

## RAMSAR CULTURE NETWORK UPDATE



### **Welcome!**

Welcome to a short update on some recent activities and news concerning the Ramsar Culture Network. As culture is increasingly central to the Convention's work, the culture webpages are currently being brought into the main Ramsar website and will soon be available. We will in any event also keep in touch through updates like this one from time to time. So keep sending us your interesting stories and comments! Work undertaken by the coordination team in recent months includes [Read more.](#)

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## The 'Garden of Eden' becomes a Ramsar Site

The Government of Iraq has recently designated [Central Marshes](#) and [Hammar Marsh](#) in the southern part of the country as Wetlands of International Importance ('Ramsar Sites') under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. [Read more](#)

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## Focus Groups for RCN Activities

The Ramsar culture coordination team is currently defining the scope and terms of reference for RCN "Focus Groups" to take forward activities in five thematic areas. [Read more](#)

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## World Wetlands Day 2016 - send us your stories!

Wetlands for our Future: Sustainable Livelihoods is the theme for World Wetlands Day in 2016. Please send your pictures and case studies to [culture@ramsar.org](mailto:culture@ramsar.org) ! [Read more](#)

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## Plans, targets and indicators for culture

Measuring the status of wetlands can involve cultural factors as much as ecological or hydrological ones. Ramsar's definition of "wetland ecological character" includes the cultural dimension. [Read more](#)

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