

**Implementation of the Ramsar Convention in general,
and of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 1997-2002 in particular,
during the period since the National Report prepared in 1995
for Ramsar COP6 and 30 June 1998**

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Ramsar Strategic Plan - General Objective 1

To progress towards universal membership of the Convention.

- 1.1 Describe any actions your government has taken (such as hosting regional or subregional meetings/consultations, working cooperatively with neighbouring countries on transfrontier wetland sites) to encourage others to join the Convention.

The GOI hosted the Ramsar SEA Regional meeting at Cisarua in 1995. At present the GOI has initiated international cooperation of three wetland areas : Wasur NP (Indonesia), Tonda NP (PNG), Kakadu NP (Australia).

Ramsar Strategic Plan - General Objective 2

To achieve the wise use of wetlands by implementing and further developing the Ramsar Wise Use Guidelines.

- 2.1 Has a National Wetland Policy/Strategy/Action Plan been developed, or is one being developed or planned for the near future?

Yes. We have the “National Strategy and Action Plan for the Management of Indonesian Wetlands”.

- a. What are/will be its main features?

That wetlands are utilised wisely.

- b. Was it, or is it, intended that the Policy/Strategy/Action Plan be adopted by the whole of Government, the Minister responsible for Ramsar matters or through some other process. Please describe.

Yes, it is. We have a National Wetland Committee whose members are come from several Government agencies.

- c. How does it relate/will it relate to other national environmental/ conservation planning initiatives (e.g., National Environmental Action Plans, National Biodiversity Action Plans, National Conservation Strategies)?

These plans were considered and integrated into the Wetland Strategy.

- 2.2 If a policy is in place, how much progress has been made in its implementation, and what are the major difficulties being encountered in doing so?

The major difficulties are coordination between National Committee members responsible in wetland management sector, especially in planning and evaluation.

- 2.3 If a Policy/Strategy/Action Plan is in place, is the responsibility for implementing it with :
- a single Government Ministry,
 - a committee drawn from several Ministries, or
 - a cross-sectoral committee?

Please provide details.

This Committee has been drawn from several Ministries: Ministry of Forestry and Estate Crops, Min. of Environment, Min. of National Development Planning, Min. of Public Works, Min. of Agriculture, Min. of Transmigration and Resettlement of Forest Dwellers, National Board of Agraria, Indonesian Armed Forces Headquarters, Dept. of Defence and National Security, Indonesian Institute of Science, and National Coordinating Body for Surveys and Mapping.

- 2.4 For countries with Federal systems of Government, are there Wetland Policies/Strategies/Plans in place, being developed or planned for the provincial/state or regional levels of Government? Yes/No. If yes, please give details.

Several provinces have a wetland profile, but Indonesia is not a Federal system.

- 2.5 Has a review of legislation and practices which impact on wetlands been carried out, and if so, has this resulted in any changes which assist with implementation of the Ramsar Convention? Please describe these.

Yes. The people at Danau Sentarum Wildlife Reserve have a local act to conserve fish resource within the lake..

- 2.6 Describe the efforts made in your country to have wetlands considered in integrated land/water and coastal zone planning and management processes at the following levels:
- ↓ a. national
 - ↓ b. provincial
 - c. local

- 2.7 Have there been any publications produced, or practices documented, which could assist other countries to promote and improve the application of the Ramsar Wise Use of Wetlands Guidelines? Yes/No. If Yes, please provide details and copies.

Yes, we have many publication materials, as shown in the Publications catalogue.

- 2.8 Noting COP6 Recommendation 6.14 relating to toxic chemicals and pollution, please advise of the actions taken since then “to remedy and to prevent pollution impacts affecting Ramsar sites and other wetlands” (Operative paragraph 9).

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- 2.9 Describe what steps have been taken to incorporate wetland economic valuation techniques into natural resource planning and assessment actions.

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- 2.10 Is Environmental Impact Assessment for actions potentially impacting on wetlands required under legislation in your country? Yes/No

Yes, it is.

- 2.11 Is wetland restoration and rehabilitation considered a priority in your country? Yes/No. If Yes, describe the actions that have been taken to identify wetlands in need of these actions and to mobilise resources for restoration or rehabilitation.

We have mangrove rehabilitation programs in several locations, but it is not a national priority.

