

**Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**  
**19th Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)**  
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### **Correlation of COP12 Resolutions requests, Fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan targets and indicators with STRP Thematic Work Areas and existing literature**

The Ramsar Secretariat prepared the correlation table below, building on a preliminary literature review survey prepared by the STRP Chair (DOC.STRP19-3), COP12 requests to the STRP and the Fourth Strategic Plan, to assist the STRP in the development of its work plan for the 2016-2018 triennium in line with Resolution XII.5, Annex I, paragraph 50.

These requests for STRP assistance are mapped against the five STRP thematic work areas and the Fourth Strategic Plan targets and indicators, as well as relevant existing guidance and literature to assist with the identification of potential gaps. It is important to note that some of the COP12 Resolutions' requests overlap with more than one thematic work area and it is expected that the Panel will build upon this document during the course of the meeting.

<b>Total number of requests to STRP in COP12 Resolutions per Thematic Work Area</b>	
<b>1. Monitoring, surveying, mapping and inventorying</b>	Six requests to STRP
<b>2. Ramsar sites &amp; wetlands management</b>	Four Requests to STRP
<b>3. Wetland Valuation</b>	Zero requests to STRP
<b>4. Balancing conservation and development</b>	One requests to STRP
<b>5. Climate change and restoration</b>	Four requests to STRP
<b>Other</b>	Ten requests to STRP

SP target, indicator	No./Title	Para.	1. Monitoring, surveying, mapping and inventoring	2. Ramsar sites & wetlands management	3. Wetland Valuation	4. Balancing conservation and development	5. Climate change and restoration	Other	Existing Res./ Briefing Notes/Ramsar Technical Reports
All	XII.2: The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024	15						URGES all Contracting Parties, the Standing Committee, the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, The CEPA Oversight Panel, the Secretariat, and INVITES the Convention's International Organization Partners and the Regional Initiatives to take on the renewed challenge of implementing the Strategic Plan through its goals and targets;	
3.08	XII.2: The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024	24	Submit to IPBES a request for a thematic assessment on the current status and trends of wetlands, including their condition, and explore further how the Convention can contribute to the work of IPBES, including the regional and global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services [Request is to Secretariat						DOC. SC47-19, Annex I, Outcomes of the second plenary meeting of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-2)

			but pursuant to the interim guidelines for developing requests to IPBES for its future work programmes, adopted by SC46, all proposals must be submitted to the STRP ]						
3.12	XII.2: The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024	Goal 3,12					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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramsar Handbook 19: Addressing change in wetland ecological character (4th ed.)</li> <li>• Resolution VIII.16: Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration</li> <li>• COP10 DOC. 25: Additional information on climate change and wetlands issues</li> <li>• STRP Briefing Note No. 4: The benefits of wetland restoration</li> <li>• Peatlands - guidance for climate</li> </ul>

									<p>change mitigation through conservation, rehabilitation and sustainable use (WI et al.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment on peatlands, biodiversity and climate change (WI et al.)</li> <li>• The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for Water and Wetlands</li> <li>• Guiding principles for delivering coastal wetland carbon projects (UNEP, CIFOR, et al.)</li> <li>• Peatlands, climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation (Norden)</li> <li>• Peatlands</li> </ul>
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									<p>and Climate Change in a Ramsar Context—a Nordic Baltic Perspective (Norden)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restoring the Great Lakes’ Coastal Future: Technical Guidance for the Design and Implementation of Climate-Smart Restoration Projects (NWF &amp; NOAA)</li> </ul>
4.00	XII.2: The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024	27	Provide support to expert group for the development of options for additional indicators for the SP						
4.14	XII.2: The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024	Goal 4,14						STRP leads with Secretariat support to produce guidance: Scientific guidance and technical methodologies at global and regional levels is	

