

**Combined annual reporting and forward planning format
for Ramsar Regional Initiatives (Annex I of DOC. SC41-13)**

Annual Summary Report for Year 2018 and Plan for Year 2019

(4 pages maximum)

1. Title of your Ramsar Regional Initiative: RAMSAR CENTRE FOR EASTERN AFRICA (RAMCEA)

2. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2018

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
	Activity to be undertaken	Achievements	Verification of success
To promote and ensure best practices on sustainable wetlands management in the region	Publish and disseminate Lessons learnt documents on use of Earth Observation data for wetland monitoring and reporting	Project Completion Report and Lessons learnt from use of Earth Observation data for wetland monitoring and reporting were Documented and awaiting publication	Project Completion Report and Lessons learnt publication
To determine the status and trends of wetland resources in the region to guide decision making	Support and undertake Wetland Assessments in the region	A national database on wetlands location and extent in Uganda to serve as the baseline for reporting on SDG target 6.6	Technical Reports and wetland database
To Enhance the knowledge base and stakeholder awareness on sustainable wetland management in the region	Conduct regular update and maintenance of the RAMCEA Website	A review of the RAMCEA website was conducted. This will guide future updates and maintenance of the website	Functional website
	Training in use of Earth Observation data for wetland monitoring and reporting	19 participants were trained in use of Earth Observation data for wetland monitoring and reporting,	Training reports
To support wetland policies and institutional processes in the region to enhance wetland management	Facilitate preparation of sustainable wetland management policy briefs	A policy brief on role of earth observation data in wetland inventory and reporting for SDG 6.6.1 was prepared and awaits dissemination	Policy briefs
To facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council and Secretariat	Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Governing Council	Started preparations for the 2nd RAMCEA Regional Governing Council meeting. <i>Meeting to be held in February 2019</i>	Record of Discussion Approved annual work plan and budget
	Maintain the RAMCEA Offices	RAMCEA offices fully functional	Functional Offices
Support the Ramsar Advisory Mission to Uganda	Provide technical backstopping to the Ramsar Advisory Mission	RAMCEA team supported the Ramsar Advisory Mission to 3 Ramsar sites (Lake George, Lutembe and Murchison Falls Albert Delta)	RAM reports and recommendations

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

In addition to the planned activities, the following achievements were also realized;

RAMCEA in collaboration with Birdlife International Africa Office and the East African Community is developing a proposal for undertaking a Regional Wetlands Assessment.

3. Financial report for Year 2018

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**:

Activities	Planned expenditures	Actual expenditures
	Amount (currency) CHF	
Publish and disseminate Lessons learnt documents that demonstrate best practices	20,000	4,500
Support and undertake Wetland Assessments in the region	20,000	4,830
Conduct regular update and upgrade of the RAMCEA Website	5,000	1,500
Training in use of Earth Observation data for wetland monitoring and reporting	7,000	7,500
Facilitate preparation of sustainable wetland management policy briefs	6,000	2,000
Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Governing Council	20,000	1,500
Pay staff and maintain the RAMCEA Offices	20,000	4,500
Support the Ramsar Advisory Mission to Uganda	10,000	2,540
Total	102,000	28,870

Sources of income (donors)	Income received	
Donor name	Amount (currency)	Amount in CHF
Government of Uganda	30,000,000 (UGX)	7,625
UN Foundation	21,245(CHF)	21,245
Total:		28,870

Financial balance as at 31 December 2018: The amount left to be carried over to 2019, or deficit UGX 44,465,021/= equivalent to CHF 11,302.

