

**Combined annual reporting and forward planning format  
for Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Annex I of DOC. SC41-13)**

Annual Summary Report for Year 2014 and Plan for Year 2015

(4 pages maximum)

**1. Title of your Regional Initiative:**

**RAMSAR CENTRE FOR EASTERN AFRICA (RAMCEA)**

**2. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2014**

Provide a simple summary on your work undertaken by listing your activities, the results achieved and your indicators of success according to the format below:

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Results/outputs</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
	activity undertaken	achievements	verification of success
<b>To promote and ensure best practices on sustainable wetlands management in the region</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish and disseminate Lessons learnt documents and case studies that demonstrate best practices</li> <li>Facilitate the participation in Regional Wetlands Forum/Symposia on Wetlands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity not undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publications</li> <li>Workshop reports</li> </ul>
<b>To determine the status and trends of wetland resources in the region to guide decision making</b>	Finalize, Publish and disseminate a regional wetlands research strategy	Draft Regional Wetlands Research strategy prepared	Research Strategy Document
<b>To Enhance the knowledge base and stakeholder awareness on sustainable wetland management in the region</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate a regional platform to coordinate implementation of CEPA activities by partner states</li> <li>Hold 1 regional CEPA dialogue</li> </ul>	Regional CEPA platform established  1 CEPA dialogue session held among the partner states	Regional CEPA Platform
	Conduct orientation training for National Ramsar Committees of Partner States	TORs and list of National Ramsar Committee members prepared	TORs and list of National Ramsar Committee members
	Conduct refresher course for the pool of 10 trainers in the region	Detailed database of trainers prepared Training plan prepared	Database of trainers Training Plan
	Conduct training of Ramsar Site Managers	Training Plan prepared	Training Plan
<b>To support wetland policies and institutional processes in the region to enhance wetland management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate operations of TEEB Regional hub</li> <li>Facilitate Wetland Policy Processes in Partner States</li> </ul>	Analysis of Wetlands Policy Processes in Partners states prepared	Technical reports
<b>To develop and maintain a regional network of Ramsar sites and other wetlands that provide important ecosystem services</b>	Carry out consultations for twining of three Ramsar sites namely Lake Natron (Tanzania), Lake	Initial consultations made with the National Focal Point for United Republic of Tanzania and Kenya	Reports

	Nakuru (Kenya) and Lake (Uganda) Ramsar sites and sign memorandum of cooperation		
<b>To facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council and Secretariat</b>	Hold 2 meetings of RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council and Technical Committees	Meeting re-scheduled for the first quarter of 2015 due to unforeseen logistical issues	Minutes and Reports
	Provide operating costs for RAMCEA Secretariat pay staff salaries provide office facilities	New RAMCEA Secretariat offices acquired and equipped	Functional RAMCEA Secretariat

If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

**Although no funds were received from the Ramsar Core budget sources, the following was achieved during the year 2014 using funds from other sources:**

- The RAMCEA website was further developed and finalized and made ready for launching
- There was enhanced collaboration with Birdlife International, IUCN, UNDP, Nature Uganda, Uganda Wildlife Society and Wetlands Management Department for the preparation and dissemination of lessons learnt and best practices in wetlands management.
- In collaboration with UNESCO-IHE, Birdlife Africa Programme and other partners developed a project for funding by MacArthur Foundation on Lake Victoria wetland management
- RAMCEA was identified as one of the partner institutions to participate in the Globewetland project
- There was enhanced collaboration with Wetlands International Africa Programme where RAMCEA provided technical support and backstopping to the WASH Alliance programme on behalf of Wetlands International.
- Development of a partnership with the Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS) which resulted in funding by MacArthur Foundation. RAMCEA I to receive US\$ 4,000 for the further development of the RAMCEA Website;
- Increased the visibility of the Ramsar Convention and RAMCEA during the United Nations Environment Assembly in June 2014, Sectoral Council of the East African Community in Bujumbura Burundi in January 2014.

### 3. Financial report for Year 2014

Provide a summary of income and expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to the CHF:

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Planned expenditures</b>	<b>Real expenditures</b>
	amount (currency) CHF	amount (currency)CHF
High level launch RAMCEA Strategic Framework	40,000	0
Operationalise the RAMCEA website	5,000	4,000
Hold follow up training of Ramsar site managers	25,000	1,000
Document and disseminate best wetland management practices	20,000	1,000
Prepare and disseminate a regional wetlands research strategy	25,000	500
Facilitate a regional platform to coordinate implementation of CEPA activities by partner states	15,000	500
Create a data base/ network hubs and portals of Experts, Focal Points and	20,000	2,000

other Partners		
Facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council	15,000	0
Facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council and Secretariat	30,000	6,000

<b>sources of income (donors)</b>	<b>income received</b>
donor name	amount (currency)
Government of Uganda	<b>UGX 25,000,000 (CHF 10,000)</b>
<b>Ramsar core budget</b> (where applicable)	amount (currency) <b>CHF 0</b>
<b>Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS)</b>	<b>CHF 3,500</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>CHF 13,500</b>

