

## Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention

*16/05/2018*

**Number of Contracting Parties: 170**

Country	Entry into force	Notes
Albania	29.02.1996	
Algeria	04.03.1984	
Andorra	23.11.2012	
Antigua and Barbuda	02.10.2005	
Argentina	04.09.1992	
Armenia	06.11.1993	
Australia	21.12.1975	
Austria	16.04.1983	
Azerbaijan	21.09.2001	
Bahamas	07.06.1997	
Bahrain	27.02.1998	
Bangladesh	21.09.1992	
Barbados	12.04.2006	
Belarus	25.08.1991	On 22 November 1999, Belarus made its declaration of succession to the former Soviet Union in respect to the Convention on Wetlands, and the Convention came into force for Belarus as of the date of its independence, 25 August 1991.
Belgium	04.07.1986	
Belize	22.08.1998	
Benin	24.05.2000	
Bhutan	07.09.2012	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	27.10.1990	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	01.03.1992	On 24 September 2001, Bosnia and Herzegovina made its declaration of succession to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in respect to the Convention on Wetlands, and the Convention came into force for Bosnia and Herzegovina as of the date that it assumed responsibility for its international relations, 1 March 1992.

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Botswana	09.04.1997	
Brazil	24.09.1993	
Bulgaria	24.01.1976	
Burkina Faso	27.10.1990	
Burundi	05.10.2002	
Cabo Verde	18.11.2005	
Cambodia	23.10.1999	
Cameroon	20.07.2006	
Canada	15.05.1981	
Central African Republic	05.04.2006	
Chad	13.10.1990	
Chile	27.11.1981	
China	31.07.1992	
Colombia	18.10.1998	
Comoros	09.06.1995	
Congo	18.10.1998	
Costa Rica	27.04.1992	
Côte d'Ivoire	27.06.1996	
Croatia	25.06.1991	
Cuba	12.08.2001	
Cyprus	11.11.2001	
Czech Republic	01.01.1993	The Convention on Wetlands came into force for the Czech Republic on 1 January 1993, following the dissolution of Czechoslovakia.
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	16.05.2018	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	18.05.1996	
Denmark	02.01.1978	
Djibouti	22.03.2003	
Dominican Republic	15.09.2002	
Ecuador	07.01.1991	
Egypt	09.09.1988	
El Salvador	22.05.1999	
Equatorial Guinea	02.10.2003	
Estonia	29.07.1994	

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Fiji	11.08.2006	
Finland	21.12.1975	
France	01.12.1986	
Gabon	30.04.1987	
Gambia	16.01.1997	
Georgia	07.06.1997	
Germany	26.06.1976	
Ghana	22.06.1988	
Greece	21.12.1975	
Grenada	22.09.2012	
Guatemala	26.10.1990	
Guinea	18.03.1993	
Guinea-Bissau	14.05.1990	
Honduras	23.10.1993	
Hungary	11.08.1979	
Iceland	02.04.1978	
India	01.02.1982	
Indonesia	08.08.1992	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21.12.1975	
Iraq	17.02.2008	
Ireland	15.03.1985	
Israel	12.03.1997	
Italy	14.04.1977	
Jamaica	07.02.1998	
Japan	17.10.1980	
Jordan	10.05.1977	
Kazakhstan	02.05.2007	
Kenya	05.10.1990	
Kiribati	03.08.2013	
Kuwait	05.09.2015	
Kyrgyzstan	12.03.2003	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	28.09.2010	
Latvia	25.11.1995	
Lebanon	16.08.1999	

