



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
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Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards 2018

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 programme for the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards, which recognise and honour the contributions of individuals, organisations and governments around the world in promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands. This programme was established in 1996 at the sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention (COP6), through Resolution VI.18, and the Awards have been presented on six occasions.

The seventh presentation of the Awards will take place during the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP13), which will take place in October 2018 in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates. Information on past editions of the Ramsar Awards is available on the Convention website, at <http://www.ramsar.org/activity/the-ramsar-awards>.

At its 53rd meeting, the Ramsar Standing Committee adopted the categories, criteria and procedures for the 2018 Awards, through Decision SC53-13.

Three Awards will be granted, and each recipient will receive the Evian Special Prize of USD 10,000 offered by the Danone Group as part of its support to the Convention. The categories are:

- a) the Ramsar Convention Award for Wetland Wise Use;
- b) the Ramsar Convention Award for Wetland Innovation; and
- c) the Ramsar Convention Award for Young Wetland Champions.

Nominations must be submitted under one of these three categories only. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is 30 September 2017.

The categories, criteria and procedures for the Awards, and a nomination form, are available on the Ramsar website at <http://www.ramsar.org/activities/2018-awards>.

The Secretariat would be grateful for the assistance of Contracting Parties in passing on information about the Awards to relevant institutions, in order to encourage the nomination of suitable candidates.

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, 10 July 2017

