Ramsar National Report to COP13

COP13 National Report

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

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

- 8. National Reports from Contracting Parties are official documents of the Convention and are made publicly available on the Convention's website.
- 9. There are seven main purposes for the Convention's National Reports. These are to:
- i) provide data and information on how, and to what extent, the Convention is being implemented
- ii) provide tools for countries for their national planning
- iii) capture lessons and experience to help Parties plan future action;
- iv) identify emerging issues and implementation challenges faced by Parties that may require further attention from the Conference of the Parties;
- v) provide a means for Parties to account for their commitments under the Convention;
- vi) provide each Party with a tool to help it assess and monitor its progress in implementing the Convention, and to plan its future priorities; and
- vii) provide an opportunity for Parties to draw attention to their achievements during the triennium.
- 10. The data and information provided by Parties in their National Reports have another valuable purpose as well, since a number of the indicators in the National Reports on Parties' implementation provide key sources of information for the analysis and assessment of the "ecological outcome-oriented indicators of

effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention".

- 11. To facilitate the analysis and subsequent use of the data and information provided by Contracting Parties in their National Reports, the Ramsar Secretariat holds in a database all the information it has received and verified. The COP13 reports will be in an online National Reporting system.
- 12. The Convention's National Reports are used in a number of ways. These include:
- i) providing an opportunity to compile and analyze information that contracting parties can use to inform their national planning and programming.
- ii) providing the basis for reporting by the Secretariat to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the global, national and regional implementation, and the progress in implementation, of the Convention. This is provided to Parties at the COP as a series of Information Papers, including:
 - * the Report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the Convention at the global level;
- * the Report of the Secretary General pursuant to Article 8.2 (b), (c), and (d) concerning the List of Wetlands of International Importance); and
- * the reports providing regional overviews of the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan in each Ramsar region;
- iii) providing information on specific implementation issues in support of the provision of advice and decisions by Parties at the COP.
- iv) providing the source data for time-series assessments of progress on specific aspects in the implementation of the Convention included in other Convention products. An example is the summary of progress since COP3 (Regina, 1997) in the development of National Wetland Policies, included as Table 1 in Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 2 (4th edition, 2010); and
- v) providing information for reporting to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on the national implementation of the CBD/Ramsar Joint Work Plan and the Ramsar Convention's lead implementation role on wetlands for the CBD. In particular, the Ramsar Secretariat and STRP used the COP10 NRF indicators extensively in 2009 to prepare contributions to the in-depth review of the CBD programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems for consideration by CBD SBSTTA14 and COP10 during 2010 (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/3). Similar use of COP12 NRF indicators is anticipated for the CBD's next such in-depth review.

The structure of the COP13 National Report Format

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

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

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

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

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: $\{x.x.x\}$

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.

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).

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

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.

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

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.

Name of Contracting Party

The completed National Report **must be accompanied by a letter** in the name of the Head of Administrative Authority, confirming that this is the Contracting Party's official submission of its COP13 National Report. It can be attached to this question using the "Manage documents" function (blue symbol below) > Namibia

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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)

> Approval of the Water Resources Management Act by the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry that provide for the management and protection of all water resources including the wetlands and associated resources, and the subsequent development of the National Integrated Water Resources Management Plan for Namibia.

2)

> Awareness creation on the importance of water and wetland resource in Namibia through joint commemoration of World Wetlands and World Water Days in Namibia with involvement of policymakers, school children and general public.

3)

> Coordinated implementation of the Ramsar Convention and the three Rio Conventions (Convention on Biological Diversity, Convention on Climate Change and Convention on Combating of Desertification). All these conventions are hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism

4)

> Development of the management plan for the Bwabwata-Okavango Ramsar Site Management Plan

5)

> Regular stakeholder consultations and meetings through the National Wetlands Working Group, and support for transforming the working group into a National Ramsar Committee.

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

1)

> Lack of dedicated staff members in the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to coordinate and support implementation of wetland conservation and management programmes.

2)

> Lack of national institutional framework to support coordination and implementation of activities to support wetland conservation work (this includes the wetlands policy, wetlands strategic action plan, site specific management plans for important wetlands and Ramsar sites.

