

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
4th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
Montreux, Switzerland
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Recommendation 4.9.2: Everglades, USA

RECOGNISING the international importance of the Everglades National Park as a unique subtropical ecosystem;

NOTING that the Contracting Parties to the Convention recognise and applaud the current and unprecedented legal action instituted by the United States Government in regard to preventing further degradation of the Everglades;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

URGES the United States Government and the State of Florida to undertake the political and financial actions necessary:

- (a) to restore natural waterflows through the wetlands of the Everglades National Park;
- (b) to eliminate the nutrient enrichment that threatens the Park by improving land and water management practices in the Everglades Agriculture Area (EAA), by introducing effective measures for nutrient retention in the EAA and by phasing out agricultural subsidies which result in land uses incompatible with maintenance of the ecological character of the Everglades ecosystem; and
- (c) to ensure that the strongest possible enforcement of available legislation is continually implemented to protect the Everglades National Park.