

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

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RECOMMENDATION 6.17.3: AZRAQ OASIS, JORDAN

1. RECALLING Recommendation 4.9.3 on Azraq Oasis, Jordan, which has been designated by the Jordanian authorities for the List of Wetlands of International Importance, and included on the Montreux Record, because of the the effect on the wetland of pumping of groundwater;
2. FURTHER RECALLING that the Management Guidance Procedure was applied at this site in March 1990; and
3. THANKING the partners of the Azraq Oasis Conservation Project for their extensive efforts for rehabilitation and management of the Azraq Wetland Reserve, and for raising public awareness of the wetland values of the site;

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4. REITERATES its concern at possible change in ecological character of the site;
5. REQUESTS the Government of Jordan to take account of the effect of pumping from Azraq basin on the groundwater of the site; and
6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Global Environment Facility to give further support to the Azraq Oasis Conservation Project for rehabilitation and monitoring of the Ramsar site.