3)

> Lack of adequate financial resources to support implementation of wetland activities in Namibia

4)

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5)

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

1)

> Identification, and listing of Ramsar sites meeting the criteria for listing as Ramsar Sites of International Importance

2)

> Development and implementation of the site specific Ramsar Site Management Plans for key Ramsar Sites requiring management intervention (Orange River, Walvis Bay Lagoon, and Sandwich Harbour).

3)

> Formalize current Wetlands Working Group into a National Ramsar Committee, develop programmes and activities for the committee in line with the Ramsar Strategic Plan, and source resources for its implementation.

- 4) >
- 5)
- D. Do you (AA) have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Ramsar Secretariat?
- 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)
- 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)?
- 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)?
- H. Do you (AA) have any other general comments on the implementation of the Convention?
- I. Please list the names of the organisations which have been consulted on or have contributed to the information provided in this report

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.

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

Please select only one per square.

a) National Policy or strategy for wetland management	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially ☑ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
b) Poverty eradication strategies	 □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
c) Water resource management and water efficiency plans	☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
d) Coastal and marine resource management plans	☐ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
e) Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
f) National forest programmes	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
g) National policies or measures on agriculture	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
h) National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans drawn up under the CBD	☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=Partially ☐ D=Planned ☐ X=Unknown ☐ Y=Not Relevant
i) National policies on energy and mining	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant

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j) National policies on tourism	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
k) National policies on urban development	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown ☑ Y=Not Relevant	
l) National policies on infrastructure	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
m) National policies on industry	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown ☑ Y=Not Relevant	
n) National policies on aquaculture and fisheries {1.3.3} KRA 1.3.i	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
o) National plans of actions (NPAs) for pollution control and management	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially ☑ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
p) National policies on wastewater management and water quality	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially ☑ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
1.1 Additional inform	nation	
	wetland ecosystem needs for them to fulfil their functior ter alia at the basin level or along a coastal zone	ns and provide services at the
the implementation	of and quality of water available to, and required by, wethof the Guidelines for the allocation and management of of wetlands (Resolution VIII.1, VIII.2) ? 1.24.	
2.1 Additional Inform > No large scale project	nation It was undertaken that would have triggered the need to condu	uct such assessments.
	nts of environmental flow been undertaken in relation to of wetlands (Action r3.4.iv)	mitigation of impacts on the

2.2 Additional Information
> No large scale projects were undertaken that would necessitate the need for assessing impacts on the ecological character of the wetlands.
2.3 Have Ramsar Sites improved the sustainability of water use in the context of ecosystem requirements?
Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ O=No Change □ X=Unknown
2.3 Additional InformationAll of the listed sites in Namibia are in protected areas where water use by humans is restricted or non-existent. Besides that, no assessment was done to understand if there was improvement or not.
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.)
Please select only one option ☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
2.4 Additional Information All major developmental projects are required to carry out environmental impact assessments even for abstraction of water, and through that process, environmental integrity and continued ecological functioning of the wetland systems are ensured.
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.)
Please select only one option □ A=Yes ☑ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
2.5 Additional Information
2.6 How many household/municipalities are linked to sewage system? SDG Target 6.3.1. Please select only one option □ E=Exact number (households/municipalities)
→ F=Less than (households/municipalities)
→ □ G=More than (households/municipalities)
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2.6 Additional Information All municipalities are connected to the sewage systems especially the formal settlements. However, informal settlements within municipalities don't always have sewage systems.

2.7 What is the percentage of sewerage coverage in the country? SDG Target 6.3.1. Please select only one option \Box E=Exact number (percentage)

→ □ F=Less than (percentage)
> □ G=More than (percentage)
> ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
2.7 Additional Information > No information is available in this regard.
2.8 What is the percentage of users of septic tank/pit latrine? SDG Target 6.3.1. Please select only one option □ E=Exact number (percentage)
> □ F=Less than (percentage)
> □ G=More than (percentage)
> ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
2.8 Additional Information
2.9 Does the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology? SDG Target 6.3.1. Please select only one option ☑ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=Partially ☐ D=Planned ☐ X=Unknown ☐ Y=Not Relevant
2.9 Additional Information
2.10 How do the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology perform? SDG Target 6.3.1. Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Not Functioning □ C=Functioning □ Q=Obsolete ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
2.10 Additional Information
2.11 How many centralised wastewater treatment plants exist at national level? SDG Target 6.3.1.
Please select only one option □ E=Exact number (plants)
> □ F=Less than (plants)
→ □ G=More than (plants)
> ☑ X=Unknown

