

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)  
1st Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties  
Cagliari, Italy  
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## Recommendation 1.6: [Assessment of wetland values]

### The Conference

INFORMED by the Contracting Parties that many listed Ramsar sites and other wetlands of international importance are under threat because of certain human activities;

NOTING that, globally, many wetlands are being eliminated by, *inter alia*, filling, drainage, reclamation, intensive agriculture and aquaculture, and industrial activities or are seriously endangered by pollution and eutrophication;

RECALLING that wetlands may, directly or indirectly, have a potential value exceeding that obtained from transforming them into other types of land;

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RECOMMENDS that, in case of any projected large-scale wetland transformation, the decision is not taken until an assessment of all the values involved has been made, and that ecologists be included in the planning process;

RECOMMENDS further that international funding agencies and bilateral and multilateral development aid should also finance such assessments.