2.12 Describe what actions have been taken to “encourage active and informed participation of local communities, including indigenous people, and in particular women, in the conservation and wise use of wetlands.” (refer to Actions 2.7.1-4 in the Strategic Plan).

- **stimulation for traditional act decided by local people.**
- **create commitment with local people for regulate fishing.**
- **encourage partnership to involve NGOs, stake holders, etc.**

2.13 Describe what actions have been taken to “encourage involvement of the private sector in the conservation and wise use of wetlands” (refer to Actions 2.8.1-4 in the Strategic Plan). Has this included a review of fiscal measures (taxation arrangements, etc.) to identify and remove disincentives and introduce incentives for wetlands conservation and wise use? Yes/No. If yes, please provide details.

We are facilitating the friendship co-operative for managing the wetland Nature Reserve.

Ramsar Strategic Plan - General Objective 3

To raise awareness of wetland values and functions throughout the world and at all levels

3.1 Is there a government-run national programme for Education and Public Awareness in your country which focuses on, or includes, wetlands? Yes/No? If yes, what are the priority actions under this programme and who are the target groups? (Refer also to question 9.4)

Yes, the priority is to increase the awareness of local people, students and relevant government officers. The target groups are the local community, students, and rangers.

3.2 Describe the steps taken to have wetlands issues and Ramsar’s Wise Use principles included as part of the curricula of educational institutions. Has this been at all levels of education (primary, secondary, tertiary and adult)? Please give details.

The Forestry training centre has implemented the curricula of wetland training for rangers and middle level managers. We also have a pilot project to try and include wetland curricula for secondary schools.

Ramsar Strategic Plan - General Objective 4

To reinforce the capacity of institutions in each Contracting Party to achieve conservation and wise use of wetlands.

4.1 Describe the mechanisms in place, or being introduced, to increase cooperation between the various institutions responsible for actions which can have an impact on the conservation and wise use of wetlands. If one of the mechanisms is a National Ramsar/Wetlands Committee, please describe its composition, functions and *modus operandi*.

The Chairman of the National Wetland Committee is the Director General for Forest Protection and Nature Conservation. This Committee is a forum for coordination and consultation between members. The meetings are held at least once a year.

4.2 Of the following, indicate which have been undertaken:

a. a review to identify the training needs of institutions and individuals concerned with the conservation and wise use of wetlands Yes/No? If yes, please indicate the major findings of the review.

Wetland Conservation and Assessment Management training for Field managers and Decision makers.

b. a review to identify training opportunities for these people both within your country and in other countries. Yes/No?

Yes.

c. the development of training modules or a training programme specifically for wetland managers. If yes, please give details.

Yes, in cooperation with Wetlands International and ODA.

d. people from your country have gained wetland-related training either within or outside the country. Yes/No? If yes, please give details.

Yes. The Wetland Conservation and Assessment Management training program funded by ODA. The training was carried out in Indonesia, England and the United Kingdom. PHPA staff were also trained overseas, such as in Netherlands and Japan.

Ramsar Strategic Plan - General Objective 5 To ensure the conservation of all sites included in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar List).

5.1 Of the Ramsar sites in your country, how many have formal management plans:

- ↓ a. being prepared? **Draft MP for Berbak NP (Jambi).**
- ↓ b. fully prepared? **Guidelines for MP of Danau Sentarum WR.**
- c. being implemented?

Please indicate in the attached table of Ramsar sites which sites these are and what category they fall into.

5.2 Of the management plans referred to above, which ones have included a monitoring scheme or programme to allow changes in ecological character to be detected? Please indicate this in the attached table of Ramsar sites also.

Danau Sentarum WR.

5.3 Has there been a change in the ecological character (either positive or negative) at any of your Ramsar sites or is this likely to occur in the near future? Yes/No. If Yes, please give details.

No.

- 5.4 In the case of Montreux Record Ramsar sites where the Management Guidance Procedure has been applied, what is the status of the implementation of the MGP report recommendations? What is the expected time-frame for removing the site from the Montreux Record?
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- 5.5 For those countries referred to in COP6 Recommendations 6.17.1-4, “Ramsar sites in the Territories of Specific Contracting Parties”, please provide advice on the actions that have been taken in response to the issues raised at that time.
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Ramsar Strategic Plan - General Objective 6
To designate for the Ramsar List those wetlands which meet the Convention’s criteria, especially wetland types still under-represented in the List and transfrontier wetlands.

