

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

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**RECOMMENDATION 6.5: ESTABLISHMENT OF FURTHER WETLAND
MANAGER TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

1. RECALLING Article 4.5 of the Convention which calls on Contracting Parties to “promote the training of personnel competent in the fields of wetland research, management, and wardening”;
2. AWARE of the existence of training programmes for wetland managers and of the need to ensure that the benefits of such programmes are enjoyed as widely as possible;
3. RECOGNIZING that, for many developing countries and development agencies, personnel training has a very high priority; and
4. NOTING the development of the concept of Ramsar site twinning arrangements and the related information and personnel exchanges;

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5. URGES Contracting Parties to seek resources from their Governments, through development agencies or other national or regional bodies, to establish wetland manager training programmes;
6. REQUESTS the Convention Bureau to pursue with key aid donors the concept of a global training network for wetland managers, which would encourage the benefits of personnel exchange to be more widely shared;
7. DIRECTS the Convention Bureau to obtain curricula and organizational details from around the world and to advise Contracting Parties of the availability of such information; and
8. CALLS ON Contracting Parties to give priority in funding support under the Ramsar Small Grants Fund for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use in the 1997-1999 triennium to involvement by developing country representatives in appropriate wetland manager training programmes.