

Agenda

I. Introduction

Ramsar COP12 Resolution XII.5, *New framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice and guidance on the Convention*, requests that the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) hold meetings face-to-face annually during the triennium to, among other things, review progress with the implementation of its work plan, as well as address urgent emerging issues and matters to recommend both to the Standing Committee, as well as to the Conference of the Parties.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this meeting, the second of the 2016-2018 triennium, will be to assess progress and remaining work with implementation of the STRP work plan (2016-2018), in particular the nine high priority tasks, below:

- State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People (SoWWS) report
- Task 1.1: Earth observation as a "best practice" tool for inventorying, mapping and monitoring wetlands, including Ramsar Sites
- Task 1.2: Development of guidelines for inventories of peatlands for possible designation as Wetlands of International Importance
- Task 2.1: Ramsar Sites management toolkit
- Task 3.1: Wetland ecosystem services assessment and valuation policy brief with toolkit
- Task 3.2: Wetland Ecosystems and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Task 4.1: Water requirements for wetlands
- Task 4.2: Review and analysis of Ramsar Advisory Mission reports
- Task 5.1: Promoting best practices in wetland restoration

III. Expected outcomes

- To progress and prepare drafts for the high priority tasks for consultation with STRP National Focal Points.
- To discuss the extent to which lower priority tasks can be advanced.
- To discuss and prepare an outline of a Draft Resolution for the next COP (COP13) on future STRP priorities for the 2019-2021 triennium.

The drafts associated with the high priority tasks will correspond to the suite of Scientific and Technical publications of the Convention, including Ramsar Technical Reports, Briefing Notes, Policy Briefs, as well as a flagship report on the State of the World's Wetlands (see Annex 1 for additional details).

The resulting products will be aimed at the following target audiences:

- Policy-makers, including those from the environment and water sectors and other related sectors such as energy, health and sanitation, agriculture, infrastructure; and

- Practitioners and in particular wetland managers and stakeholders, but also others from related fields, such as protected area managers and staff of wetland education centres.

IV. Programme

Monday, 13 February 2017

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Agenda item</i> | <i>Session</i> | <i>Room</i> | <i>Relevant documents and resources</i> |
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| Plenary | | | | |
| 0830h-0900h | | Registration | | |
| 0900h-0910h | 1 | Welcome remarks and introductions (<i>Ramsar Secretary General Martha Rojas-Urrego and STRP Chair Royal C. Gardner</i>) | Main | |
| 0910h-0915h | 2 | Adoption of the agenda (<i>STRP Chair Royal C. Gardner</i>) | Main | DOC. STRP20-01: Agenda and programme |
| 0915h-0930h | 3 | STRP Chair's general report on ad hoc advisory tasks, international meetings and outputs for Standing Committee approval, COP adoption, as well as products going to pre-COP regional meetings (<i>STRP Chair Royal C. Gardner</i>) | Main | Background information: Ramsar Resolution XII.5: New framework for delivery of scientific and technical advice and guidance on the Convention STRP work plan 2016-2018 |
| 0930h-1130h | 4 | Summary report on high priority tasks, timelines and expected outcomes during the week (<i>STRP Chair Royal C. Gardner and task leads</i>) | Main | See agenda item 3 |
| 1130h-1300h | 5 | Presentations on Earth Observation: GlobWetland Africa and GEO Wetlands Initiative (<i>Marc Paganini, European Space Agency</i>) The Global Mangrove Watch (<i>Ake Rosenqvist, JAXA</i>) 30 years of wetland land-cover change in French Ramsar sites, as seen from LandSat images" (<i>Christian Perennou, Tour du Valat</i>) | Main | Background information: GlobWetland Africa and GEO Wetlands Initiative ALOS Kyoto & Carbon Initiative - The K&C Global Mangrove Watch Land cover spatial dynamics in Mediterranean coastal wetlands from 1975 to 2005 |
| 1300h- | | <i>Lunch</i> | | |

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| 1400h | | | | |
| Working Group Sessions | | | | |
| 1400h-1800h | 6 | State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People (SoWWS) (STRP Chair Royal C. Gardner and STRP Scientific Expert Max Finlayson) | TBC | <p>Working document(s): DOC. STRP20-02, Zero Order Draft annotated structure for the State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People (SoWWS) report</p> <p>DOC. STRP20-02 bis, Skeleton outline for the State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People (SoWWS)</p> <p>Background information: Ramsar Briefing Note 7, State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People: A compilation of recent analyses</p> |

Tuesday, 14 February 2017

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| Working Group Sessions | | | | |
| 0900h-1300h | 7 | Task 1.1, Earth observation as a "best practice" tool for inventorying, mapping and monitoring wetlands, including Ramsar Sites (STRP Scientific Experts Lisa Maria-Rebello and Max Finlayson) | Red List A | <p>Working document(s): DOC. STRP20-03, Draft annotated structure for Ramsar Technical Report on The use of Earth Observation for wetland inventory, assessment and monitoring (Task 1.1)</p> <p>Background information: Ramsar COP8 Doc. 35, Information Paper on The use of Earth Observation technology to support the implementation of the Ramsar Convention Ramsar Handbook 13, Inventory, Assessment and Monitoring</p> |

