

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

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Annual Summary Report for Year 2015 and Plan for Year 2016

(4 pages maximum)

1. Title of your Regional Initiative:

Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia

2. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2015

objectives	activities	indicators	results/outputs
1. CEPA	1.1 Regional Level Training Workshop for Wetland Managers (WLI-Asia Conference), Bangkok, Thailand, 24-28 August, 2015	- 30~35 wetland managers attended and improved their capacity in wetland management - Information and experience to be shared among all participants - Awareness on the Ramsar Convention and its CEPA program to be increased	- 55 wetland managers attended from 21 countries. - All participants shared their experiences and information through presentations and discussions. - Lectures on Ramsar Convention, CEPA program, fund raising, wetland city accreditation and, R-METT delivered to all participants
	1.2 National Level Training Workshop for Wetland Managers (Mongolia)	- 30~35 wetland managers attended and improved their capacity in wetland management - Information and experience to be shared among all participants - Awareness on the Ramsar Convention and its CEPA program to be increased	- 50 wetland managers attended from Mongolia - All participants shared their experiences and information through presentations and discussions. - Lectures on Ramsar Convention, CEPA program, R-METT delivered to all participants
2. Network	2.1 <i>Changwon Declaration Network Meeting</i>	- 20 participants attended and successful cases in implementing the Changwon Declaration were collected - Sharing experiences and identifying priorities in developing and maintaining partnerships with business sectors	- 24 participants attended from 12 countries - 8 Successful cases in developing partnership with private companies shared (Banrock Station, Youngone Corp., Aleph, HSBC, Toyota Motors, Rio Tinto, Sekicui Chemical)
3. Grant Program	3.1 Inventory of Coastal Wetlands particularly the Seagrass and Tidal Flats Areas in Mainland Luzon (Philippines)	- Conduct researches to inventory coastal wetlands in mainland Luzon - Prioritize wetland areas for the Ramsar Site	- Budget allocation is completed (100%) - Final report will be submitted by May 2016

		designation - Draft relevant policy measures for the conservation of coastal wetlands in the Philippines	
	3.2 Strengthening the Management of Ramsar Sites in Bhutan (Bhutan)	- Developing wetland conservation network in Bhutan - Capacity building on wetland conservation and management for the managers in three Ramsar Sites in Bhutan	- Budget allocation is completed (100%) - Final report will be submitted by May 2016
	3.3 Empower local communities to co-manage Boeng Chhmar Ramsar site, Cambodia (Cambodia)	- Engaging local communities in the management of Ramsar Sites - Developing sustainable financing mechanism to support communities for the management of protected area - Introducing the wetland co-management mechanism for Boeng Chhmar Ramsar Site	- Budget allocation is completed (100%) - Final report will be submitted by May 2016
	3.4 Upgrading for Ongoing Management of Moeyungyi Wetland Wildlife Sanctuary, the first Ramsar Site in Myanmar (Myanmar)	- Increasing awareness of local communities and students on the importance of wetlands - Implementing zoning process with mutual	- Budget allocation is completed (100%) - Final report will be submitted by May 2016

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

3. 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 the CHF**:

1 USD = 0.97 CHF

activities	planned expenditures	real expenditures
1.1 CEPA	130,000 (USD)	130,000 (USD)
1.2 Network	50,000 (USD)	50,000 (USD)
1.3 Grant Program	50,000 (USD)	50,000 (USD)
1.4 Operation	150,000 (USD)	150,000 (USD)
total	380,000 (USD)	380,000 (USD)

sources of income (donors)	income received
Ministry of Environment (ROK)	140,000 (USD)
Gyeongnam Province (ROK)	240,000 (USD)
Ramsar core budget (where applicable)	-
total	380,000 (USD)

Financial balance on 31 December of Year 2015: Unspent budget returned to the sources of income

