



Agenda item 13.1 DOC. SC41-22

Promotion and utilization of the “Changwon Declaration” (Resolution X.3, Decision SC40-22)

41st Meeting of the Standing Committee Kobuleti,
Georgia, 26 April – 1 May 2010

Background to the ‘Changwon Declaration’

- Adopted during COP10 as Res X.3 ‘Changwon Declaration on human well-being and wetlands’
- Aimed to:
 - compliment the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2009-2015, and
 - to transmit key messages about the importance of the role of wetlands for decision-makers and stakeholders in other sectors beyond the usual Ramsar community whose work also depends on healthy wetlands and their services, in order to ensure the conservation and wise use of wetlands.

'Changwon Declaration' meeting (18-20 November 2009)



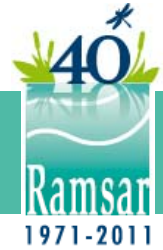
Question 1

Have you brought the “Changwon Declaration” to the attention of your:	%Yes	%No
a. head of state	45	56
b. parliament	28	72
c. private society	22	78
d. civil society	50	50

Question 2

Have you encouraged other government sectors to respond to the call for action for wetlands embodied in the “Changwon Declaration”:	%Yes	%No
a. Water management	67	33
b. Human health	39	61
c. Climate change	67	33
c. Poverty reduction	28	72
d. Spatial planning	44	56

Question 3



Has the “Changwon Declaration” been used to inform:	%Yes	%No
a. Your national policies and decision-making	56	44
b. The position of your national delegation to other external processes, e.g. UN agencies, MEAs	33	67

Question 4

Have you translated and disseminated the “Changwon Declaration” into local languages relevant for your country?	%Yes	%No
	22	78

Question 5

Do you have any other comments on your experiences so far in using and disseminating the “Changwon Declaration”:

- It is a good support to promote and highlight central themes of the Ramsar Convention and its relation with other Conventions and pending tasks.
- Most of the components of this declaration are part of our Management process and are in operation in almost all the identified wetlands under the National Wetland Conservation Programme.
- We have not done anything due to the economic situation but I do hope to see soon some light appearing at the end of the tunnel!

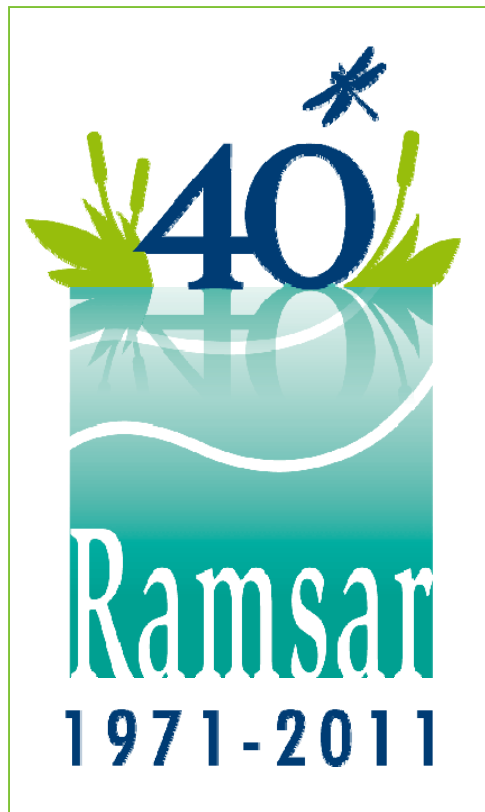
Comments from the ‘Changwon Declaration meeting’

Do you have any other comments on your experiences so far in using and disseminating the “Changwon Declaration”:

- ***Implementing the Changwon Declaration:*** We need to endeavor to develop mechanisms to reach out to as wide a range of relevant stakeholders as possible outside of the usual Ramsar community, in order to ensure the wise use of wetlands and the implementation of the actions outlined in the Declaration.
- ***Raising awareness of the Changwon Declaration:*** There is a need to promote greater awareness of the Declaration at all levels, such as by organizing side events during meetings and producing articles in newsletters or other materials.
- During the meeting, there was also a call for the sharing of case studies of activities or programmes that have been carried out which were in the spirit of implementing the Declaration.



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