

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
2nd Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
Groningen, the Netherlands
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Recommendation 2.6: Conservation and management of Sahel wetlands

INFORMED of the catastrophic drought currently prevailing throughout the Sahel and of the severe degradation of natural habitats which it has provoked;

RECOGNIZING that, despite the best efforts of Governments of Sahel states, external assistance in conservation matters will be decisive in enabling them to fulfil obligations accepted under the Convention;

INFORMED of recent scientific work which emphasizes the importance of Sahel wetlands for Afrotropical birds and - even in years of extreme drought - for Palearctic migrants;

WELCOMING the active participation in the present Conference by delegates and observers from a number of Sahel states (which has contributed to focus attention on Sahel wetlands), and looking forward to adhesion to the Convention by further states of the region;

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RECOMMENDS that national bodies from the developed countries and international bodies, working under the aegis of CILSS, should cooperate with one another and with states of the region to establish a plan to conserve and manage Sahel wetlands.