								developed on relevant topics and is available to policy makers and practitioners in an appropriate format and language	
3.08, 4.18 & 3.00	XII.3: Enhancing the languages of the Convention and its visibility and stature, and increasing synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions	48						REQUESTS the Secretariat and STRP to continue the cooperation with IPBES both on requests from Ramsar to IPBES and the use of the outcomes from IPBES in the work of the convention.	DOC. SC47-19, Annex I, Outcomes of the second plenary meeting of IPBES-2
3.08, 4.18 & 3.00	XII.3: Enhancing the languages of the Convention and its visibility and stature, and increasing synergies with other multilateral environmental	49						REQUEST the STRP assisted by the Secretariat to establish guidelines for formulation, approval and transmission of requests from Ramsar to IPBES and submit this to the next Conference of the Contracting Parties for	DOC. SC47-19, Annex I, Outcomes of the second plenary meeting of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-2)

	agreements and other international institutions							adoption, as requested by COP11 in XI.6;	
3.13, 4.18	XII.3: Enhancing the languages of the Convention and its visibility and stature, and increasing synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions	52	REQUESTS the STRP, in collaboration with relevant partners, to explore how it might contribute on wetland issues to any eventual monitoring and indicator framework for relevant Sustainable Development Goals and targets;						<i>No existing guidance on the matter: STRP to discuss during STRP19 on this request</i>
4.14 & 4.00	XII.5: Proposed new framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice and guidance on the Convention	20						STRP to develop its work plan/ work programme for the 2016-2018 triennium for the Standing Committee's approval and in full coherence with the 2016-2024 Strategic Plan of the Convention;	

4.14 & 4.16	XII.5: Proposed new framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice and guidance on the Convention	25	REQUESTS the STRP and the Secretary General, subject to the availability of resources, to finalize the production of the current version of The State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People and to explore modalities for its subsequent improvement and updating as a periodic flagship report of the Convention and thereby also contributing to the Global Biodiversity Outlook of the Convention on Biological Diversity and report on progress in this matter to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties;						
4.17 & 4.18	XII.7: Resource Mobilization and Partnership Framework of the Ramsar Convention	14						REQUESTS the Standing Committee as a high priority task and with the committed assistance of the Secretariat and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel to respond to the invitation from the Parties to the CBD to provide elements of advice, as appropriate, concerning	



								<p>funding of national and transboundary Wetlands initiatives, that may be referred to the GEF through the Conference of the Parties to the CBD;</p>	
4.16	<p>XII.9: The Ramsar Convention's Programme on communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA) 2016-2024</p>	9						<p>REQUESTS the Standing Committee at its 51st Meeting to establish a mechanism of the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat which will guide the communication activities of the Secretariat, including setting priorities and guiding the design of the Secretariat's CEPA Action Plan, monitor the effectiveness of the Plan, and report to the Management Working Group at each of its meetings, and FURTHER REQUESTS that the resulting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramsar Handbook 6: Wetland CEPA (4th ed.)</li> </ul>

								mechanism work to develop with advice of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) a new approach for advising and supporting CEPA in the Convention to be submitted to the 13th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP13).	
4.14	XII.11: Peatlands, climate change and wise use: Implications for the Ramsar Convention	24	REQUESTS that the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) with respect to its Work Plan related to the 4th Strategic Plan, consider in conjunction with interested Contracting Parties and Ramsar IOPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- developing guidelines for inventories of peatlands for their designation as Wetlands of International Importance,</li> <li>- developing guidelines for the further application, as regards peatlands, of Criterion 1 for the selection of Wetlands of International Importance and in particular paragraph 121 of Annex</li> </ul>				REQUESTS that the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) with respect to its Work Plan related to the 4th Strategic Plan, consider in conjunction with interested Contracting Parties and Ramsar IOPs; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- advising the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on practical methods for rewetting and restoring peatlands;</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramsar Handbook 13: Inventory, assessment, and monitoring (4th ed.)</li> <li>• Ramsar Handbook 15: Wetland inventory (4th ed.)</li> <li>• Ramsar Technical Report No. 4: A Framework for a Wetland Inventory Metadatabase</li> <li>• Handbook 17:</li> </ul>

