



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

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How to learn more about the Ramsar Convention

The Ramsar Web site. All the news, background information, and documentation of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands can be found on the Ramsar Web site: www.ramsar.org. The architecture of the site is grounded in the English language, but all key documentation and many other files are also available in French and Spanish, the other official working languages of the Convention. The site is updated almost daily with the most recent news and developments and has become the primary communications mechanism of the Convention Secretariat. Approximately 5,000 users visit the Ramsar Web site every day.

The Ramsar Forum is an e-mail list devoted to the wide range of news, announcements, queries and replies, and statements of opinion concerning the conservation and sustainable use of wetland resources in general and the Ramsar Convention in particular. The Ramsar Forum is an official service of the Ramsar Secretariat and all interested persons are encouraged to join; messages are welcome in any of the Convention's three official languages (English, French, and Spanish). As of September 2007, there were 930 members of the Forum.

You may join the Ramsar Forum simply by sending a blank e-mail message to the following address: ramsar-forum-join@indaba.iucn.org.

The CEPA E-mail Lists. People concerned with Communications, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA) about wetlands may join one of the Secretariat's three CEPA e-mail lists (for English, French, and Spanish), where they may share news, announcements, opinions, links to materials, and experiences from wetland education centres. Members include designated government and NGO national focal points as well as any members of the public with an interest. In September 2007, there were about 500 members in the English group, 150 in the Spanish, and 100 in the French. To join one of the lists: www.ramsar.org/outreach_cepalist.htm.

Ramsar Sites Database. Wetlands International, based in Wageningen, The Netherlands, maintains the Ramsar Sites Database, which includes all of the information on Wetlands of International Importance that has been submitted by the Parties, and it operates the Ramsar Sites Information Service to allow members of the public to search the database and receive reports of the results. The Web site is at www.wetlands.org/rsis.

Direct Inquiry. Have you got a targeted question about something related to the Ramsar Convention? Send a message to ramsar@ramsar.org and ask it – normally, you'll receive a reply of some sort within 24 hours. Given staff constraints, questions like "Send me data about wetlands" or "How should we fight invasive species" are too broad to be addressed by this means, but specific inquiries are always welcome.

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