

Annex II

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

Annual Report for Year 2019 and Plan for Year 2020 (4 pages maximum)
Submission deadline: 20 January 2020

1. Title of your Regional Initiative: Indo Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative

2. Work and activities undertaken during 2019

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. Support functioning of IBRRI governance and participation in Ramsar Convention secretariat meetings	1.1 Hold the IBRRI Steering Committee (SC) meeting 2019	Postponed to 2020 due to scheduling conflicts. The Regional Wetlands Policy Dialogue (28-30 May 2019) enabled the Steering Committee to meet informally.	
	1.2 Hold the IBRRI Technical Workshop 2019	Postponed to 2020 due to scheduling conflicts. The Regional Wetlands Policy Dialogue (May 2019) enabled IBRRI partners to meet and discuss the IBRRI SP and the components on agriculture and wetlands.	
	1.3 Support participation of IBRRI to regional events	The IBRRI Secretariat was invited to Suncheon for the first Steering Committee meeting of the Asian Wetlands Symposium (AWS) from 5-6 November 2019. The AWS is planned for Suncheon, South Korea in 2020. In November 2019, IBRRI was contracted by FAO to host a Regional Consultation on Eco-Friendly Water Management for Sustainable Wetland Agriculture in 2020 with 5 IBRRI countries and China.	Meeting notes from AWS Planning Meeting available Copy of contract available
2. Prepare a sub-regional strategic plan for IBRRI and disseminate it	2.1 Support national trainings/dialogues on the strategic plan and workplan design	IBRRI Strategic Plan launched on 2 February 2019. Workplan presented to countries at Regional Wetlands Policy Dialogue (May 2019) with a Q&A session.	Hard copies of IBRRI Strategic Plan distributed at Regional Policy Dialogue
3. Strengthen knowledge of key Ramsar tools and guidelines	3.1 Translate two key Ramsar documents into local languages and disseminate	Vulnerability Assessment tools, RAWES, Guidance Note on Rapid Climate Change Vulnerability and Disaster Risk Assessment all translated into Khmer, Lao, Thai and Vietnamese	Documents available in local languages, and distributed during national wetland trainings
	3.2 Organise one regional training	IBRRI co-hosted a wetlands policy dialogue with RRC-EA (Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia). The event was held from 28-30 th May	Regional dialogue report available

		with representatives from 5 IBRRI countries and NGO partners, totalling 47 participants. The dialogue highlighted the need to mainstream wetland ecosystems services into climate change related policies and commitments.	
	3.3 Organise/ support 1 national or transboundary training	<p>IBRRI co-hosted a Train-the Trainers workshop with 28 trainees from the 5 IBRRI countries with Mekong Wetlands University Network from 27 March-3 April. The trainers then returned to their countries and hosted national trainings in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam with wetlands managers.</p> <p>IBRRI hosted a regional citizen journalism training from 21-24 of June to teach media representatives from seven news agencies to run national trainings with wetland communities (Since then, each media agency has held national trainings in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam with over 120 local community members trained in mobile journalism.</p> <p>IUCN Lao PDR facilitated a participatory assessment in Savannakhet Province, to evaluate the management effectiveness of the Ramsar designated Xe Champhone Wetland from 24-27 June. The assessment was carried out using the Ramsar Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (R-METT), and it aimed at determining key management constraints and strengths, as well as identifying current or growing threats to the site.</p>	Workshop reports, participant lists available
4. Strengthen awareness of the Ramsar Convention in the IBRRI region	4.1 Provide support for World Wetland Day or a CEPA activity in the five IBRRI countries	Provided small grants to local governments for CEPA activities including: ONEP Thailand WWD event in Prasae Estuary, Rayong, Cambodia MoE WWD Event, and World Migratory Bird Day Event, and Lao PDR DoNRE WWD Event.	Event reports and photos

	4.2 Communication outputs for IBRRI published	20 web stories about IBRRI Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R-METT Cambodia • Lao PDR R-METT • IBRRI WWD Webstory • Ramsar WWD • Wetlands Policy Dialogue • Regional Dialogue RRC-EA • IBRRI Wetlands Training • Regional Citizen Journalism Training • Viet Nam News CJ • Thailand CJ • Lao PDR CJ • Cambodia CJ • Viet Nam CJ • VA Lao PDR • VA Viet Nam • VA Thailand • VA Cambodia • Cambodia Adaptation Planning • Cambodia National Training • Lao PDR National Training
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If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

The IBRRI Strategic Plan was endorsed by the five member countries in February and has served as a framework for the implementation of wetland conservation in the IBRRI region. In May, as a component of the Strategic Plan, IBRRI and RRC-EA hosted a Regional Wetlands Policy Dialogue, bringing together representatives from governments in the IBRRI region to analyse the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats regarding regional wetlands policy. During the dialogue session, critical gaps were identified, particularly the regional underrepresentation of wetlands in climate change mitigation and adaptation policy. Particular attention was given to SDG 13 on Climate Action as well as to the National Determined Contributions (NDCs) developed as part of the Paris Agreement.

The results of the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments for the ten wetlands in the IBRRI region have demonstrated the various threats to wetland ecosystems, species and local livelihoods. They provide national governments with concrete examples of climate change impacts, and the results are informing the development of climate change adaptation plans at the sites.

Intensive ten-day national wetlands trainings with wetlands rangers and local and provincial governments helped to strengthen wetlands management in the IBRRI region. The trainings addressed wetland ecology, climate change impacts, and tools such as RAWES, R-METT, and Vulnerability Assessments, increasing capacity of those directly responsible for Ramsar sites in the region. Citizen journalism reporting by community members is also helping to highlight wetland ecosystem benefits from a new point of view, and national broadcasts are serving to increase awareness of wetlands throughout the countries.

