



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

### Notification 2015/8 Annual Contributions 2016

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

The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (Punta del Este, Uruguay, 2015) adopted the Convention's budget for 2016-2018 through Resolution XII.1, which included at Annex 2 provisional calculations of the 2016 contributions payable by Contracting Party. The Resolution is online at [http://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/cop12\\_res01\\_finance\\_e.pdf](http://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/cop12_res01_finance_e.pdf) and Annex 2 is also enclosed with this note.

Contracting Parties will be aware that annual contributions to the Ramsar budget are assessed and invoiced annually on the basis of the percentage contributions paid by Member States to the United Nations budget, proportionally adjusted to reflect the Contracting Party membership (currently 169 Parties) and subject to a minimum annual contribution of CHF 1,000. The 2016 UN Scale of Assessments is expected to be released in December 2015. **Contracting Parties should thus expect to receive 2016 invoices from the Secretariat in January next year.** These will probably differ from the 2016 provisional amounts annexed to this note, but any Party wishing to make early payment based on the provisional amounts is of course welcome to do so. The Secretariat will advise on any necessary later adjustment.

The Secretariat also takes this opportunity to enclose a current statement of contributions. Contracting Parties that have not yet paid contributions for prior years are respectfully requested to do so as soon as possible.

Contracting Parties are asked to make their payments to the Convention's bank account:

Bank: UBS S.A., Lausanne, Switzerland.

Beneficiary name: Ramsar/IUCN.

IBAN Account No: CH18 0024 3243 3336 0301 C (Swiss Francs)

SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A

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 assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 30 September 2015



Enclosed:

- Annex 2 of COP Resolution XII.1 *Illustrative core-budget contributions by Contracting Party for 2016-2018*
- Statement of unpaid contributions (2 for African Parties)