☐ Y=Not Relevant
2.11 Additional Information
2.12 How is the functional status of the wastewater treatment plants? SDG Target 6.3.1.
Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Not functioning □ C=Functioning □ Q=Obsolete ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
2.12 Additional Information
2.13 The percentage of decentralized wastewater treatment technology, including constructed wetlands/ponds is? SDG Target 6.3.1. Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Not Functioning □ C=Functioning □ Q=Obsolete □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
2.13 Additional Information
2.14 Is there a wastewater reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1. Please select only one option
2.14 Additional Information > The City of Windhoek has a waste water reclamation plant where water is recycled for human and industrial use.
2.15 What Is the purpose of the wastewater reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1. **Please select only one option** R=Agriculture** S=Landscape** T=Industrial** U=Drinking** X=Unknown** Y=Not Relevant**
2.15 Additional Information
Please indicate if the wastewater reuse system is for free or taxed or add any additional information. > operated on cost recovery bases
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}

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}

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Please select only one op □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned	otion	
3.1 Additional Inform > Through the mandat principles of the Rams	ory environmental impact assessments that also addresses the	e aspects of wise use
3.2 Has the private of {1.10.2} KRA 1.1 Please select only one pe		on, wise use and management
a) Ramsar Sites	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
b) Wetlands in general	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
3.2 Additional inform	nation	
	en taken to implement incentive measures which encouse? {1.11.1} KRA 1.11.i	urage the conservation and
3.3 Additional inform	nation	
	en taken to remove perverse incentive measures which of s? {1.11.2} KRA 1.11.i	discourage conservation and
3.4 Additional Inform	nation	
invasive alien specie	es and pathways of introduction and expansion are ident es are controlled or eradicated, and management respon vent their introduction and establishment.	
	ry have a comprehensive national inventory of invasive ne ecological character of wetlands? {1.9.1} KRA 1.9.i	alien species that currently or

4.1 Additional information

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 Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
4.2 Additional information Included under the NBSAPII of the CBD
4.3 How many invasive species are being controlled through management actions. Please select only one option □ E=Exact number (species)
> □ F=Less than (species)
→ □ G=More than (species)
> □ C=Partially □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
4.3 Additional information
If 'Yes', please indicate the year of assessment and the source of the information
4.4 Have the effectiveness of wetland invasive alien species control programmes been assessed? Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
4.4 Additional information
Goal 2. Effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Site network
Target 5 The ecological character of Ramsar Sites is maintained or restored through effective, planning and integrated management {2.1.}
5.1 Have a national strategy and priorities been established for the further designation of Ramsar Sites, using the Strategic Framework for the Ramsar List? {2.1.1} KRA 2.1.i Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
5.1 Additional information
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 Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ D=Planned

5.3 How many Ramsar Sites have an effective, implemented management plan? {2. Please select only one option ☑ E=Exact number (sites)	.4.1} KRA 2.4.i
> 5 ☑ F=Less than (sites)	
G=More than (sites) X=Unknown Y=Not Relevant	
5.4 For how many of the Ramsar Sites with a management plan is the plan being im KRA 2.4.i Please select only one option E=Exact number (sites)	plemented? {2.4.2}
> 5 ☑ F=Less than (sites)	
G=More than (sites)	
> □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
5.5 For how many Ramsar Sites is effective management planning currently being ir formal management plans ? {2.4.3} KRA 2.4.i Please select only one option E=Exact number (sites)	nplemented (outside of
> 5 □ F=Less than (sites)	
G=More than (sites)	
> □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	
5.3 – 5.5 Additional information All Ramsar Sites are in protected areas and are effectively managed as part of these protect outside the formal management plans.	ted areas often
5.6 Have all Ramsar sites been assessed regarding the effectiveness of their management plans where they exist or otherwise through existing actions for appromanagement? {1.6.2} KRA 1.6.ii Please select only one option A=Yes B=No C=Partially D=Planned	
5.6 Additional information	
5.7 How many Ramsar Sites have a cross-sectoral management committee? {2.4.4} Please select only one option ☑ E=Exact number (sites)	} {2.4.6} KRA 2.4.iv
> 0 ☑ F=Less than (sites)	
G=More than (sites)	