			<p>2 to Resolution XI.8 as pertinent to this resolution; - evaluating the progress made with the implementation of the “Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands” and - advising the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on practical methods for rewetting and restoring peatlands;</p>						<p>Designating Ramsar Sites (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resolution X.15: Describing the ecological character of wetlands, and data needs and formats for core inventory: harmonized scientific and technical guidance</li><li>• Resolution VIII.6: A Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory</li><li>• Resolution VIII.17: Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands</li><li>• Resolution XI.8 Annex 2: Strategic Framework and guidelines for the future development of the List of Wetlands of International</li></ul>
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									Importance of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) – 2012 revision
4.14	Peatlands, climate change and wise use: Implications for the Ramsar Convention	28		REQUESTS the Secretariat, working with STRP, IOPs and other stakeholders to compile best practices in peatland restoration techniques to support the work of wetland managers and share them through the official Ramsar Convention website			REQUESTS the Secretariat, working with STRP, IOPs and other stakeholders to compile best practices in peatland restoration techniques to support the work of wetland managers and share them through the official Ramsar Convention website		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution VIII.16: Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration</li> <li>• Resolution VIII.17: Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands</li> <li>• Peatlands - guidance for climate change mitigation through conservation, rehabilitation and sustainable use (WI et al.)</li> <li>• STRP Briefing Note No. 4: The benefits of wetland restoration</li> </ul>

<p>4.14</p>	<p>XII.12: Call to action to ensure and protect the water requirements of wetlands for the present and the future</p>	<p>24</p>			<p>REQUESTS that the Scientific and Technical Review Panel and the CEPA Oversight Panel consider drawing up, in cooperation with existing networks and initiatives,</p> <p>guidelines for the elaboration of national action plans, to conserve the water necessary to maintain the wise use of wetlands, which may be implemented at the regional and/or national level, in line with the 4th Strategic Plan, and INVITES interested Contracting Parties to adopt national action plans, taking in to account:</p> <p>a. Integration with other global initiatives, in particular on the contribution of wetlands to any Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) eventually agreed;</p> <p>b. Assessment of the situation regarding</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution IX.1, Annex Cii: Guidelines for the management of groundwater to maintain wetland ecological character</li> <li>• Resolution VIII.1: Guidelines for the allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands</li> <li>• Ramsar Technical Report No. 9: Determination and implementation of environmental water requirements for estuaries</li> <li>• Flow: The essentials of environmental flows (IUCN, EFSC)</li> </ul>
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					<p>wetland water requirements;</p> <p>c. Strategies and tools for the determination and allocation of water to wetlands on a national scale;</p> <p>d. A programme for monitoring the water requirements of wetlands on a national scale and hydrographic basins, as appropriate;</p> <p>e. International cooperation for the creation and strengthening of existing research networks and specialized regional centres and for institutional capacity building; and</p> <p>f. Communication, education and raising public awareness about the need to consider ecological flows for maintaining habitats and ecosystems, as well as the benefits for the environment and human health that</p>			
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						these wetlands offer.			
1.01 & 3.11	XII.13: Wetlands and disaster risk reduction	25		REQUESTS the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) to consider reviewing and compiling existing guidance on wetland ecosystem-based adaptation concerning disaster risk reduction in the development of their programme of work in line with the 4th Strategic Plan in order to present a set of practical policies and guidance which can be initiated by governments, for the management and wise use of wetlands to build resilience to natural hazards, especially dust and sand storms, floods, drought, fire, landslides, coastal erosion, tsunamis and storm surges, as well as to accelerated sea level rise, and which include the use of risk-based approaches in line with the Wetland					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STRP Briefing Note No. 5: Evaluating the risk to Ramsar Sites from climate change induced sea level rise</li> <li>• Ramsar Technical Report No. 5: A Framework for assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to climate change</li> <li>• Resolution VII.10: Wetland Risk Assessment Framework</li> <li>• COP10 DOC. 25: Additional information on climate change and wetlands issues</li> </ul>