**Financial balance as at 31 December 2014:** amount left to be carried over to 2015, or deficit **UGX 23,500,000** equivalent to CHF 7121

#### 4. Work and activities planned for Year 2015

Provide a simple summary of your planned work, by listing your activities, their anticipated results and your indicators of success according to the format below:

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Results/outputs</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
	activity to be undertaken	expected achievements	verification of success
<b>To promote and ensure best practices on sustainable wetlands management in the region</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish and disseminate Lessons learnt documents and case studies that demonstrate best practices</li> <li>Facilitate the participation in Regional Wetlands Forum/Symposia on Wetlands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lessons learnt documents/case studies published and disseminated</li> <li>1 regional Wetlands Forum/Symposium held</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publications</li> <li>Workshop reports</li> </ul>
<b>To determine the status and trends of wetland resources in the region to guide decision making</b>	Finalize, Publish and disseminate a regional wetlands research strategy	Research strategy finalized, published and disseminated	Research Strategy Document
<b>To Enhance the knowledge base and stakeholder awareness on sustainable wetland management in the region</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate a regional platform to coordinate implementation of CEPA activities by partner states</li> <li>Hold 1 regional CEPA dialogue</li> </ul>	Regional CEPA platform established  1 CEPA dialogue session held among the partner states	Regional CEPA Platform
	Conduct orientation training for National Ramsar Committees of Partner States	5 National Ramsar Committees in partner states functional	Training Reports, TORs and list of National Ramsar Committee members
	Conduct refresher course for the pool of 10 trainers in the region	10 Trainers retrained and equipped with additional training skills	Database of trainers Trained Trainers
	Conduct training of Ramsar Site Managers	15 Ramsar site managers trained	Training Reports
<b>To support wetland policies and institutional processes in the region to enhance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate operations of TEEB Regional hub</li> <li>Facilitate Wetland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TEEB Regional Hub established</li> <li>Wetlands Policy Processes enhanced in</li> </ul>	Technical reports

<b>wetland management</b>	Policy Processes in Partner States	Partner States	
<b>To develop and maintain a regional network of Ramsar sites and other wetlands that provide important ecosystem services</b>	Carry out consultations for twining of r three Ramsar sites namely Lake Natron (Tanzania), Lake Nakuru (Kenya) and Lake (Uganda) Ramsar sites and sign memorandum of cooperation	Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) in place	Reports MOC
<b>To facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council and Secretariat</b>	Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council and 1 meeting of the RAMCEA Technical Committees	Policy guidance and direction provided Annual work plan, budget and progress reports approved	Minutes, Reports and approved work plan and budget
	Provide operating costs for RAMCEA Secretariat pay staff salaries provide office facilities	RAMCEA Secretariat operationalized	Functional RAMCEA Secretariat

## 5. Financial plan for the year 2015

Provide a summary of expected income and budgeted/planned expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average **exchange rate to the CHF**:

Activities	Planned expenditures amount (currency) CHF	Expected income and source (amount (currency CHF) and donor name)		
		Ramsar core budget	Government of Uganda	Other donors to be identified
Formal launch of RAMCEA	35,000	<b>12,000</b>	10,000	13,000
Training of Ramsar site managers	25,000	<b>2,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>13,000</b>
Publish and disseminate best wetland management practices	20,000		<b>5,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
Finalise and disseminate a regional wetlands research strategy	25,000		<b>5,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
Facilitate a regional platform to coordinate implementation of CEPA activities by partner states	15,000	<b>1000</b>		<b>14,000</b>
Training of National Ramsar Committees in 5 Partner States	15,000	<b>1000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Refresher Course for Trainers of Trainers	10,000		<b>2,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>
Organize Pre-COP12 Regional Wetlands Forum/Symposium	35,000	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>27,500</b>
Facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council and Technical Advisory	20,000	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>

Committee				
Facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Secretariat	15,000	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>

### Budget summary

Donor	Amount (CHF)
Government of Uganda	40,000
Ramsar Core budget –balance of 2014	28,000
Ramsar Core budget 2015	30,000
ARCOS	5,000
Other donors <sup>i</sup>	100,000

**Note: 1 CHF = 1.1 dollars**

### Conclusions and Recommendations

The period under review saw further development of RAMCEA. The Secretariat embarked on the development of a Resources Mobilisation Plan and made contacts with some development partners. RAMCEA is also developing collaborative links with Birdlife International Africa Office, IUCN Regional Office for Eastern and Southern Africa and Wetlands International. There is need to establish contact points in each of the Partner States to ease communication. There is also need for more aggressive fundraising efforts in order to ensure the full execution of the planned activities.

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<sup>i</sup>The RAMCEA Secretariat will work with the Africa team at the Ramsar Secretariat, Government of Uganda and Partner States to mobilize additional financial resources