5.2 Additional information

□ 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
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 Please select only one option ☑ E=Exact number (sites)
> 5 ☑ F=Less than (sites)
G=More than (sites)
> □ C=Partially □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
5.8 Additional information
If at least 1 site, please give the name and official number of the site or sites \Rightarrow The information however needs to be updated.
5.9 Have any assessments of the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management been made? {2.5.1} KRA 2.5. Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Some Sites
5.9 Additional information
If 'Yes' or 'Some sites', please indicate the year of assessment, which assessment tool did you use (e.g. METT, Resolution XII.15, and the source of the information >
Target 7 Sites that are at risk of change of ecological character have threats addressed {2.6.}.
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 Please select only one option A=Yes B=No C=Some Sites D=Planned
7.1 Additional information
If 'Yes' or 'Some sites', please summarise the mechanism or mechanisms established > All Ramsar Sites are in protected areas where there are monitoring systems in place and this would feed information to the AA should it become so that negative human-induced changes are experienced.
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 Please select only one option □ 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

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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 Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ Z=Not Applicable
7.3 Additional information
If 'Yes', please indicate the actions taken >
Goal 3. Wisely Using All Wetlands
Target 8 National wetland inventories have been either initiated, completed or updated and disseminated and used for promoting the conservation and effective management of all wetlands {1.1.1} KRA 1.1.i
8.1 Does your country have a complete National Wetland Inventory? {1.1.1} KRA 1.1.i Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=In Progress □ D=Planned
8.1 Additional information > But the inventories requires updating.
8.2 Has your country updated a National Wetland Inventory in the last decade? Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=In Progress □ C1=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
8.2 Additional information
8.3 Is wetland inventory data and information maintained? {1.1.2} KRA 1.1.ii Please select only one option ☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
8.3 Additional information >
8.4 Is wetland inventory data and information made accessible to all stakeholders? {1.1.2} KRA 1.1.ii Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
8.4 Additional information >
8.5 Has the condition* of wetlands in your country, overall, changed during the last triennium? {1.1.3}

Please describe on the sources of the information on which your answer is based in the 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

reports to the Secretariat, and for which sites such reports of change or likely change have not yet been made

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principal driver(s) of the change(s). "Condition" corresponds to ecological character, as defined by the Convention Please select only one per square. a) Ramsar Sites □ N=Status Deteriorated ☑ O=No Change ☐ P=Status Improved b) Wetlands generally □ N=Status Deteriorated ☑ O=No Change □ P=Status Improved 8.5 Additional information on a) and/or b) 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 Please select only one option \square E=Exact Number (km2) \square F=Less than (km2) ☑ G=More than (km2) > 6765.64 □ A=Yes \square B=No ☐ C=Partially ☐ D=Planned ☐ X=Unknown ☐ Y=Not Relevant 8.6 Additional information If the information is available please indicate the % of change in the extent of wetlands over the last three years. > size of the Ramsar Sites remained the same over the last three years. 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.}. 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 Please select only one option ☑ A=Yes \square B=No ☐ C=In Preparation ☐ D=Planned 9.1 Additional information > Water Resources Management Act and Integrated Water Resources Management Plan of Namibia 9.2 Have any amendments to existing legislation been made to reflect Ramsar commitments? {1.3.5}{1.3.6} Please select only one option □ A=Yes

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9.2 Additional information

☑ B=No

□ C=In Progress□ D=Planned

	y's water governance and management systems treat wetlands as natural water ral to water resource management at the scale of river basins? {1.7.1} {1.7.2} KRA	
9.3 Additional information		
	cation, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) expertise and tools been atchment/river basin planning and management (see Resolution X.19)? {1.7.2}{1.7.3}	}
9.4 Additional inform	mation	
	ry established policies or guidelines for enhancing the role of wetlands in mitigating or change? {1.7.3} {1.7.5} KRA 1.7.iii	-
9.5 Additional information		
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 **Please select only one option** □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned		
9.6 Additional information Mainly in the area of fresh water fisheries.		
9.7 Has research to {1.6.1} KRA 1.6.i Please select only one pe	inform wetland policies and plans been undertaken in your country on: oer square.	
a) agriculture-wetland interactions	☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ D=Planned	
b) climate change	☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ D=Planned	
c) valuation of ecoystem services	☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ D=Planned	
9.7 Additional information		
9.8 Has your countr Resolution XII.10 ? Please select only one of □ A=Yes	ry submitted a request for Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention,	

