

Progress Report on the development of the format for National Reports to COP13

SC51-09



Consideration and timings for developing a National Report Format



Resolution XII.2 *The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024*, Contracting Parties requested the Secretariat and the Standing Committee to develop the COP13 National Report format:

- More user-friendly
- Reflects the goals and targets of the new Ramsar Strategic Plan



Timing

- The COP13 NRF will need to be approved by the Standing Committee in advance
- Beginning of development of proposals for the COP13 NRF: 2015/2016 for approval by SC52
- Format finalized and issued as soon as possible after SC52
- Deadline for submission of completed reports: 9 months before COP -September 2017 (to be updated once dates for SC52 and COP13 agreed)



Considerations

Need for guidance from the SC on overall approach of the COP13 NRF. Issues to take into account:

- Alignment of COP13 NRF structure with goals and targets of Strategic Plan (Res. XII.2)
- Consistency of COP13 NRF indicators with those of previous NRF for continuity. Development of new indicators as appropriate to new goals and targets.
- Advice of STRP and other relevant group of experts for indicators.



Considerations

- Advice of CEPA Oversight Panel and CEPA working group for indicators (Targets 16 and 19)
- Regional input from Contracting Parties
- Revision by Secretariat of comments to COP12 NRF by Contracting Parties



Online Reporting

- Development through UNEP-WCMC of online reporting platform for MEAs. i.e. for CMS national reporting
- The Secretariat has explore the development of online platform for national reporting by Ramsar Parties to COP13
- Considerations for preparation of online reporting platform:
 - “offline format”
 - Identification of additional voluntary funding. Estimated cost Annex 3 of Res. XII.1, CHF 175,000