- 6.1 Has a national inventory of wetlands been prepared for your country? Yes/No. If no, are there plans for this to be done? Yes/No.
 Where a national inventory exists please provide details of when it was finalised, where it is kept and what information it contains.
- Yes. The latest inventory was done in 1987. It contains of information about location, area, altitude, wetland type, climate condition, principal vegetation, wildlife, economics and social value and Ramsar criteria.**
- 6.2 Does there exist a list or directory of “important” wetlands for your country or region? Yes/No. If yes, please provide details of when it was finalised, where it is kept, what criteria for “important” were used, and the types of information it contains.
- Yes. It was listed in 1996, as the appendix of the National Strategy and Action Plan.**
Type of information : location, area, status of area and district.
- 6.3 If it is known, please provide an estimate of the area of wetlands in your country at present and any information on rates of loss or conversion to other activities.
 If this information is available, please indicate what definition of “wetland” was used.
- The definition of wetland refers to the Ramsar definition.**
- 6.4 Have any actions been taken in response to the COP6 Resolutions and Recommendations that Contracting Parties should give priority to listing Wetlands of International Importance which:
- meet the criteria for fish habitat (Resolution VI.2),
 - meet the 1% criterion for waterbird populations using data provided by the International Waterfowl Census (Resolution VI.4),
 - are subterranean karst or cave wetland systems (Resolution VI.5),
 - are peatland ecosystems (Recommendation 6.1)
 - are coral reefs and associated systems (Recommendation 6.7)
 - are under-represented wetland types (which apart from d. and e. above include mangroves and sea grass beds) (Strategic Plan Action 6.2.3)
- Yes/No? If yes, please describe these actions.

Yes, We propose as b- for Pulau Rambut Nature Reserve (Jakarta), as c- for Wasur National Park (Irian) and as d- for Rawa Aopa Watumohai NP (southeast Sulawesi) to list as new Ramsar sites.

6.5 If your government indicated at COP6 that it would be proceeding to list further specific sites, please advise of the status of this action.

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6.6 Please advise which of the sites included in the Ramsar List from your country are transfrontier wetlands (Refer also to 7.1).

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6.7 Describe any plans, or actions being taken for further transfrontier sites to be listed (Refer also to 7.1).

Developing the Tri-National Wetland Cooperative Management Programme between Wasur NP, Tonda NP and Kakadu NP (Australia).

Ramsar Strategic Plan - General Objective 7

To mobilise international cooperation and financial assistance for wetland conservation and wise use in collaboration with other conventions and agencies, both governmental and non-governmental.

7.1 Briefly describe any bilateral or multilateral activities that have been taken, are under way, or are planned for the management of transfrontier wetlands or their watersheds/catchments (Refer also to 6.6 and 6.7).

Hosted the tri-national meeting in 1996 to prepare the Tri-National Wetland Cooperative Management Programme between Wasur NP, Tonda NP and Kakadu NP (Australia).

7.2 Do you have Ramsar sites that are “twinned” with others, either nationally or internationally? Yes/No. If yes, please give details.

No.

7.3 Where your country is also a signatory of any of the following Conventions, describe what mechanism(s) exist to assist regular dialogue and cooperative actions between the personnel responsible for their implementation and the Ramsar Administrative Authority:

- ↓ **a. Convention on Biological Diversity**
- b. Framework Convention on Climate Change
- c. Convention to Combat Desertification
- ↓ **d. Convention on Migratory Species**
- ↓ **e. World Heritage Convention**

Coordination for the implementation of conventions (such as the CBD, Ramsar and World Heritage Conventions) in Indonesia is through a Steering Committee. The Committee consists of representatives of senior officials of various agencies.

7.4 Is your country cooperating as part of any bilateral or multilateral activities directed at the conservation of migratory wetland species? Yes/No.
If yes, please provide details.

No.

7.5 Are there multilateral and/or bilateral donors supporting projects which contribute to implementation of the Ramsar Convention in your country? Yes/No.
If yes, please provide details.

Yes. At present the World Bank has given a loan for Berbak NP through the Integrated Swamp and Development Project.