☑ B=No□ C=Partially□ D=Planned
9.8 Additional information
If 'Yes', please indicate How many request have been submitted >
Target 10 The traditional knowledge innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities relevant for the wise use of wetlands and their customary use of wetland resources, are documented, respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with a full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities at all relevant levels.
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 $6.1.2/6.1.6$)
Please select only one option ☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=In Preparation ☐ C1=Partially ☐ D=Planned ☐ X=Unknown ☐ Y=Not Relevant
10.1 Additional information
10.2 Have case studies, participation in projects or successful experiences on cultural aspects of wetlands been compiled. Resolution VIII.19 and Resolution IX.21? (Action 6.1.6) Please select only one option □ 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 >
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) Please select only one option ☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=In Preparation ☐ D=Planned
10.3 Additional information
If the answer is "yes" please indicate the use or aplication of the guidelines > When deciding on listing the Bwabwata-Okavango as a Ramsar Site, local communities were consulted and their cultural and traditional association with the proposed site was assessed and considered in the management plan that was drafted.
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) Please select only one option ☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=In Preparation
□ D=Planned

10.4 Additional information

> When deciding on listing the Bwabwata-Okavango as a Ramsar Site, local communities were consulted and their cultural and traditional association with the proposed site was assessed and considered in the management plan that was drafted.

Target 11

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

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 Please select only one option □ 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
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 Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
11.2 Additional information
11.3 Have socio-economic values of wetlands been included in the management planning for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? {1.4.3}{1.4.4} KRA 1.4.iii Please select only one option ☐ 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 > One Ramsar Site, Bwabwata-Okavango Ramsar Site
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 Please select only one option □ 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 > Bwabwata-Okavango Ramsar Site

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.}

12.1 Have priority sites for wetland restoration been identified? {1.8.1} KRA 1.8.i Please select only one option □ 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 Please select only one option □ 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 >
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
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? Please select only one option A=Yes B=No D=Planned
13.1. Additional information
If 'Yes', please indicate the actions taken > Environmental Management Act of 2007 provides for environmental sustainability through adoption of measures to identify, mitigate or manage environmental risks associated with project development, and this is also applicable to Ramsar Sites.
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 Please select only one option ☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=Partially ☐ D=Planned
13.2 Additional information
13.3 Are Environmental Impact Assessments made for any development projects (such as new buildings, new roads, extractive industry) from key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries that may affect wetlands? {1.3.4} {1.3.5} KRA 1.3.iii Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Some Cases

13.3 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.}
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 Please select only one option □ 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 >
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} Please select only one option □ 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}

16.1 Has an action plan (or plans) for wetland CEPA been established? {4.1.1} KRA 4.1.i

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 Please select only one per square.

a) At the national level	☐ A=Yes ☑ B=No ☐ C=In Progress ☐ D=Planned
b) Sub national level	☐ A=Yes ☑ B=No ☐ C=In Progress ☐ D=Planned
c) Catchement/basin level	□ A=Yes ☑ B=No □ C=In Progress □ D=Planned
d) Local/site level	□ A=Yes ☑ B=No □ C=In Progress □ D=Planned

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

16.2a How many centres (visitor centres, interpretation centres, education centres) have been

established? {4.1.2} a) at Ramsar Sites Please select only one op ☑ E=Exact Number (co	ition	
> 0 ☑ F=Less than (centre	es)	
> ☑ G=More than (centr	es)	
> □ C=Partially □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant		
16.2b How many celestablished? {4.1.2} b) at other wetlands Please select only one op ☑ E=Exact Number (colored)	KRA 4.1.ii	ion centres, education centres) have been
→ 0 ☐ F=Less than (centre	es)	
\supset G=More than (centr	es)	
> □ C=Partially □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant		
16.2 Additional infor	mation	
If centres are part of n	ational or international networks, ple	ease describe the networks
16.3 Does the Contr Please select only one pe	acting Party {4.1.3} KRA 4.1.iii	
		1
a) promote stakeholder participation in decision- making on wetland planning and management	☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned	
b) specifically involve local stakeholders in the selection of new Ramsar Sites and in Ramsar Site management?	☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned	
16.3 Additional infor	mation	
		vays in which stakeholders are involved and when new Ramsar sites are identified and
16.4 Do you have ar Please select only one op □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant		onal Ramsar/Wetlands Committee? {4.1.6} KRA 4.3.v