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Lesotho	01.11.2004	
Liberia	02.11.2003	
Libya	05.08.2000	
Liechtenstein	06.12.1991	
Lithuania	20.12.1993	
Luxembourg	15.08.1998	
Madagascar	25.01.1999	
Malawi	14.03.1997	
Malaysia	10.03.1995	
Mali	25.09.1987	
Malta	30.01.1989	
Marshall Islands	13.11.2004	
Mauritania	22.02.1983	
Mauritius	30.09.2001	
Mexico	04.11.1986	
Monaco	20.12.1997	
Mongolia	08.04.1998	
Montenegro	03.06.2006	<p>The Convention on Wetlands came into force for the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 28 July 1977. UNESCO informed the Ramsar Bureau that on 3 July 2001 the Federal Republic Yugoslavia accepted the Ramsar Convention as a successor State to the SFR of Yugoslavia, as of 27 April 1992. The country's name was changed to Serbia and Montenegro as of 4 February 2003. Following the referendum of 21 May 2006, Montenegro and Serbia altered their constitutional arrangements. On 18 June 2007, Montenegro officially declared its succession to the Ramsar Convention as from 3 June 2006.</p>
Morocco	20.10.1980	
Mozambique	03.12.2004	
Myanmar	17.03.2005	
Namibia	23.12.1995	
Nepal	17.04.1988	
Netherlands	23.09.1980	
New Zealand	13.12.1976	
Nicaragua	30.11.1997	
Niger	30.08.1987	

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Nigeria	02.02.2001	
Norway	21.12.1975	
Oman	19.08.2013	
Pakistan	23.11.1976	
Palau	18.02.2003	
Panama	26.11.1990	
Papua New Guinea	16.07.1993	
Paraguay	07.10.1995	
Peru	30.03.1992	
Philippines	08.11.1994	
Poland	22.03.1978	
Portugal	24.03.1981	
Republic of Korea	28.07.1997	
Republic of Moldova	20.10.2000	
Romania	21.09.1991	
Russian Federation	11.02.1977	The Convention on Wetlands came into force for the Russian Federation as successor to the former Soviet Union on 11 February 1977.
Rwanda	01.04.2006	
Saint Lucia	19.06.2002	
Samoa	06.02.2005	
Sao Tome and Principe	21.12.2006	
Senegal	11.11.1977	
Serbia	27.04.1992	The Convention on Wetlands came into force for the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 28 July 1977. UNESCO informed the Ramsar Bureau that on 3 July 2001 the Federal Republic Yugoslavia accepted the Ramsar Convention as a successor State to the SFR of Yugoslavia, as of 27 April 1992. The country's name was changed to Serbia and Montenegro as of 4 February 2003. Following the referendum of 21 May 2006, Montenegro and Serbia altered their constitutional arrangements. The Republic of Serbia notified the Secretariat on 5 June 2006 that the Republic of Serbia continues to exercise its rights and honour its commitments deriving from international treaties concluded by Serbia and Montenegro.
Seychelles	22.03.2005	
Sierra Leone	13.04.2000	

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Slovakia	01.01.1993	The Convention on Wetlands came into force for Slovakia on 1 January 1993, following the dissolution of Czechoslovakia.
Slovenia	25.06.1991	The Convention on Wetlands came into force for Slovenia by declaration of succession to the SFR of Yugoslavia on 25 June 1991.
South Africa	21.12.1975	
South Sudan	10.10.2013	
Spain	04.09.1982	
Sri Lanka	15.10.1990	
Sudan	07.05.2005	
Suriname	22.11.1985	
Swaziland	15.06.2013	
Sweden	05.04.1975	
Switzerland	16.05.1976	
Syrian Arab Republic	05.07.1998	
Tajikistan	18.11.2001	
Thailand	13.09.1998	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	08.09.1991	
Togo	04.11.1995	
Trinidad and Tobago	21.04.1993	
Tunisia	24.03.1981	
Turkey	13.11.1994	
Turkmenistan	03.07.2009	
Uganda	04.07.1988	
Ukraine	01.12.1991	
United Arab Emirates	29.12.2007	
United Kingdom	05.05.1976	
United Republic of Tanzania	13.08.2000	
United States of America	18.12.1986	
Uruguay	22.09.1984	
Uzbekistan	08.02.2002	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	23.11.1988	
Viet Nam	20.01.1989	
Yemen	08.02.2008	

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Zambia	28.12.1991	
Zimbabwe	03.05.2013	