7.6 Does your government make an annual budgetary allocation to support the conservation and wise use of wetlands within your country? Yes/No.
If yes, is this a specific allocation to a wetlands programme or as part of a larger environment or natural resource management budget?

Yes, as part of a larger environment and natural resource management budget.

7.7 If your country has a development assistance programme, does it include funds earmarked for wetland conservation and wise use in other countries? Yes/No. If yes, please give details.

Yes, but for seminars and workshops.

7.8 Is there a formal process in place for consultation between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the development assistance programme in your country, where one exists? Yes/No
If yes, what is that process.

Ramsar Bureau has given grant for managing Ramsar site in Indonesia.

Ramsar Strategic Plan - General Objective 8 To provide the Convention with the required institutional mechanisms and resources.

8.1 Has your government made voluntary financial contributions, other than the invoiced contributions or to the Small Grants Fund, to further the work of the Convention globally? Yes/No. If yes, please provide details.

Yes, especially to support the involvement of representatives from Indonesia in technical meetings relevant to the Convention.

8.2 If your country is in arrears with the payment of its annual contributions to the Ramsar Convention, please indicate the reasons for this situation and the prospects for paying these arrears in the near future.

The financial crisis in Indonesia has resulted in delays in paying the membership dues.

Optional section - Participation of non-government organizations in the implementation of the Convention

These are **optional** questions relating to cooperation with and involvement of non-government organizations in the implementation of the Convention.

At COP6 some 42 NGOs made the “Brisbane NGO pledge of support for the Ramsar Convention”. The Standing Committee agreed that for COP7 there should be an effort made to gauge the level and type of cooperation which is occurring between government Administrative Authorities and the national and international NGOs with an interest in wetlands issues.

In this **optional** section of the National Report, you are asked to describe the nature of the cooperation and relationship with any other international, regional, national and provincial NGOs operating within your country.

9.1 Approximately how many NGOs have wetlands as part of their regular “business” in your country?

Please break this down between international, regional and national/provincial organizations.

1. **Wetlands International - Indonesia Programme**
2. **WWF - Indonesia Foundation**
3. **Birds Life International**
4. **The Nature Conservancy (TNC)**

9.2 Is there a regular forum or mechanism through which these NGOs express their views on wetland conservation and Ramsar implementation:

- a. to each other? **Yes**
- b. to the government? **Yes**

If yes in either case, please give details.

NGOs work on research, training of people living around wetland protected areas, etc. PHPA and particular NGOs carry out regular meetings for evaluation. Monitoring the implementation of wetland management is always scheduled in National Wetland Committee meetings.

9.3 Does your government include one or more NGO representatives on its official delegation to Ramsar COPs? Yes/No

Yes. Indonesia delegation to Ramsar COP has been included.

9.4 Do any of the NGOs run programmes aimed at Education and Public Awareness about wetlands in your country? Yes/No. If yes, please give details (Refer also to question 3.1).

Yes. Wetlands International in cooperation with P3GIPA has formulated a guide book on Wetlands for teachers. Other NGOs such as WWF, TNC and BirdLife have developed various education materials (books, posters, etc.) concerning the protection of flora/fauna in wetlands.

9.5 Where they exist, do Ramsar site management advisory committees include NGO representatives? If yes, please give details

Yes. Wetlands International at Danau Sentarum WR and Berbak NP.

9.6 Describe the themes of the Convention (refer to General Objectives 1-8 of the Strategic Plan) where you perceive the national/provincial NGOs to be most active.

Wetlands International at Ramsar site (Danau Sentarum WR and Berbak NP) and at District of Indramayu (West Java); WWF at Wasur NP; TNC and BirdLife at several locations.

Final comments:

10.1 General comments on implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan.

- 1. Distribution of Ramsar Strategic Plan documents to members.**
- 2. Support funding for members of the National Wetland Committee.**

10.2 Observations concerning the functioning of, relations with, and services provided by:

- a. The Ramsar Standing Committee
- b. The Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel
- ↕ **c. The Ramsar Bureau**
- ↕ **d. The Ramsar NGO partners**

10.3 Any other general observations and/or recommendations for the future.

- 1. Raising funds for developing countries.**
- 2. Encourage the establishment of sister wetland park.**

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