



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

Notification 2015/4

Responding to the Convention on Biological Diversity's Decision XII/30 *Financial mechanism*

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of ... and has the honour to refer to the following:

Through Decision XII/30 *Financial mechanism* (cbd.int/decision/cop/default.shtml?id=13393), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) invited Parties "to enhance coordination among their respective biodiversity-related convention national focal points, in order to identify national priorities in support of the implementation of the various biodiversity-related conventions" – such as the Ramsar Convention – "that are aligned with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and with the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and incorporate them into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans".

The governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions – including the Ramsar Convention – are invited to provide elements of advice, as appropriate, concerning the future funding of these national priorities, within their respective mandates and in accordance with the mandate of the GEF.

The governing bodies are further invited to request that their respective secretariats transmit such advice in a timely manner to the Executive Secretary of the CBD.

Accordingly, the Ramsar Secretariat looks forward to receiving your contributions on the above matters by 15 September 2015, in order to be able to provide a report to the 51st Meeting of the Standing Committee in November 2015 and subsequently to the Executive Secretary of the CBD.

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present Note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of ... the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 27 July 2015