16.4 Additional information

If 'Yes', indicate a) its membership; b) number of meetings since COP12; and c) what responsibilities the Committee has

16.5 Do you have as Committee? {4.1.6} Please select only one op □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant	KRA 4.3.v	equivalent to a National Ramsar/Wetlands
16.5 Additional info	rmation	
If 'Yes', indicate a) its has	membership; b) number of meetings	since COP12; and c) what responsibilities the Committee
	delines and other information bet 4.1.vi:	om a national committee) in place to share Ramsar ween the Administrative Authority and a), b) or c)
a) Ramsar Site managers	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned	
b) other MEA national focal points	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned	
c) other ministries, departments and agencies	□ A=Yes ☑ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned	
16.6 Additional info	rmation	
> The national focal pe	ease describe what mechanisms are ersons for Ramsar and other MEAs ar mework with each other.	in place e all in the same office and communicate regularly
	ment and NGO-led or both, been	vities (whether on 2 February or at another time of carried out in the country since COP12? {4.1.8}
16.7 Additional infor	rmation	
been carried out sin	ce COP12 to raise awareness of tefits/services provided by wetland	her than for World Wetlands Day-related activities) the importance of wetlands to people and wildlife and is? {4.1.9}
16.8 Additional info	rmation	
If these and other CEP	A activities have been undertaken b	y other organizations, please indicate this

Target 17

Financial and other resources for effectively implementing the fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024

from all sources are made available. {4.2.}
17.1a Have Ramsar contributions been paid in full for 2015, 2016 and 2017? {4.2.1} KRA 4.2.i Please select only one option ☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ Z=Not Applicable
17.1b If 'No' in 17.1 a), please clarify what plan is in place to ensure future prompt payment
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 Please select only one option ☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No
17.2 Additional information
If 'Yes' please state the amounts, and for which activities >
17.3 [For Contracting Parties with a development assistance agency only ('donor countries')]: Has the agency provided funding to support wetland conservation and management in other countries? {3.3.1} KRA 3.3.i Please select only one option □ 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 Please select only one option 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} Please select only one option □ 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? Please select only one option □ 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}	
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 Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned	
18.1 Additional information	
18.2 Are mechanisms in place at the national level for collaboration between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the focal points of UN and other global and regional bodies and agencies (e.g. UNEP, UNDP WHO, FAO, UNECE, ITTO)? {3.1.2} {3.1.3} KRA 3.1.iv Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned	,
18.2 Additional information	
18.3 Has your country received assistance from one or more UN and other global and regional bodies and agencies (e.g. UNEP, UNDP, WHO, FAO, UNECE, ITTO) or the Convention's IOPs in its implementation of the Convention? {4.4.1} KRA 4.4.ii.	
The IOPs are: BirdLife International, the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), IUCN (International Union of Conservation of Nature), Wetlands International, WWF and Wildfowl & Wetland Trust (WWT). **Please select only one option** A=Yes	or
18.3 Additional information	
If 'Yes' please name the agency (es) or IOP (s) and the type of assistance received >	
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} Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned	
18.4 Additional information	
If 'Yes' or 'Partially', please indicate the networks and wetlands involved >	
18.5 Has information about your country's wetlands and/or Ramsar Sites and their status been made public (e.g., through publications or a website)? {3.4.2} KRA 3.4.iv Please select only one option ☑ A=Yes □ B=No	

□ C=Partially □ D=Planned
18.5 Additional information
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 Please select only one option ☑ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=Partially ☐ D=Planned
18.6 Additional Information
18.7 Have all transboundary wetland systems been identified? {3.5.1} KRA 3.5.i Please select only one option ☐ 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 Please select only one option ☑ 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 > The Zambezi, Kunene, Okavango and Orange_Senqu River systems
18.9 Does your country participate in regional networks or initiatives for wetland-dependent migratory species? {3.5.3} KRA 3.5.iii Please select only one option ☑ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ D=Planned ☐ Z=Not Applicable
18.9 Additional information
Target 19 Capacity building for implementation of the Convention and the 4th Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 is enhanced.
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 Please select only one option □ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
19.1 Additional information

