

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

### **Recommendation 1.3: [Designating more sites for the Ramsar List]**

#### **The Conference**

AWARE that the Ramsar Convention requires Contracting Parties to designate at least one wetland to be included in the List of Wetlands of International Importance;

NOTING with satisfaction that the 28 Contracting Parties have so far designated 216 wetlands covering over six million hectares, that many Parties have exceeded the minimum requirement, and that in some a representative network of sites exists;

CONVINCED that in order to achieve the aims of the Convention, Contracting Parties should designate as many as possible of their wetlands of international importance for the List;

NOTING that, of the 216 wetlands so far designated for the List, 193 are situated in the western Palearctic region, and that among western Palearctic sites, wetland types which are poorly represented include tundra, peatlands, wet meadows, tidal estuaries and southern wintering areas for waterfowl;

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CALLS ON Contracting Parties to increase the number of wetlands in their territories to be included in the List particularly as regards sites outside the western Palearctic and wetland types poorly represented in the western Palearctic.