

## Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention

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**Number of Contracting Parties: 169**

| 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 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              |   |
| Fiji                             | 11.08.2006              |   |
| Finland                          | 21.12.1975              |   |

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| 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              |              |
| Lesotho                          | 01.11.2004              |              |
| Liberia                          | 02.11.2003              |              |

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| 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       |  |
| Nigeria          | 02.02.2001       |  |
| Norway           | 21.12.1975       |  |

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| 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              |              |