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| | | Task 1.2, Development of guidelines for inventories of peatlands for possible designation as Wetlands of International Importance (<i>STRP Technical Expert Jari Ilmonen</i>) | Red List B | <p>Working document(s):</p> <p>DOC. STRP20-04, Zero Order Draft Briefing Note on Inventories for Tropical Peatlands (Task 1.2)</p> <p>DOC. STRP20-05, First Order Draft for Guidance on Identifying Wetlands of International Importance for global climate change regulation as an additional argument to the existing Ramsar criteria (Task 1.2)</p> <p>DOC. STRP20-05 bis, Draft case study on the peatland complex of Lille Vildmose, Denmark. Designation of Ramsar sites using climate regulation as an additional argument (Task 1.2)</p> <p>Background information:</p> <p>Resolution XII. 11: Peatlands, climate change and wise use: Implications for the Ramsar Convention</p> <p>Resolution XI.14: Climate change and wetlands: implications for the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands</p> <p>Resolution X.24: Climate change and wetlands</p> <p>Ramsar Fact Sheet No. 8, Keep peatlands wet for a better future (2015)</p> |
| 1300h-1400h | | Lunch | | |
| Working Group Sessions Continued | | | | |
| 1400h-1700h | 8 | Task 3.1, Wetland ecosystem services assessment and valuation Policy Brief with toolkit and Task 3.2, Wetlands and Disaster Risk Reduction (<i>STRP Technical Expert Ritesh Kumar</i>) | Red List A | <p>Working document(s):</p> <p>DOC. STRP20-06, Second Order Draft Policy Brief on Integrating multiple wetland values into decision making, with annex Protocol for assessing multiple</p> |

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| | | <p>Task 4.2, Review and analysis of Ramsar Advisory Missions (RAMs) (<i>STRP Chair Royal Gardner and STRP Technical Expert Laura Martinez</i>)</p> | <p>Red List B</p> | <p>values of wetlands</p> <p>DOC. STRP20-10, Second Order Draft Policy Brief on Wetlands and Disaster Risk Reduction (Task 3.2).</p> <p>Background information: Preliminary guide regarding diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits (IPBES deliverable 3(d))</p> <p>Ramsar Technical Report: Valuing Wetlands- Guidance for valuing the benefits derived from wetlands ecosystem services</p> <p>The IPBES Conceptual Framework – Connecting nature and people</p> <p>The TEEB for Water and Wetlands</p> <p>Working document(s): DOC. STRP20-07, Preliminary consultancy report on a review and analysis of Ramsar Advisory Missions (Task 4.2)</p> <p>DOC. STRP20-07 bis, Summary of Ramsar Advisory Missions (Excel spread sheet)</p> <p>Background information: Ramsar Advisory Missions</p> <p>Ramsar Advisory Mission Reports</p> <p>Ramsar Information Paper No.6: the Montreux Record</p> |
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| | | | | and the Ramsar Advisory Missions |
| Plenary | | | | |
| 1700-1800h | 9 | Report back to plenary | Main | |
| 1800h-1900h | 10 | Presentations on possible cooperation with scientific and technical bodies of other Conventions (<i>Sasha Alexander, UNCCD; David Coates, CBD; David Stroud, AEWA Technical Committee</i>) | Main | |

Wednesday, 15 February 2017

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| Working Group Sessions | | | | |
| 0900h-1300h | 10 | SoWWS (<i>STRP Chair Royal C. Gardner and STRP Scientific Expert Max Finlayson</i>) | TBC | See agenda item 6 |
| 1300h-1400h | | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| Working Group Sessions | | | | |
| 1400h-1800h | 11 | Task 2.1, Ramsar wetland Sites management toolkit (<i>STRP Vice-Chair Channa Bambaradeniya</i>) Task 5.1, Promoting best practices in wetland restoration (<i>STRP Scientific Expert Siobhan Fennessy</i>) | Red List A Red List B | Background information: Ramsar Handbook 18: Managing wetlands Working document(s): DOC. STRP20-08, Zero Order Draft Briefing Note of Best practices in Wetlands Restoration in a Climate Change Context Background information: Resolution VIII.16: Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration Resolution VII.17: Restoration as an element of national planning for wetland conservation and wise use |

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| | | SoWWS as needed (<i>STRP Chair Royal C. Gardner and STRP Scientific Expert Max Finlayson</i>) | TBC | Ramsar Briefing Note 4: The benefits of wetland restoration |
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Thursday, 16 February 2017

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| Plenary | | | | |
| 0900-1300h | 12 | Discussion of other tasks (<i>STRP Chair Royal C. Gardner</i>) | Main | See agenda item 3 for STRP work plan |
| 1300-1400h | | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| Working Group Sessions | | | | |
| 1400-1800h | 13 | Resume parallel sessions based on need | TBC | |
| 1900- | | STRP Dinner | Hostellerie du XVI siècle, Nyon | |

