

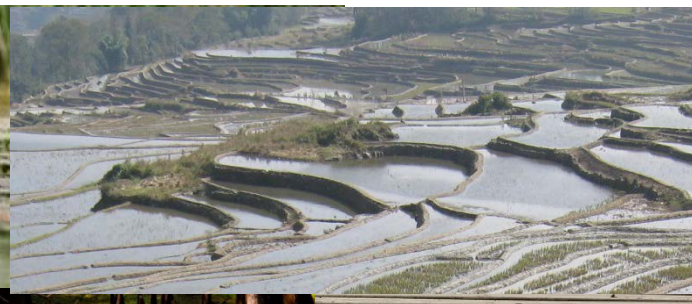
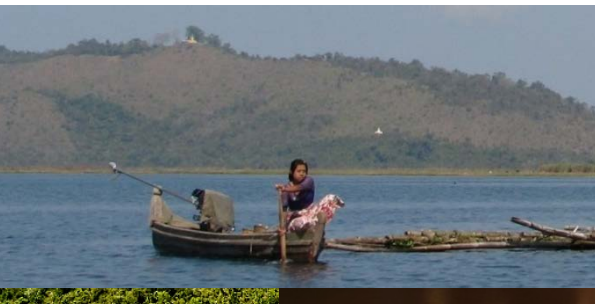


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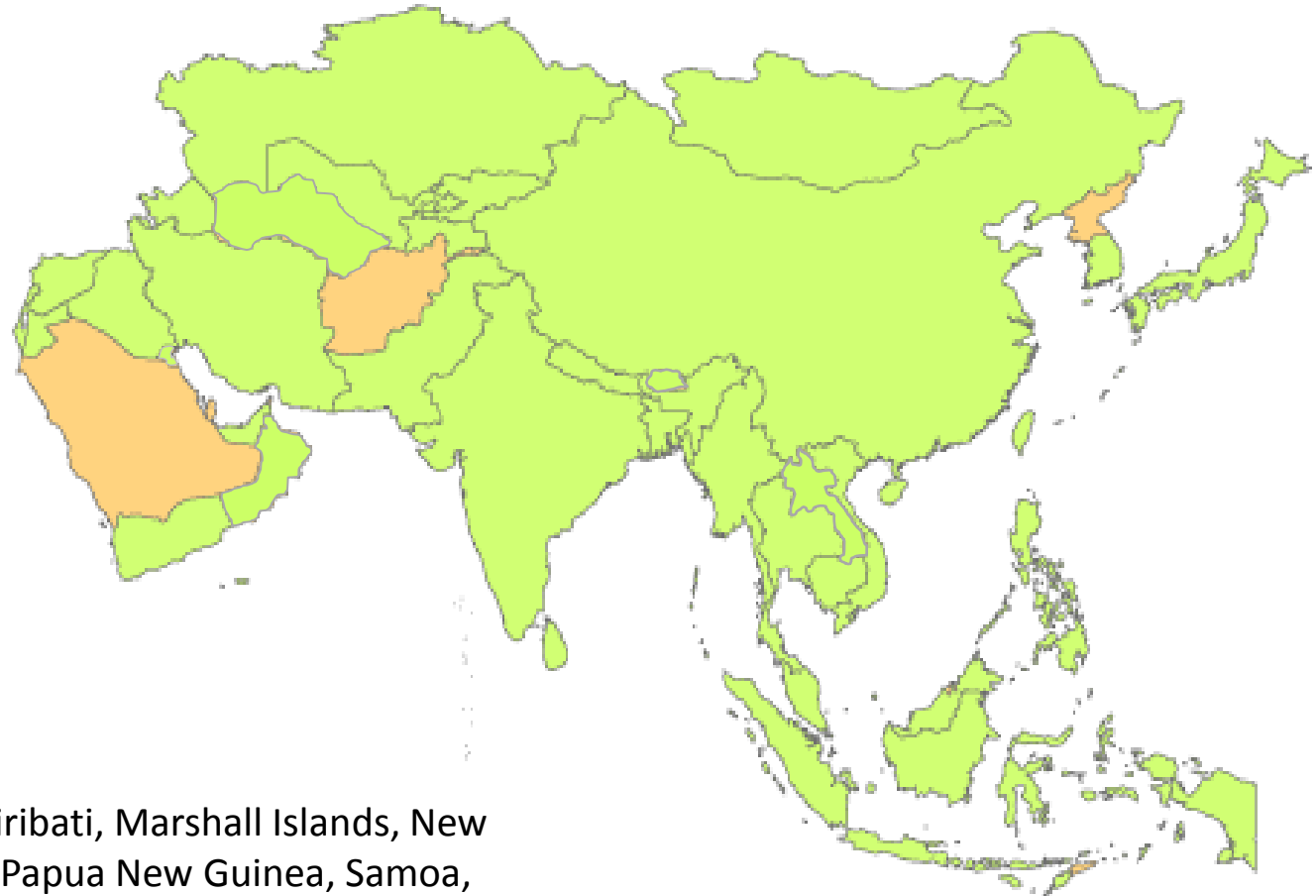
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Oceania



Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa,

Future priorities : Wise use



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- 1. Establish and update national wetland inventories** To include information on:
 - the ecosystem services that the site provides;
 - the communities living in and around the site.
- 2. National wetland policy**
 - should be harmonized with other relevant national strategies, e.g. for water, biodiversity, sustainable development etc,
 - and to implement that strategy.
- 3. Improve coordination and communication**
 - Between institutions and stakeholders at all levels so as to avoid duplication of effort and wastage of resources;
 - This may include establishing a broad-based national wetland committee or equivalent.



Future priorities : Ramsar Sites (1)



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1. Designation of Ramsar Sites

Focus on quantity and quality, i.e. to list priority wetlands, build capacity and provide knowledge and tools for effective conservation.

- Simple handbook on Site management;
- Ecosystem approach to Site management;
- Roll out the 'Ramsar-Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool' (R-METT) (Res XII.15).



Future priorities : Ramsar Sites (2)

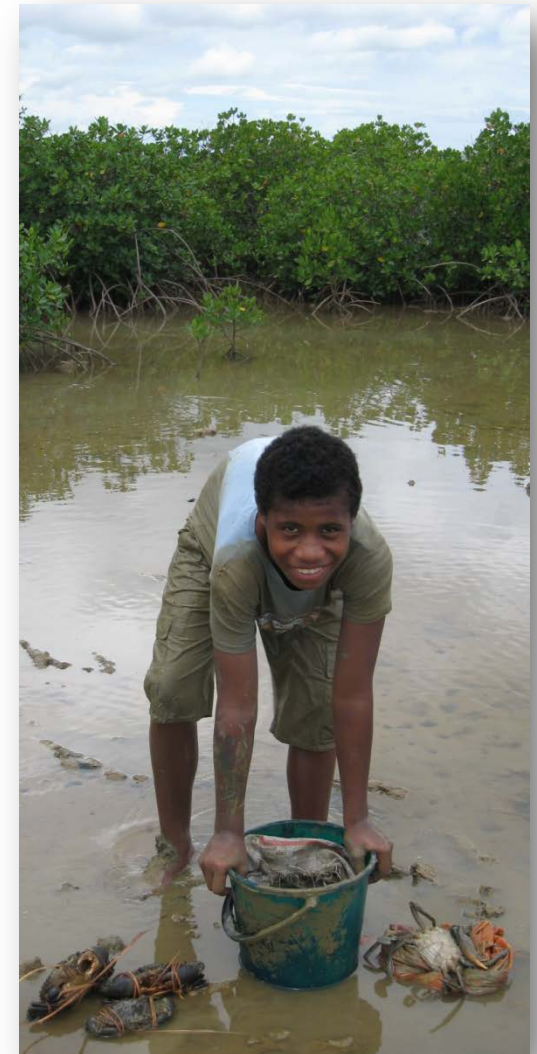


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2. Management of Ramsar Sites

- How best to manage Ramsar Sites that are not nationally designated as protected areas;
- Work with local stakeholders to develop and implement the site management plan that incorporates the site's scientific, socio-economic and cultural values;
- Build the capacity of site managers in the conservation and wise use of the wetland;
- Developing visit programmes.



Future priorities : Ramsar Sites (3)



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Consideration of the local community at wetland and Ramsar Sites:

- the Mission of the Convention (Strategic Plan 2016-2024)
“Conservation and wise use of all wetlands.... as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world.”
- Res IX.14, para. 10: to assess “...*the economic, social, cultural and livelihood values of individual wetlands and wetlands in general and the benefits/services they deliver,...*” ;
- Res X.3, page 7: to ensure that the “...*wise use, management, and restoration of wetlands should help to build opportunities for improving people’s livelihoods, particularly for wetland-dependent, marginalised and vulnerable people...*”;
- Res XII.15, para. 20: to monitor “...*the socio-economic status of any indigenous peoples and local communities,...*” at Ramsar Sites so as to see if the status has improved as a result of the designation and management of the Site.

Summary



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Ecosystem approach to Site management

- 1. Wetland ecosystems services**
 - rapid assessment methodology
 - inclusion in wetland inventories
 - inclusion in site management and monitoring plans
- 2. Greater recognition of socio-economic issues in the management of Ramsar Sites**
 - rapid assessment methodology
 - inclusion in wetland inventories
 - inclusion in site management and monitoring plans

Guidance

- 1. Ramsar Handbooks**
 - updated
- 2. Index to past Resolutions**
 - on particular topics
- 3. Database of case studies and examples**
 - National Wetland Inventories;
 - National Wetland Policies;
 - Site management plans, etc.

