education programs and awareness of the importance of wetlands and the judicious use of them and the sustainable development of natural resources). Work coordinating with all sections of the media in the ministries and government institutions and nongovernmental organizations, and with civil society. The communication between the center and these units through periodic meetings and the works in the sites.</li> <li>- Regular quarterly meetings since 2012</li> <li>- The committee responsible on Ramsar Sites Management plans implementation</li> </ul>	
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 style="text-align: center;">B</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>.....</p>	
16.6 Are other communication mechanisms (apart from a national committee) in place to share Ramsar implementation guidelines	<p style="text-align: center;">A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>

<p>and other information between the Administrative Authority and:</p> <p>a) Ramsar Site managers</p> <p>b) other MEA national focal points</p> <p>c) other ministries, departments and agencies</p> <p>{4.1.7} KRA 4.1.vi</p>	<p>a) D</p> <p>b) D</p> <p>c) A</p>
<p>16.6 Additional information (If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please describe what mechanisms are in place):</p> <p>- Semi-periodic meetings are held with a number of ministries ,relevant institutions and NGOs and coordination between these parties through official correspondence</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>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No</p>
<p>16.7 Additional information:</p> <p>- Held annually since 2011</p>	
<p>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}</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned</p>
<p>16.8 Additional information (If these and other CEPA activities have been undertaken by other organizations, please indicate this):</p> <p>- Training courses, scientific conferences and promotional festivals for traditional industries, in addition to many raising awareness activities and events have been held annually</p>	

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

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<p>17.1</p> <p>a) Have Ramsar contributions been paid in full for 2015, 2016 and 2017? {4.2.1} KRA 4.2.i</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable</p>
<p>b) If 'No' in 17.1 a), please clarify what plan is in place to ensure future prompt payment:</p> <p>.....</p>	
<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</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No</p>
<p>17.2 Additional information (If 'Yes' please state the amounts, and for which activities):</p> <p>- Iraq volunteered to bear the expenses of travel for their participants to attend Ramsar meetings</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	B
	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	Y
	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}	B
	A=Yes; B=No; Z=Not Applicable
17.5 Additional information (If 'Yes', please indicate from which countries/agencies since COP12): .....	

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}**

<b>COP13 REPORT</b>	
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	D
	A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned
18.1 Additional information: ....	

18.2 Are mechanisms in place at the national level for collaboration	A
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<p>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=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p>18.2 Additional information: - Ramsar Secretariat, UNEP was organized recently a visit to the Mesopotamian and Al-Atheem Marsh in Iran to coordinate wetlands conservation efforts</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 &amp; Wetland Trust (WWT).</p>	<p>B</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): ....</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>B</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): ....</p>	
<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>C</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p>18.5 Additional information: - Website: <a href="http://www.crim.mowr.gov.iq">www.crim.mowr.gov.iq</a> - Publications are published from time to time and during promotional activities and events</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>C</p> <p>A=Yes; B=No; C=Partially; D=Planned</p>
<p>18.6 Additional information: - recently a case study for Iraq (suggested sites Iraqi Marshes: <i>Restoring a wetland and a unique culture in the Mesopotamian marshes</i>) has been prepared included data and informations as well</p>	

as photos on iraqi marshes for a series of upcoming reports on indigenous peoples, local communities and wetlands

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): - attempts to work together with Iran and Turkey on this context and Iraq hope to achieve positive results in the future	

18.9 Does your country participate in regional networks or initiatives for wetland-dependent migratory species? {3.5.3} KRA 3.5.iii	D
	A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned; Z=Not Applicable
18.9 Additional information: - A joint survey of endemic and migratory bird species is being prepared at the al-Hawizeh Ramsar Site in participation with Iran	

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

<b>COP13 REPORT</b>	
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: - Integrated wetland management training courses are needed include 1. Wetland management – general introduction 2. Wetland management planning 3. Wetland identification and prioritization 4. Methods of wetland restoration and rehabilitation 5. Valuation of wetlands 6. Legal and regulatory frameworks for wetland conservation 7. Communication, education and public awareness	

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 - Some Educational curricula are including an information of wetlands as well as the wise use of water and biodiversity especially in primary schools	

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=0 b) E=0  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	D 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):	

## 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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>C</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>C</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	featuring the Wetland benefits in national/ local policy relating tourism and industry at the national level in addition to fisheries at the local level. In water and agriculture national/ local policy wetland benefits are featured	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Coordinating with the organizations that responsible on management and planning of the remaining fields to take into account the benefits of wetlands when preparing plans in the future	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Biodiversity conservation and development of the concept of wise use of resources and awareness among local populations about the wetlands importance have been increased	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

Additional information:

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**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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>B</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	water management development in the Tigris and Euphrates basin	

<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Reducing losses and overuse of water allocations and achieve equitable distribution of water
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Preserving submerged areas and biodiversity by sustainable water supply to wetland within normal rates during 2017
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>	

Additional information:

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**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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	B	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	B	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Activating cooperation with all parties to achieve wise use principles of resources and activate monitoring process for violations occurring in this field	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Hold meetings with the relevant parties to ensure the wise use principles has taken into consideration as well as field monitoring are activated	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	resource management and wise use of wetlands have been Improved and this is reflecting on preservation the Biodiversity in the wetlands	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

Additional information:

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**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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	B	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Elimination and control of harmful invasive species by using the modern techniques, and supporting the related projects and studies	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Locating the invasive species and taking the necessary measures to reduce their negative effects and remove harmful plants	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Identification and removal of invasive species	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

