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Nominations for the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) for the 2016-2018 triennium

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:

In Resolution XII.5 *Proposed new framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice and guidance on the Convention* the Conference of the Parties of the Ramsar Convention adopted the new structure, organization and processes of the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel.

The Scientific and Technical Review Panel will be made up of 18 members with appropriate scientific and technical knowledge, plus Observers representing the International Organization Partners (IOPs), scientific and technical expert(s) recommended by Contracting Parties and other organizations recognized by the COP.

Accordingly, the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention is pleased to invite Administrative Authorities of Contracting Parties, International Organization Partners and Observer Organizations to nominate suitable scientific and technical experts to be appointed to serve as members of the Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) for the 2016-2018 triennium.

Administrative Authorities from each region will reach agreement internally and nominate one technical expert for each region, who will be accepted automatically. Administrative Authorities may also make nominations for the six scientific members and six technical expert members, and may identify candidates for STRP Chair and Vice-Chair, including from among candidates nominated as regional technical experts.

Administrative Authorities will nominate scientific and/or technical members as per the needs identified in Annex 3 of Resolution XII.5 and the nominations will then be reviewed and shortlisted by region by the Standing Committee members.

IOPs and Observer Organizations may make nominations for the six scientific and six technical members. Also each International Organization Partner and Observer Organization will nominate its representative member.

The members and observer representatives for each triennium will be appointed by the Management Working Group of the Standing Committee from the candidates nominated. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be selected from among the appointed members to the Panel.

STRP members will be appointed in their personal capacity for their scientific and technical expertise, and will not represent any organization or government in their interaction with the STRP. Selections will be made to secure the scientific and technical expertise required for the STRP's work during the triennium, and ensure regional and gender balance.

Organizations nominating members or observers must provide a letter of recommendation summarizing the expertise of the candidate and the relevance of their work to the Panel's work plan.

The nomination should be submitted by the Administrative Authority of the Contracting Party, International Organization Partner or Observer Organization together with the completed nomination forms and the *curriculum vitae* of the nominee.

The nomination forms can be downloaded at www.ramsar.org/about/the-scientific-technical-review-panel; they should be signed and emailed to the Ramsar Secretariat's Scientific & Technical Support Officer, Marcela Bonells (email: bonells@ramsar.org) **no later than 13 August 2015**.

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, 13 July 2015

