

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
4th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
Montreux, Switzerland
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Recommendation 4.12: Cooperation between Contracting Parties for the management of migratory species

RECOGNISING that Article 5 of the Convention provides that Contracting Parties shall “endeavour to coordinate present and future policies and regulations concerning the conservation of wetlands and their flora and fauna”;

BEING AWARE that the Contracting Parties have adopted specific criteria for identifying wetlands of international importance based inter alia upon the presence of at least one percent of the population of a species or subspecies of waterfowl;

RECALLING Recommendation 3.2 of the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties on the need for further studies of flyways;

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URGES those Contracting Parties that do not already do so, to participate in internationally coordinated waterfowl surveys, and to undertake special surveys within their territories to identify wetlands of international importance for waterfowl at any time of the annual cycles of these species;

INSTRUCTS the Bureau, within the limitations of the budget, to prepare a report for the Conference of the Contracting Parties, summarizing available information on the current status of migratory waterfowl populations in order to assist the Parties in identifying appropriate wetlands for designation onto the List according to the 1% criterion;

CONGRATULATES Contracting Parties that have entered into bilateral and multilateral agreements for the conservation of migratory waterfowl and encourages other Contracting Parties to take similar action;

SUPPORTS the development of the Western Palearctic Waterfowl Agreement under the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals and urges that similar arrangements be made for other flyways;

APPLAUDS the development of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network and recommends that the same approach be used for other flyways; and

URGES Contracting Parties situated along the same flyway to cooperate with regard to financial assistance and the sharing of expertise.