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to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands**

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**Secretariat report on administrative and financial implications
of draft resolutions**

1. Table 1 below identifies the projected administrative and financial implications of substantive agenda items for COP14, compiled by the Secretariat in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure¹.

¹ **Rule 14 Secretariat’s report on administrative and financial implications of agenda items**

The Secretariat shall report, within 24 hours of the opening of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the projected administrative and financial implications of all substantive agenda items submitted to the meeting and before decisions on these items are taken by the Conference of the Parties.

*Table 1: Projected administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions
(Costs in Swiss francs CHF)*

Document	Draft Resolution	Activities/Tasks required	Staff Days	Cost (CHF)
Doc.18.1	Draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters	No significant new activities/tasks required.	0	0
Doc.18.2	Draft resolution on roles and responsibilities of the Standing Committee	No significant new activities/tasks required.	0	0
Doc.18.3	Draft resolution on the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Ramsar Convention	Para 12 - Secretariat to hire an expert consultant to evaluate potential approaches and online systems to enhance collaboration between Contracting Parties. Para 15 – Secretariat to propose ways to enhance decision making procedures and maintain the full and effective participation of all Contracting Parties.	10	10,000 for expert consultant. DR proposes use of surplus funds.
Doc.18.4	Draft resolution on review of the fourth Strategic Plan of the Ramsar Convention	Preparation of SP5 for adoption at COP15 (Budget of 90,000 CHF approved by Decision SC59-32). No further funding requested.	0	0
Doc.18.5 Doc.18.6	Draft resolution on a process for the review and consolidation of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties	Para 19 – Expert consultant to prepare consolidated draft resolutions.	10	20,000 for expert consultant
Doc.18.7	Draft resolution on how to structure, write and handle Convention documents and messages	Para 38 – Secretariat to develop website functionality and process for publishing information not yet decided but under consideration.	25	Financial implication on the core budget to be determined

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Doc.18.8	Draft resolution on enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions	No significant new activities/tasks required.	0	0
Doc.18.9	Draft resolution on Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2022-2024	No significant new activities/tasks required.	0	0
Doc.18.10	Draft resolution on the new CEPA approach	Para 10 – New position to support CEPA implementation.	New staff position	140,000 (annual cost of new P1 position)
Doc.18.11	Draft resolution on the Ramsar Wetland Awards	Para 14 - Awards recipients will receive a trophy and a certificate.	0	1,200 for trophies
Doc.18.12	Draft resolution on Updating the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention	Para 16 - Secretariat to support the Wetland City Accreditation process (10 days per annum for support staff.	10	0
		Annex II, Para 22 - Production of accreditation certificates.	0	1,000
Doc.18.13	Draft resolution on Wetland education in the formal education sector	Para 27 - The Secretariat to analyse the progress of development and implementation of wetland education programmes based on National Reports in cooperation with a small working group consisting of CEPA experts especially created for this purpose and report the progress to the Contracting Parties through the COPs towards the goal of mainstreaming wetland education in formal education.	2	0

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		Para 28 - The Secretary General to coordinate with UNESCO and work to synergise Ramsar Convention's goal of mainstreaming wetland education in formal education with UNESCO's ESD for 2030 Roadmap.	10	0
Doc.18.14	Draft resolution on Strengthening Ramsar Connections Through Youth	Para 15 - The Secretariat to explore hybrid models like virtual Forums that allow young people to meet ahead of and take part in the Conference of the Parties, for the purpose of expanding youth participation and regional outreach of the Conference.	10	Financial implications to be determined based on outcome of exploratory process.
		Para 17 - Secretariat to employ the capacity of its junior professional programme to assist with coordination of the Ramsar Youth Working Group and the joint work plan with the Secretariat to call for voluntary contributions [including professional secondments] to support youth engagement and projects and to help coordinate this programme of work.	There is currently limited capacity with the Junior Professional staff to take on new responsibilities as their primary responsibility is updating and managing site information. The tasks requested in this DR would best be fulfilled through a new staff position.	90,000 (annual cost of new JP position) Note: Australia has pledged a voluntary contribution of 139,000 CHF to cover the salary of a Youth Advisor at P1 level for year 1 pending adoption of the draft resolution.
Doc.18.15	Draft resolution on status of Sites in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance	No significant new activities/tasks required.	0	0

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Doc.18.16	Draft Resolution on review of the Ramsar criteria, and delisting of Ramsar Sites located in territories which are not recognized at the UN level as part of the territory of the submitting country	Para 10 - The STRP to review the Ramsar Classification System for Wetland Type with a view to including additional aspects and consider creating a section in the Ramsar Information Sheet.	5	10,000 for expert consultant
		Para 11 - The Scientific and Technical Review Panel, in consultation with experts and competent partner organizations and with the assistance of the Secretariat, review the existing Criteria for Identifying Wetlands of International Importance and guidelines.	10	10,000 for expert consultant
Doc.18.17	Draft Resolution on the future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention for 2023-2025	No additional new activities/tasks required.	0	0
Doc.18.18	Draft resolution on Guidance on Conservation and Management of Small Wetlands	Para 20 - The Scientific and Technical Review Panel, based on the latest scientific knowledge and feedback from Contracting Parties, to develop guidance on inventories and monitoring of small wetlands and their multiple values for biodiversity conservation.	8	10,000 for expert consultant
Doc.18.19	Draft Resolution on Integrating wetland conservation and restoration into national sustainable development strategies	No significant new activities/tasks required.	0	0

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Doc.18.20	Draft resolution on Protection, management and restoration of wetlands as Nature-based solutions to address the climate crisis	Para 8 - The Secretariat to establish a community of practice by involving regional initiatives and other stakeholders on wetland conservation, management and restoration as NbS with the support of MedWet.	15 (tbc after the Secretariat role is clarified)	15,000 for expert consultant
		Para 11 - The STRP to undertake a desktop study of wetland success stories and develop a technical handbook on the use of wetland conservation, protection, management and restoration as nature-based solutions [or ecosystem-based approaches], to provide information on the full range of potentially applicable wetland-based solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation.	20	60,000 for expert consultant to undertake desktop study and develop technical handbook
Doc.18.21	Draft Resolution on Waterbird population estimates to support new and existing Ramsar site designations under Ramsar Criterion 6 – use of alternative estimates	Para 16 – STRP to develop a technical proposal to enable the resourcing and implementation of future timely and comprehensive Waterbird population Estimates updates.	0	5,000 for expert consultant
Doc.18.22	Draft Resolution on the establishment of the International Mangrove Center in the Framework of the Ramsar Convention	Para 10 - The Scientific and Technical Review Panel to provide scientific and technical support to the International Mangrove Center.	tbc depending on extent of support required	0
		Para 11 - Secretariat to provide support in coordination and communication with regard to the establishment and operation of the International Mangrove Center.	10 days pending on tasks expected	0