Please select only one option ☐ 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 > Wetlands issues are included in the curriculum at school and university level education.
19.3a How many opportunities for wetland site manager training have been provided since COP12? {4.1.5} KRA 4.1.iv a) at Ramsar Sites Please select only one option ☑ E=Exact number (opportunities)
> 0 □ F=Less than (opportunities)
¬ G=More than (opportunities)
> □ C=Partially □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
19.3b How many opportunities for wetland site manager training have been provided since COP12? {4.1.5} KRA 4.1.iv b) at other wetlands Please select only one option ☑ E=Exact number (Opportunities)
> 0 ☑ F=Less than (Opportunities)
> □ G=More than (Opportunities) □ 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 Please select only one option □ 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

Target 1: Wetland benefits

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

Target 1: Wetland benefits - Priority Please select only one option ☑ A=High ☐ B=Medium ☐ C=Low ☐ D=Not relevant ☐ E=No answer
Target 1: Wetland benefits - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
Target 1: Wetland benefits - National Targets

Target 1: Wetland benefits - Planned activity

-Draft Wetland policy of 2004 -Wetlands of Namibia of 2007

- > -Meeting of the National Ramsar committee established from the existing wetlands working group of Namibia, as prioritized in Namibia's 2nd national Biodiversity strategy and action plan 2013 to 2022, in January 2017
- -Review and updating draft Wetland policy of 2004 and development of implementation plan

Target 1: Wetland benefits - Outcomes achieved by 2018

> -2nd National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2013 to 2022

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

Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018

- > -Outcomes of the meeting of the National Ramsar committe will be available by the end of January 2017
- -Updated and revised version of Wetlands of Namibia (Manuscript prepared by end of 2017)
- -Submission of wetland policy and its implementation plan to parliament (February 2018)
- -Revised and updated version of Wetland policy and its implementation plan

Target 2: Water Use

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

Target 2: Water Use - Priority
Please select only one option
□ A=High
□ B=Medium
□ C=Low
□ D=Not relevant
□ E=No answer
Target 2: Water Use - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
Target 2: Water Use - National Targets
Target 2: Water Use - Planned activity
Target 2: Water Use - Outcomes achieved by 2018
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals
Note : this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018

Target 3: Public and private sectorsPublic 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.

arget 3: Public and private sectors - Priority lease select only one option
arget 3: Public and private sectors - Resourcing lease select only one option A=Good B=Adequate C=Limiting D=Severely limiting E=No answer
arget 3: Public and private sectors - National Targets
arget 3: Public and private sectors - Planned activity
arget 3: Public and private sectors - Outcomes achieved by 2018
outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable evelopment Goals lote: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018

Target 4: Invasive alien species

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.

Target 4: Invasive alien species - Priority Please select only one option A=High B=Medium C=Low D=Not relevant E=No answer
Target 4: Invasive alien species - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
Target 4: Invasive alien species - National Targets
Target 4: Invasive alien species - Planned activity
Target 4: Invasive alien species - Outcomes achieved by 2018
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets and Sustainable Development Goals Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018

Goal 2

Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites

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.

Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - Priority Please select only one option □ A=High □ B=Medium □ C=Low □ D=Not relevant □ E=No answer
Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate ☑ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - National Targets
Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - Planned activity > -Update 2009 information sheets for all five Ramsar sites - Walvis Bay Wetlands, Sandwich Harbour Wetland Etosha Pan, Orange River Mouth and Bwabwata Okavango -Finalise Bwabwata Okavango Ramsar site Management plan
Target 5: Ecological character of Ramsar Sites - Outcomes achieved by 2018

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

Note: this field has to be completed when the full report is submitted in January 2018

- > -Five information sheets revised (By end of 2017)
- -Management plan validated and accepted by all stakeholders (March 2017)

Target 7: Sites at risk

Development Goals

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

Target 7: Sites at risk - Priority Please select only one option □ A=High □ B=Medium □ C=Low □ D=Not relevant □ E=No answer
Target 7: Sites at risk - Resourcing Please select only one option A=Good B=Adequate C=Limiting D=Severely limiting E=No answer
Target 7: Sites at risk - National Targets
Target 7: Sites at risk - Planned activity
Target 7: Sites at risk - Outcomes achieved by 2018
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Goal 3

Target 8: National wetland inventories

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. Contrubutes to Aichi Targets 12, 14, 18, 19.