Friday 17 February 2017

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| Working Group Sessions | | | | |
| 0900h-1200h | 14 | Resume parallel sessions based on need | TBC | |
| Plenary | | | | |
| 1200h-1300h | 15 | Report back | Main | |

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| 1300h-1400h | | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| Plenary | | | | |
| 1400h-1630h | 16 | Draft Resolution: STRP future priorities | Main | Working document(s): DOC. STRP20-09: Skeleton outline for Draft Resolution on future implementation of the scientific and technical aspects of the Convention 2019-2021 Background information: See agenda item 3 for Resolution XII.5 |
| 1630h-1640h | 17 | Next meeting date and venue | Main | |
| 1640h-1700h | 18 | Any other business | Main | |
| 1700h | 19 | Closure of the meeting | Main | |

Annex 1
Summary of progress with high priority tasks

| Task title | Task no. | Target audience(s) | Output(s) | Notes | Estimated cost (CHF) |
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| State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People (SoWWS) | | Policymakers and practitioners (wetland managers and stakeholders, including protected areas managers and wetland education centres) | - Flagship report (70 pp.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drafting workshop held (20-23 September 2016, Changshu, China). - Drafting ongoing. First annotated draft structure circulated for comment - Contract with WCMC for WET index update. Preliminary report produced | Up to 137,000 [67,000 for layout, design, review, translation and publication costs; 20,000 for authors meetings; and 50,000 for updating the WET Index] |
| Earth Observation as a "best practice" tool for inventorying, mapping and monitoring wetlands, including Ramsar Sites | 1.1 | Practitioners | - Ramsar Technical Report (40 pp.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drafting workshop held (13-16 Dec. 2016, Vientiane, Laos) - Draft annotated structure produced | <p>Up to 33,500 [for layout, design, review, translation and publication costs]</p> <p>Funds from the STRP meeting fund for 2016 will be used for the workshop</p> |
| Development of guidelines for inventories of peatlands for possible designation as Wetlands of International Importance | 1.2 | Practitioners (Ramsar Site managers) | - Briefing Note on tropical peatlands inventories (10 pp.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop on Peatland Conservation and Wise Use in the Context of Climate Change, organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BNF), was used as an opportunity to gather inputs on this and other peatland-related tasks in the work plan (11-14 September 2016, Vilm, Germany) - Consultancy contract signed with Greifswald Mire Center (GMC) to draft contents of Briefing Note. | Up to 13,000 [for layout, design, review, translation and publication costs] |

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| | | | - DR Annex: Guidelines on designation of peatlands as Wetlands of International Importance | - Draft guidelines drafted by task leads | |
| Ramsar Sites management toolkit | 2.1 | Practitioners (Ramsar Site managers) | - Sub-page in Ramsar website | - To synchronize with the communications team work on the thematic web pages in the website - To align with new edition of Ramsar Handbook on management - Preliminary search on Ramsar website conducted for Ramsar documents on Ramsar Sites management | No cost implications for STRP budget. |
| Wetland ecosystem services assessment and valuation policy brief with toolkit | 3.1 | - Policymakers and practitioners - Practitioners | - Policy Brief (4 pp.) with annexed protocol - Ramsar Technical Report (40 pp.) | - Drafting workshop held (30 November-2 December, 2016, Ede, Netherlands) - Second Order Draft Policy Brief produced - Ramsar Technical Report outline produced | Up to 25,300 [9,000 for layout, design, review, translation and publication costs; 6,300 for consultant; and 10,000 for a six-person writing workshop] Up to 33,500 [for layout, design, review, translation and publication costs] |
| Wetland ecosystems and disaster risk reduction | 3.2 | Policymakers | - Policy Brief (4 pp.) | - Second Order Draft by Wetlands International produced | Up to 9,000 [for layout, design, review, translation and publication costs] |
| Water requirements for wetlands | 4.1 | Policymakers and practitioners at national, basin, and local level | - Technical Report | - On hold. Pending a status update from WWF on approach and timelines | No cost implications for STRP budget [100,000 to be provided by WWF] |
| Review and analysis of Ramsar Advisory Mission reports | 4.2 | - Policymakers | - Report (40 pp.) - Policy Brief (4 pp.) | - Consultancy contract for a comprehensive review and analysis of all RAM reports issued. | Up to 44,000 [Of which WWF would provide 22,000 to cover the costs for a |

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| | | - Practitioners (wetland managers) | - Briefing Note (10 pp.) | Preliminary report issued. - The Policy Brief and Briefing Note will be derived products from the comprehensive analysis. | consultancy to produce the comprehensive analysis; 9,000 of STRP funds for a Policy Brief and 13,000 for a Briefing Note] |
| Promoting best practices in wetland restoration | 5.1 | - Policymakers - Practitioners (wetland managers) | - Briefing Note (10 pp.) - Policy Brief (4 pp.) | - Zero Order Draft prepared by task leads | Up to 22,000 [13,000 for a Briefing Note and 9,000 for a Policy Brief] |