Additional information:

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## 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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	A	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	B	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Establish an effective management mechanism for Ramsar sites nationally and locally by the cooperation with all concerned sectors	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Completion of Ramsar site management plans	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and</b>	Mechanisms developed for communication and coordination between the responsible parties especially relating to the environmental side, through periodic meetings and preparing the main determinants for the implementation of an effective	

<b>Sustainable Development Goals</b>	management plan
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>	

Additional information:  
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**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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>B</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Improve water quality to conserve biodiversity at Ramsar sites	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Monitoring the discharges and water quality supplied to wetlands	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Negative changes resulting from the decrease of water supplied to wetlands have been minimized and controlled, also preserve the wetlands environment and this is reflecting on the abundance and prosperity of the Biodiversity in the wetlands	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

Additional information:  
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## 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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Preparing a list of wetlands in Iraq and using it for promoting the conservation and effective management of all wetlands	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Completion of inventory work in the remaining governorates (4 out of 18 governorates)	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Completion of wetland inventories and biodiversity surveys in 14 governorate enhance the implementation of the management plan and thus the conservation and possibility of establishing nature reserves	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>C</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Maintaining water resources in both quantity and quality to serve of the conservation and protection of biodiversity in wetlands	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Use of modern irrigation technologies and follow the requirements of rationing water consumption	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Preserve the abundance of living organisms and establish natural reserves	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in</b>		



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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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	protection the traditional knowledge innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities in relevant for the wise use of wetlands to implementation the Convention	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Support the local population by providing protection requirements of the traditional knowledge innovations and practices and support for small businesses	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Implement of the projects and programs which aimed to sustaining of wetland resources and biodiversity	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>B</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Definition of wetlands and what functions and services they provide	

<b>Answer):</b>	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Implement of awareness and education programs for various of society groups in cooperation with government sectors andNGOs
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Preserve wetlands and their resources and protect the biodiversity through the establishment of nature reserves
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>	

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

<b>Priority of the target :</b>	<b>A</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>B</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>		Reduction of the disaster risks , and development of livelihoods Assessing the potential impacts of climate change and both the positive and negative impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on wetlands
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>		Implementing of the projects which aimed to reducing the risks on the wetlands, especially climatic changes, for the purpose of alleviating them, restoration of wetlands, protecting biodiversity and adapting with the effects of the hazards.
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>		Monitoring programs on the impacts of climate change on the biodiversity in wetlands; Research on the linkages between biodiversity, climate change and desertification in wetlands; Conservation of vulnerable habitats (including through dune stabilization, oasis water management and rehabilitation of degraded lands);
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

**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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>B</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>C</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Improve the accessibility to measures and develop of communities' capacity to use wetland resources as a sustainably on the basis of prudent use	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Implement projects and programs that promote the sustainability of ecosystems in wetlands which contributing to biodiversity conservation and human livelihoods.	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Integration of water and wetlands conservation and wise use with National reduction strategies of poverty Build the partnerships between wetlands managers and local communities and planners on national policies level to ensure respect for local views and sustainability strategies in wetland and Biodiversity	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>B</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Ensure the flow of water resources to protect ecosystems and biodiversity in wetlands	

<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Joint initiatives, Workshop and meetings between regional parties to promote of the wetland sustainability programs and biodiversity protection
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Ensure access to good water flows Restoration of wetlands spatially as Ramsar sites Protect the livelihoods of wetland populations Protection of biodiversity
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>	

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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>B</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>		Raising awareness and education in the conservation of wetlands and biodiversity
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>		Awareness programs, education documents, capacity building and communications
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>		Promote understanding of the wise use of wetlands and wetland biodiversity in Iraq; Organise education programmes on wetland and Biodiversity conservation for schools and the general public; Build up public support and develop capacity of the general public for wetland and Biodiversity conservation
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

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

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>B</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>C</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	To implementing more issues and project which relating with the fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Projects, building capacity, awareness and education programs	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	Increase the individual awareness of wetland conservation and biodiversity and wise use of the wetlands resources through the projects and programs which implemented in Ramsar sites or another wetlands	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

Additional information

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

#### Planning of National Targets

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Coordinating / participating in cooperation platforms <sup>13</sup> (site level, city, river, lake and groundwater basins, national, regional and global levels), to promote mainstreaming of wetland values within water, soil and biodiversity management	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Regional Initiatives, multilateral, and bilateral agreements, Memorandums of Understanding.	
<b>Outcomes achieved by</b>	Twinning arrangements nationally or internationally for knowledge	

<p><b>2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b></p> <p><b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b></p>	<p>sharing and training for wetlands that share common features.          implementation effective cooperative management in place for shared wetland systems.          promoting co-ordination mechanisms for the implementation of MEAs existing at a national level.</p>
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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**

<b>Priority of the target:</b>	<b>A</b>	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
<b>Resourcing:</b>	<b>C</b>	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
<b>National Targets (Text Answer):</b>	Assessment of national and local training needs for the implementation of the Convention	
<b>Planned Activities (Text Answer):</b>	Training courses, workshops	
<b>Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</b>	<p>Experience and knowledge in:            Inventory, wetland management, wetland status monitoring and assessment, communications and promotion of wetlands and wetland values, scientific and technical knowledge and guidance, and Knowledge and technology exchange.            These outcomes contribute with biodiversity/ Target 17.</p>	
<b>Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018</b>		

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.



**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
<i>Ex:1603</i>	<i>Lake White</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>B - No</i>	<i>D - Planned</i>	

- 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