

## Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

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**Annual Summary Report for Year 2016 and Plan for Year 2017**

(4 pages maximum)

### 1. Title of your Regional Initiative:

Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia

### 2. Work and activities undertaken during Year 2016

Objectives	Activities	Indicators	Results / Outputs
1. CEPA	1.1 The 8 <sup>th</sup> regional training workshop for wetland managers in East and Southeast Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 55 wetland managers from 21 countries attended the capacity Building Program</li> <li>- Co-organized with EAAFP and delivered necessary information on the Flyway site network and management.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed (10-14 October, Suncheon)</li> <li>- A proceedings booklet is now being edited, and will be published through the RRC-EA website.</li> </ul>
	1.2 National Level Training Workshop for Wetland Managers (Indonesia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 40 wetland managers from Ramsar Site, EAAFP Site, proposed Ramsar and EAAFP sites, Essential Ecosystem Area and other important wetlands in Indonesia attended the training workshop.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed (5-9 October)</li> <li>- A workshop report has been prepared.</li> </ul>
2. Network	2.1 Hosting Wetland Link International – Asia (WLI-Asia) Secretariat in the RRC-EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The MOU between the RRC-EA and WLI for hosting the WLI-Asia in the RRC-EA was signed at the Commemoration Symposium for the RRC-EA renewal in the Suncheon City.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed (11 March, 2016)</li> <li>- signed MOU</li> </ul>
	2.2 Inventory of wetland visitor centers in Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A questionnaire will be developed and circulated to the NFPs of 17 Ramsar Contracting Parties as its first task</li> <li>- The task will be continued and be finished within 2017.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A questionnaire for the inventory is in the process of development.</li> </ul>
3. Grant Program (RRC-EA Wetland Fund)	3.1 Implementation of four (4) projects on wetland conservation and wise use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- four (4) projects from Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, and the Philippines on wetland conservation and wise use to be completed in 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- approved project funds were transferred to implementing organizations</li> <li>- four (4) final reports to be submitted to the RRC-EA</li> </ul>
	3.1 Implementation of three (3) projects on World Wetlands Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- three (3) projects from Cambodia, Philippines, and Viet Nam on World Wetlands Day to be completed in 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- approved project funds were transferred to implementing organizations</li> <li>- three (3) final reports to be submitted to the RRC-EA</li> </ul>
4. Implementation of the Ramsar Convention	4.1 Training workshop on the rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A workshop targeted at testing a field-based ecosystem services rapid assessment tool as well as developing capacity around the benefits that wetland provides was organized with 15 participants representing 4 Ramsar Regions (Africa, Europe, Asia and Oceania) and Ramsar Secretariat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of a draft tool was completed.</li> <li>- The workshop report is available</li> <li>- A set of training materials on the draft tool and workshop report is available</li> </ul>

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	4.2 A guide to the Ramsar Site Management	- the RRC-EA engaged the services of WWT Consulting to develop a simple booklet on the designation and management of the Ramsar Sites to assist Ramsar Site administrators and managers in East Asia by improving their understanding on the key processes of management followed by the Ramsar Site designation.	- The booklet is expected to be published in the first quarter of 2017.
	4.3 Workshop for Non-Contracting Parties in East and Southeast Asia	- Workshop was not organized separately, but one of the Non-Contracting Parties in the region, Brunei Darussalam, was invited to the regional level training workshop	- The representative from Brunei Darussalam showed his willingness on future cooperation with the RRC-EA as the first step to become a Ramsar Contracting Party.
5. Miscellaneous	5.1 Commemoration Symposium for the RRC-EA renewal in the Suncheon City	- More than 100 participants attended, including the Chair of the RRC-EA Steering Committee and Senior Advisor for Asia and Oceania from the Ramsar Secretariat - An MOU between the RRC-EA and WLI was signed for future cooperation on wetland visitor centers' network in the region.	- The new hosting of the RRC-EA to the Suncheon City was widely announced and commemorated through the symposium.
	5.2 Restructure of RRC-EA Website	- Before the hiring of a web officer, a website was temporarily developed and opened, and was used to announce the RRC-EA Wetland Fund and staff recruitment. - A web officer was hired in October 2016 and started developing new website from November 2016.	- The final version of new website will be available in February 2017.
	5.3 the 8 <sup>th</sup> RRC-EA Steering Committee	- The 8 <sup>th</sup> RRC-EA Steering Committee meeting was held from 23 to 24 January.	- The minutes of the meeting will be circulated to all SC members via email.
	5.4 National workshop for R.O. Korea on the conservation of migratory bird habitats around the Yellow Sea (funded by IUCN)	- A national workshop for the conservation of migratory bird habitats around the Yellow Sea was co-organized by the RRC-EA, IUCN ARO and MOE Korea. - The outcome from the workshop was delivered to the IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2016.	- The workshop report is available
	5.5 Technical training on recognizing the multiple values of the intertidal wetlands of the Yellow Sea (funded by IUCN)	- A technical training workshop was organized by the RRC-EA and IUCN ARO. - 12 wetland managers and researchers relevant to the conservation of habitats around Yellow Sea from Korea and China attended and learned how to use the rapid assessment tool for ecosystem services developed by Rob McInnes.	- The workshop report is available

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 2016

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: 1,100 KRW = 1 CHF (as of 18 January 2017).