Target 8: National wetland inventories - Priority Please select only one option □ A=High □ B=Medium □ C=Low □ D=Not relevant □ E=No answer
Target 8: National wetland inventories - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
Target 8: National wetland inventories - National Targets

Target 8: National wetland inventories - Planned activity

- > -Bird counts 1992 2016 summarized and published including analysis of population trends of selected species and wetlands
- -Update of the Wetland inventory of Ramsar sites

Target 8: National wetland inventories - Outcomes achieved by 2018

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

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- > -Summary of Bird counts 1992 2016 published with analysis of population trends of selected species and wetlands in the Namibia Bird Club (Lanioturdus) Journal (by March 2017)
- -Ramsar sites inventory published (By end of 2018)

Target 9: Wise Use

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.

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Target 9: Wise Use - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer

Target 9: Wise Use - National Targets

> -Update and revision of Wetlands of Namibia (with preparation of Manuscript by end of 2017)

Target 9: Wise Use - Planned activity

> -Wetlands of Namibia (2007) will be updated and revised (Manuscript prepared) by End of 2017

Target 9: Wise Use - Outcomes achieved by 2018

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

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- > -Updated and revised version of Wetland policy and its implementation plan developed
- -Updated and revised version of Wetlands of Namibia (with Manuscript prepared by end of 2017)

Target 10: Traditional Knowledge

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.

Target 10: Traditional Knowledge - Priority
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Target 10: Traditional Knowledge - National Targets
Target 10: Traditional Knowledge - Planned activity
Target 10: Traditional Knowledge - Outcomes achieved by 2018
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Target 11: Wetland functions

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

Target 11: Wetland functions - Priority Please select only one option □ A=High □ B=Medium □ C=Low □ D=Not relevant □ E=No answer
Target 11: Wetland functions - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
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Target 12: Restoration

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.

Target 12: Restoration - Priority Please select only one option □ A=High □ B=Medium □ C=Low □ D=Not relevant □ E=No answer
Target 12: Restoration - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
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Target 12: Restoration - Outcomes achieved by 2018
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Target 13: Enhanced sustainability

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.

Target 13: Enhanced sustainability - Priority Please select only one option A=High B=Medium C=Low D=Not relevant E=No answer
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Goal 4

Target 15: Regional Initiatives

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.}

Target 15: Regional Initiatives - Priority Please select only one option □ A=High □ B=Medium □ C=Low □ D=Not relevant □ E=No answer
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Target 16: Wetlands conservation and wise use

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

Target 16: Wetlands conservation and wise use - Priority Please select only one option A=High B=Medium C=Low
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Target 17: Financial and other resources

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.

Target 17: Financial and other resources - Priority Please select only one option □ A=High □ B=Medium □ C=Low □ D=Not relevant □ E=No answer
Target 17: Financial and other resources - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
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Target 18: International cooperation

International cooperation is strengthened at all levels {3.1}

Target 18: International cooperation - Priority Please select only one option □ A=High □ B=Medium □ C=Low □ D=Not relevant □ E=No answer
Target 18: International cooperation - Resourcing Please select only one option □ A=Good □ B=Adequate □ C=Limiting □ D=Severely limiting □ E=No answer
Target 18: International cooperation - National Targets

Target 18: International cooperation - Planned activity

> -Investigate option of transboundary Wetland linking Bwabwata Okavango Ramsar site to Botswana's Okavango Ramsar site

Target 18: International cooperation - Outcomes achieved by 2018

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

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> -Submission of transboundary wetland option linking the 2 Okavango Ramsar sites of Namibia and Botswana (by end of 2018)

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

Target 19: Capacity Building - Priority Please select only one option A=High B=Medium C=Low D=Not relevant E=No answer
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Section 5: Optional annex to allow any Contracting Party that so wishes to provide additional information regarding any of all of its designated Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) Guidance for filling in this section

- 1. Contracting Parties can provide additional information specific to any or all of their designated Ramsar Sites, given that the situation and status of individual Ramsar Sites can differ greatly within the territory of a Contracting Party.
- 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 guestion', please select one answer from the legend.
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Namibia

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