

Annex II

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

Annual Report for year 2015 and Plan for Year 2016 (4 pages maximum)

1. Title of your Regional Initiative:

Regional Initiative for the Conservation and Wise Use of Caribbean Wetlands (CariWet)

2. Work and activities undertaken during 2015

Provide a simple summary on your work undertaken by listing your activities, the results achieved and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. Financial sustainability of the regional initiative 1.	1.1 Collation of information provided by CPs and key stakeholders to prepare the regional project.	1.1 Regional project to implement the priorities of the work plan of the initiative	1.1 Regional project prepared
2. Management planning and monitoring of Ramsar	2.1 Case studies about the benefits of Ramsar site designation in the Caribbean	2.2. Preparation of case studies.	2.2. In progress preparation of case studies
3. Visibility of the Initiative during COP12	3.1. Preparation of exhibition 3.2 Meeting of the Coordination Committee	3.1. Showcase the Caribbean regional initiative. 3.2 Discussion about the formal meeting of the Committee and change of coordinators.	3.1. Increase the visibility of the initiative among Ramsar CPs and stakeholders. 3.2 Proposal to host the meeting by Bahamas. Suriname will replace Jamaica in the Coordination from October.

If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

3. Activities undertaken to improve the operational criteria 2013-2015

Mention any follow up activities undertaken to improve the following operational criteria:

- 1) Involvement of other interested actors (ministries, intergovernmental organisms, associated international organizations, NGOs, academia, local communities, actors in the economic sector) (Criteria 20)
- 2) Increase the visibility of the Convention. Specific activities in the areas of communication, education and participation. (Criteria 25)
- 3) Political and financial support from the Contracting Parties and other stakeholders (Criteria 27)
- 4) The initiative must ensure the funding for the development of its activities and projects. (Criteria 29)

Due to a climatic event the meeting of the coordination body of the initiative in Bahamas in December 2015 could not take place (expected to take place in Trinidad and Tobago in April), however the Focal Points did the follow up of the above criteria during a small meeting at CoP12 as well as to the mechanisms to consolidate the initiative. Below is the summary on the agreements on actions for the different operational criteria.

Criteria	Agreed Action
<p>1) Involvement of other interested actors (ministries, intergovernmental organizations, associated international organizations, NGOs, academia, local communities, actors in the economic sector) (Criteria 20)</p>	<p>In the subregion key players have been identified to be involved in the initiative such as: UNEP Caribbean Environmental Program, through the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region, the Caribbean Institute of Natural Resource (CANARI), CARICOM, Stetson University, and other International Organizations Partners of the Ramsar Convention, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and BirdLife International.</p> <p>To improve the engagement of the governments and key stakeholders in the initiative the CPs made progress on the preparation of a map of regional and national actors.</p>
<p>2) Increase the visibility of the Convention. Specific activities in the areas of communication, education and participation. (Criteria 25)</p>	<p>The initiative currently has a logo. About the web site some CPs will explore/consult the option to build and host the web site.</p> <p>The parties made progress on the preparation of a brochure to raise the visibility of the Convention and the initiative at the national level as well as the preparation of a video that showcases the Ramsar Sites and other wetlands of the Caribbean.</p> <p>Parties also are preparing the case studies about the benefits of Ramsar Site designation at least of one Ramsar Site/wetland per country.</p>
<p>3) Political and financial support from the Contracting Parties and other stakeholders (Criteria 27)</p>	<p>Support the initiatives of accession of Non-Contracting Parties.</p> <p>The parties approved the financial strategy of the initiative in order to start the fund raising activities.</p> <p>In terms of political support for the initiative, the Parties agreed that it is important to continue working to maintain a strong commitment of all the focal points and AA under the leader ship of the initiative's coordinators.</p>
<p>4) The initiative must ensure the funding for the development of its activities and</p>	<p>CariWet has a difficulty in securing funds from other sources in addition to the Ramsar core</p>

projects. (Criteria 29)	budget, however this initiative works on the: finalization of the regional project to be submitted to IKI in 2016.
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4. Financial report for Year 2015

Provide a summary of income and expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

Activities	Planned expenditures	Actual expenditures
1.1 Meeting of the Coordination Committee during COP12	25,000	20,000
1.2 Preparation of case studies	10,000	10,000
Total		30,000

Sources of income	Income received
Caribbean CPs	10,000
Ramsar and other donors (attend to COP12)	20,000
Ramsar core budget (where applicable)	18,000 (this amount is to organize the meeting in Trinidad & Tobago in 2016)
Total	48,000

Financial balance at 31 December 2015: total unspent and uncommitted balance left to be carried over to 2013, or deficit:

The funds (18,000 CHF) approved by SC49 will be used to organize the meeting of the Coordination Committee in Trinidad & Tobago in 2016.

For those initiatives receiving funding from the Convention in 2015, please explain how this funding has been spent or committed, and compare this to the plan on which the funding request was based. Explain any significant scope or timetable changes:

See above

5. Work and activities planned for Year 2016

Provide a simple summary of your planned work, by listing your activities, their anticipated results and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. 5 th Meeting of the governance body of the initiative to review progress and develop additional guidance and strengthen the coordination mechanisms.	-5 th Meeting of the CPs of the initiative	-Workshop and report -Revised work plan and implementation for the year. -Review of the implementation of the operational criteria of the initiative.	-Agreed mechanism to continue the implementation of the work plan. -Review and agreements to continue strengthening the initiative and its operational criteria.
2. Financial sustainability of the RI.	-Collation of information provided	-Regional project to implement the	Regional project approved by CPs

	by CPs and key stakeholders to prepare the regional project..	priorities of the work plan of the initiative.	and submitted to donors.
3. Management planning and monitoring of Ramsar sites.	-Case studies about the benefits of Ramsar site designation in the Caribbean.	-Preparation of case studies.	Publication of case studies of Caribbean Ramsar sites.

For those initiatives requesting funding from the Convention for 2016, please provide a financial summary of your 2013 plan. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

Activities	Forecast/budgeted expenditures real expenditures (CHF)
1.1 activity	amount (currency)
1.2 activity	
Total	

Sources of Income	Forecast/budgeted amount of income amount (CHF)
Donor name	
Request from Ramsar core budget	
Total	