

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
1st Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
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Recommendation 1.5: [National Wetland Inventories]

The Conference

AWARE that Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention undertake to formulate and implement their planning so as to promote the wise use of wetlands in their territory;

EMPHASIZING that, as mentioned in the World Conservation Strategy, wise use of wetlands involves maintenance of their ecological character, as a basis not only for nature conservation, but for sustainable development;

CONVINCED that establishment of comprehensive national policies would benefit the wise use of wetlands, and that such policies should be based on a nationwide inventory of wetlands and of their resources;

NOTING that some Contracting Parties have made such an inventory and drawn up such policies;

CALLS ON Contracting Parties and on Governments which might be interested to prepare inventories of wetlands and of their resources as soon as possible as an aid to the formulation and implementation of national wetland policies.