4. Work and activities planned for Year 2019

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
	Activity to be undertaken	expected achievements	verification of success
To strengthen capacity for sustainable wetlands management in the region	Support partner states to implement the Wise Use principles through sharing best practices and lessons learned	Lessons learned from Uganda wetlands restoration project documented	Lessons learnt publication

	Undertake a Capacity Needs Assessment in Partner States	Capacity Development Plan prepared and implemented	Capacity Development Plan
	Establish a Roster of Wetland Experts for the sub-region	Wetland Experts Roster prepared	Wetlands Experts Roster
To determine the status and trends of wetland resources in the region to guide decision making	Support and undertake Wetland Assessments in the region	A national database on wetlands location and extent in Uganda to serve as the baseline for reporting on SDG target 6.6	Technical Reports and wetland database
To Enhance the knowledge base and stakeholder awareness on sustainable wetland management in the region	Update RAMCEA Website	Regular updates and maintenance of the RAMCEA website conducted.	Functional website
	Roll out the Earth Observation Tool box with the East African sub-region	Roll out plan prepared and disseminated	Technical reports
	Prepare a Regional Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Action Plan	Regional CEPA Action Plan prepared and disseminated	CEPA Action Plan
To undertake resource mobilization in support of wetland management	Prepare a Resource Mobilization Strategy that encompasses all opportunities within the sub-region	Resource Mobilization Strategy prepared	Resource Mobilisation Strategy
	Develop a sub-regional RAM Programme to assist partner states to assess funding	Sub-regional RAM Programme prepared and disseminated	Sub-regional RAM Programme
To facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Governing Council and Secretariat	Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Governing Council	RAMCEA Regional Governing Council meeting organized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Discussions Approved annual work plan and budget
	Maintain the RAMCEA Offices	RAMCEA offices fully functional	Functional Offices
Support the Ramsar Advisory Mission to Partner States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda)	Undertake a rapid assessment of Ramsar sites	At least 2 Ramsar sites per Partner State monitored and assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desk Studies Assessment reports and recommendations
	Prepare a RAM implementation Action Plan for Uganda	RAM Implementation Action Plan prepared and disseminated	RAM Implementation Action Plan

5. Financial plan for the year 2019

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**:

Activities	Planned expenditures	Expected income and source (amount (currency CHF) and donor name)	
	Amount (currency) CHF	Government of Uganda	Other donors to be identified
Support partner states to implement the Wise Use principles through sharing best practices and lessons learned	15,000	3,000	12,000
Undertake a Capacity Needs Assessment in Partner States	10,000	3,000	7,000
Establish a Roster of Wetland Experts for the sub-region	5,000	2,000	3,000
Support and undertake Wetland Assessments in the region	25,000	5,000	21,000
Update RAMCEA Website	5,000	3,000	2,000
Roll out the Earth Observation Tool box with the East African sub-region	10,000	4,000	6,000
Prepare a Regional Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Action Plan	15,000	5,000	10,000
Prepare a Resource Mobilisation Strategy that encompasses all opportunities within the sub-region	10,000	6,000	4,000
Develop a sub-regional RAM Programme to assist partner states to assess funding	10,000	4,000	6,000
Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Governing Council	25,000	6,000	19,000
Pay staff and maintain the RAMCEA Offices	20,000	6,000	14,000
Undertake a rapid assessment of Ramsar sites	25,000	5,000	20,000
Prepare a RAM implementation Action Plan for Uganda	10,000	6,000	4,000
TOTAL	185,000	58,000	127,000

Budget summary

Donor	Amount (CHF)
Government of Uganda	58,000
Other donors ⁱ	127,000

Note: 1 CHF = 1.1 dollars

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During the year under review RAMCEA engaged in a number of collaborations geared at mobilising resources to support the implementation of the RAMCEA strategic framework and also creating networks for implementation of the various outputs. RAMCEA is also implementing several projects in partnership with Birdlife International and Wetlands International.

Despite the above successes, much more is need to achieve the vision and strategic directions of RAMCEA. Therefore, more effort is needed to mobilize resources, lobbying of the various partner states to support implementation of key outputs and creating of networks with other local, regional and international institutions that can finance and support implementation.

ⁱ The RAMCEA Secretariat will work with the Africa team at the Ramsar Secretariat, Government of Uganda and Partner States to mobilize additional financial resources