				<p>Risk Assessment Framework approved through Resolution VII.10, and to develop appropriate indicators and baseline information for demonstrating progress towards the integration of wetland management in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation strategies in such a way that the aforementioned guidelines are incorporated in existing national strategic spatial planning instruments;</p>					
1.01 & 3.11	XII.13: Wetlands and disaster risk reduction	27	<p>FURTHER REQUESTS the STRP to consider the role of wetland conservation, restoration and wise use in disaster risk reduction and in addressing the impacts of climate change in coordination with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as well as identify economic valuation, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in the development of</p>				<p>FURTHER REQUESTS the STRP to consider the role of wetland conservation, restoration and wise use in disaster risk reduction and in addressing the impacts of climate change in coordination with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as well as identify economic valuation, monitoring</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STRP Briefing Note No. 5: Evaluating the risk to Ramsar Sites from climate change induced sea level rise</li> <li>• STRP Briefing Note No. 4: The benefits of wetland restoration</li> <li>• Ramsar</li> </ul>



			<p>their programme of work in line with the 4th Strategic Plan;</p>				<p>and evaluation mechanisms in the development of their programme of work in line with the 4th Strategic Plan;</p>		<p>Technical Report No. 5: A Framework for assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution VII.10: Wetland Risk Assessment Framework</li> <li>• Resolution VIII.16: Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration</li> <li>• COP10 DOC. 25: Additional information on climate change and wetlands issues</li> <li>• The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for Water and Wetlands</li> <li>• Restoring the Great Lakes' Coastal Future:</li> </ul>
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3.11	XII.13: Wetlands and disaster risk reduction	28						REQUESTS the STRP to consider monitoring the discussions, developments and trends in international fora on the role of wetland conservation, restoration and wise use in disaster risk reduction and in climate change adaptation in the development of their work in line with the 4th Strategic Plan;	
3.11	XII.13: Wetlands and disaster risk reduction	29						FURTHER REQUESTS the STRP, if this work is approved by the Standing Committee, to	

								keep Contracting Parties informed of these discussions, developments and trends through the STRP report at future Standing Committees	
4.19	XII.13: Wetlands and disaster risk reduction	30		FURTHER REQUESTS the STRP to consider supporting the capacity-building activities of wetland managers on disaster risk reduction in the development of their programme of work in line with the 4th Strategic Plan;					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COP10 DOC. 33: Enhancing wetland wise use: a guide for capacity development</li> </ul>
4.19 & 2.5	XII.15: Evaluation of the management and conservation effectiveness of Ramsar Sites	21		EMPHASIZES the importance of evaluating the management effectiveness of Ramsar Sites and, where mechanisms are not already in place, that some Contracting Parties on a voluntary basis may find it useful to refer to appropriate Protected Area Management Evaluation (PAME) tools for effective management over time; and URGES the Ramsar Secretariat, STRP, International					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution XII.15: Evaluation of the management and conservation effectiveness of Ramsar Sites</li> <li>• COP12 DOC.20: Information Paper: Management effectiveness assessments for Ramsar Sites</li> <li>• Resolution</li> </ul>

				<p>Organization Partners (IOPs), Ramsar Regional Centres and other partners to consider supporting the Contracting Parties in their efforts, including capacity building to apply management effectiveness tools;</p>						<p>XI.11: Principles for the planning and management of urban and peri-urban wetlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COP10 DOC. 33: Enhancing wetland wise use: a guide for capacity development</li> <li>• Ramsar Handbook 18: Managing wetlands (4th ed.)</li> <li>• Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (WWF &amp; WB)</li> </ul>
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