Activities	Planned expenditures (KRW)	Real expenditures (KRW)
1. Operations	343,200,000	240,235,387
2. Projects	340,000,000	206,063,903
3. Initial setup cost	150,000,000	149,408,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>833,200,000</b>	<b>630,687,190</b>

Sources of income	Income received (KRW)
Republic of Korea (MOE)	416,600,000
Republic of Korea (Suncheon City)	416,600,000
IUCN ARO	10,102,037
Miscellaneous	4,280,597
Ramsar core budget (where applicable)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>847,582,634</b>

#### Financial balance on 31 December of Year 2016:

Remaining budget amounting to KRW 216,895,444 will be carried forward to the 2017 budget.

### 4. Work and activities planned for Year 2017

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 training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 6<sup>th</sup> WLI-Asia Conference as the RRC-EA's regional training program together with Asian Wetland Symposium (AWS) 2017 in Japan to be organized</li> <li>- More than 30 visitor centers from 17 countries in East and Southeast Asia to be invited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A report from the training with relevant materials will be published and disseminated through the RRC-EA Website</li> <li>- Developed strategies for future cooperation among wetland visitor centers will be shared.</li> </ul>
	1.2 National training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National training for wetland managers to be organized</li> <li>- More than 30 wetland managers to be invited for capacity building, information sharing and networking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A report from the training with relevant materials will be published and disseminated through the RRC-EA Website</li> </ul>
2. Network	2.1 WLI-Asia Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inventory of wetland visitor centers in Asia to be developed continuously</li> <li>- Matching service for wetland visitor centers that are interested in exchange program such as education programs, exhibition items, etc.</li> <li>- Shipping cost for exchanging exhibition items of wetland visitor centers to be supported.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A booklet on wetland visitor centers in Asia will be published and shared through the RRC-EA website.</li> </ul>

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	2.2 Web Magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Web Magazines to be published to introduce important wetland experts in our region, updates from the RRC-EA and WLI-Asia, and successful management case studies in our region</li> <li>- 4 times a year (March, June, September and December)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Web Magazine will be published and disseminated to all relevant wetland stakeholders in our region.</li> </ul>
3. Grant Program	3.1 RRC-EA Wetland Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 wetland conservation projects (maximum 10,000 USD per project) and 3 World Wetlands Day annual commemoration (maximum 5,000 USD per event) in the region to be selected and supported.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report from the supported projects to be published and shared through the RRC-EA Website.</li> </ul>
4. Miscellaneous	4.1 Development of DR on the rapid assessment tool for ecosystem services on wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduced rapid assessment tool for wetland ecosystem services to be reviewed by the Ramsar STRP and Pre-COP regional meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DR on the tool for the Ramsar COP13 will be developed.</li> <li>- Training module on the tool will be developed and shared by the RRC-EA website.</li> </ul>
	4.2 Workshop on “urban wetlands”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A workshop to discuss issues in Asia and develop regional approaches on “urban wetlands”, linked to the theme for 2018 WWD and COP13, will be organized</li> <li>- The procedure to apply for the “Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention” to be introduced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A report from the workshop will be published and shared by the RRC-EA Website</li> </ul>
	4.3 Prep meeting for AWS 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A preparatory meeting for AWS 2017 to be organized to discuss detailed programs and how to make balance between AWS and the WLI-Asia conference.</li> <li>- International Steering Committee members for the AWS to be invited</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A report will published and shared by the RRC-EA Website.</li> </ul>

Activities such as sub-regional training, Youth Model Ramsar Convention, World Wetlands Day Campaign, RRC-EA Environmental Lectures, and Workshop on Avian Influenza (KRW 200,000,000) have been put on hold until further advice from the RRC-EA Steering Committee.

## 5. Financial plan for the year 2017

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: 1,100 KRW = 1 CHF (as of 18 January 2017).

Activities	Expected income and planned expenditures (KRW)	Expected sources
Operations	490,000,000	MOE / Suncheon
Projects	556,859,444	MOE / Suncheon
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,046,859,444</b>	