4. 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	indicators	results/outputs
1. CEPA	1.1 Regional Level Training Workshop for Wetland Managers in East and Southeast Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30 wetland managers from 17 countries will participate in the training workshop. - All participants will share their experiences by giving presentations and discussion session. - Agreement on the future cooperation through networking activities among all participants will be made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased understanding on the Ramsar Convention and its CEPA program - Improved capacity in managing Ramsar Sites - Active communication and networking activities between wetland managers in the region
	1.2 National Level Training Workshop for Wetland Managers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40-50 wetland managers will attend the workshop - All participants will actively exchange their experiences - Identify methodologies for better communication between wetland managers and Ramsar NFPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased understanding on the Ramsar Convention and its CEPA program - Improved capacity in managing Ramsar Sites - Activation of national wetland managers' network - Improved communication between local wetland managers and Ramsar NFPs
2. Network	2.1 Hosting Wetlands Link International – Asia (WLI-Asia) Secretariat in the RRC-EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOU between WLI-Global and the RRC-EA on hosting and operating the WLI-Asia Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved communication and exchange activities among wetland visitor centers in the region
	2.2 Inventory of wetland visitor centers in Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inventory wetland visitor centers in Asia as much as possible - publish an inventory book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased understanding to other wetland visitor centers - Improved communication based on increased understanding to other wetland visitor centers through the inventory book
3. Grant Program	3.1 RRC-EA Wetland Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial support for 4 wetland conservation projects in the region (Maximum 10,000 USD per project) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved implementation of the Ramsar Convention
	3.2 Fund for World Wetlands Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial support for 3 selected World Wetlands Day annual commemoration in the region (Maximum 5,000 USD per event) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased awareness on the Ramsar Convention through WWD annual commemoration
4. Implementation of the Ramsar Convention	4.1 Rapid assessment of ecosystem services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant experts, stakeholders from Ramsar CPs attend the workshop for developing “Rapid Assessment Tool for Ecosystem Services of the Ramsar Sites” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of available tool for Ramsar Site managers
	4.2 A guide to the Ramsar Site Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publish a guidebook on the Ramsar Site Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased understanding on the Ramsar Site management
	4.3 Workshop for Non-Contracting Parties in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A workshop to introduce the Ramsar Convention to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased awareness on the Ramsar Convention among

	East and Southeast Asia	the Non Contracting Parties in East And Southeast Asia	the Non-Contracting Parties in East and Southeast Asia
5. Miscellaneous	5.1 Commemoration Symposium for the RRC-EA renewal in the Suncheon City	- A commemoration symposium on the future of the RRC-EA	- Discussion on the RRC-EA future operation
	5.2 Restructure of RRC-EA Website	- Restructured RRC-EA website	- Improved information sharing through the RRC-EA Website
	5.3 the 8 th RRC-EA Steering Committee	- All Steering Committee members attended - Decisions on the operation of the RRC-EA is made	- Report of the 2016 activities and approval of 2017 workplan and budget
	5.4 Recruitment of RRC-EA Executive Director	- Recruitment procedure to be set up by the Recruitment Committee for the Director - Procedure to be implemented as scheduled	- Qualified Executive Director is hired

5. Financial plan for the year 2016

Provide a summary of expected income and budgeted/planned expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average **exchange rate to the CHF**:

1,000 KRW = 0.81 CHF

activities	planned expenditures	expected income and source
1.1 Regional Level Training Workshop for Wetland Managers in East and Southeast Asia	60,000,000	60,000,000 / MOE Korea and Suncheon City
1.2 National Level Training Workshop for Wetland Managers	40,000,000	40,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
2.1 Hosting Wetlands Link International – Asia (WLI-Asia) Secretariat in the RRC-EA	10,000,000	20,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
2.2 Inventory of wetland visitor centers in Asia	20,000,000	20,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
3.1 RRC-EA Wetland Fund	50,000,000	50,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
3.2 Fund for World Wetlands Day	20,000,000	20,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
4.1 Rapid assessment of ecosystem services	40,000,000	40,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
4.2 A guide to the Ramsar Site Management	30,000,000	30,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
4.3 Workshop for Non-Contracting Parties in East and Southeast Asia	30,000,000	30,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
5.1 Commemoration Symposium for the RRC-EA renewal in the Suncheon City	10,000,000	20,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
5.2 Restructure of RRC-EA Website	20,000,000	20,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
5.3 the 8 th RRC-EA Steering Committee	20,000,000	20,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
5.4 Recruitment of RRC-EA Executive Director	10,000,000	10,000,000/ MOE Korea and Suncheon City
total	360,000,000	