

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
1st Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
Cagliari, Italy
24-29 November 1980

Recommendation 1.2: [Developing countries in the Convention]

The Conference

RECOGNIZING that many wetlands in developing countries are in a relatively untransformed condition;

WELCOMING the positive contribution to the Convention's operation made by developing countries which are Contracting Parties and to the present Conference by these Contracting Parties and by observers from such countries;

RECALLING that the Final Act of the Conference to conclude a Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals included a Resolution which requested financial, technical and training assistance in support of conservation efforts made by developing countries, and urged international and national organizations to give priority to their aid programmes relating to management and conservation of migratory species and their habitats in developing countries;

NOTING FURTHER that the Technical Meeting on Wetlands in West Africa organized by IWRB at the invitation of the Republic of Senegal insisted on the need to organize practical field courses on wetland conservation and waterfowl management in West Africa and to provide facilities for advanced study on this subject in establishments of higher education;

CALLS UPON Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention and competent international organizations to do what they can to enable developing countries to contribute to the Convention and its activities, for example, through aid programmes, through provision of travel funds enabling representatives of developing countries to participate in Conferences of the Parties, and through support for appropriate training programmes;

CALLS UPON developing countries to pay more attention to conservation measures in any request for and programming of assistance, and upon developed countries and international organizations to pay due attention to these requests in their development aid policies.