



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

Notification 2016/1

Annual Contributions 2016

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:

Following the adoption by the twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP12, Punta del Este, Uruguay, 2015) of the Convention budget for 2016-2018, the Secretariat has prepared invoices for the payment of annual contributions. The 2016 invoice is attached.

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 current Contracting Party membership of 169 Parties, and subject to a minimum annual contribution of 1,000 Swiss Francs.

(For some African Parties only, a second invoice is also enclosed, for a voluntary contribution in accordance with Ramsar Resolution X.2, paragraph 23).

In accordance with Ramsar financial rules, Contracting Parties are requested to pay the attached invoice, in Swiss Francs, by **20 February 2016**.

The Secretariat takes this opportunity to also 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 bank account:

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

Beneficiary name: IUCN/Ramsar.

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 Permanent Mission of ... the assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 20 January 2016