The Ministry of Environment, Cambodia volunteered to host the IBRRI Steering Committee meeting and technical workshop for 2019, however due to scheduling conflicts, they were ultimately unable to host within the calendar year. The meeting has been postponed to February 2020, in Siem Reap.

3. Financial report for Year 2019

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 (CHF) from the Ramsar Core Budget	Actual Expenditures from the Ramsar Core Budget	Planned Expenditures from Co-funding from other Water and Wetlands Projects	Actual Expenditures from Co-funding from other Water and Wetlands Projects (Mekong WET and others) (CHF)
1.1 Hold the IBRRI Steering Committee (SC) meeting 2019	5,000	0		0
1.2 Hold the IBRRI Technical Workshop 2019	10,000	0		0
1.3 Support participation of IBRRI to regional events		0	5,000	0
2.1 Support national trainings/dialogues on the strategic plan and workplan design	18,333	0	10,000	0
3.1 Translate two key Ramsar documents into local languages and disseminate		0	10,000	0
3.2 Organise one regional training		0	15,000	12,715
3.3 Organise/support 1 national or transboundary training			15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30,803 Regional Training - 103,760 total for 4 national wetlands trainings - 24,722 Citizen Journalism regional and national trainings
4.1 Provide support for World Wetland Day or a CEPA activity in the IBRRI countries			10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1,189 Cambodia WWD - 321 Cambodia World Migratory Bird Day - 632 Thailand WWD
4.2 Communication outputs for IBRRI published			10,000	

Total	33,333 CHF	0 CHF	75,000 CHF	174,142 CHF
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Sources of income	Income received
BMU-IKI Mekong WET Project	174,142 CHF
Ramsar core budget 2019	33,333 CHF
Total	207,823 CHF

Financial balance at 31 December 2019: total unspent and uncommitted balance left to be carried over to 2020, or deficit:

45,945 CHF unspent funds from 2018 contract and from 2019 contract running until 31st March 2020 from the following sources:

- **688 CHF** Balance carried over on 31/12/18
- **11,924 CHF** Final 40% of 2018 contract
- **20,000 CHF** First 60% 2019 Contract
- **13,333 CHF** Final instalment of 2019 contract (expected in 2020).

IBRRI is currently prioritising the co-funding provided through the BMU-IKI funded Mekong WET: Building Resilience of Wetlands in the Lower Mekong Region through a Ramsar Regional Initiative, which ends in 2020 and has significant budget to support IBRRI activities, as the development of a Ramsar Regional Initiative was a key component of the project. The IBRRI Secretariat is currently exploring additional funding sources to provide financial support to IBRRI from 2021 onwards, however, has not yet found an appropriate donor. The decision was made to prioritise BMU-IKI funding while it is available, and reserve the Ramsar funding to assist in supporting IBRRI once the Mekong WET project has ended.

For those initiatives receiving funding from the Convention in 2019, 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

The remaining funds are committed to support the Ministry of Environment Cambodia in hosting the IBRRI Steering Committee and Annual Meeting in Siem Reap in February 2020, and the transboundary trainings between IBRRI countries.

Work and activities planned for Year 2020

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. Support functioning of IBRRI governance and participation in Ramsar Convention secretariat meetings	1.1 Hold the IBRRI Steering Committee (SC) meeting 2020	Review of strategic plan implementation and 2020 work plan	Report available
	1.2 Hold the IBRRI Technical Workshop 2020	IBRRI Technical Committee discussion on implementation of workplan and updates of ongoing activities	Minutes available
	1.3 Support participation of IBRRI to	Involvement and comments of IBRRI on	Evidence of IBRRI participation in

	regional/international events	relevant matters during the meetings. Dr. Srey Sunleang, IBRRI Chair, will attend SC58, and share inputs from the IBRRI Annual Meeting.	meeting reports/minutes
2. Implement the sub-regional strategic plan for IBRRI	2.1 Support activities and workshops based on the Strategic Plan	Sub-regional strategic plan understood by local governments and integrated into National workplans	Evidence of national activities planned
3. Strengthen knowledge of key Ramsar tools and guidelines	3.1 Translate two key Ramsar documents into local languages and disseminate	Two key documents translated into the five local languages and disseminated online and through workshops	Two documents available in five local languages each, number of downloads
	3.2 Organise at least one regional training on Sustainable Wetland Agriculture with FAO	One training held involving at least 20 participants	Number of trainings held, number of participants
	3.3 Organise/support 1 national or transboundary trainings	A training has been held with local wetlands managers to strengthen the Ramsar network in the region and discuss transboundary issues.	Number of trainings held, number of participants, improved understanding of Ramsar implementation
4. Strengthen awareness of the Ramsar Convention in the IBRRI region	4.1 Provide support for World Wetlands Day or a CEPA activity in the 5 IBRRI countries	Technical and small-scale financial support provided to World Wetland Day and/or CEPA events in the five countries	Number of small grants provided in support of World Wetland Day activities
	4.2 Communication outputs for IBRRI published	At least 3 web stories or media reports at national and regional levels mention IBRRI	Number of media reports published

For those initiatives requesting funding from the Convention for 2020, please provide a financial summary of your 2020 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
1.1 Hold the IBRRI Steering Committee (SC) meeting 2020	20,000
1.2 Hold the IBRRI Technical Workshop 2020	15,000
1.3 Support participation of IBRRI to regional events	5,000
2.1 Support activities and workshops based on the Strategic Plan	28,000
3.1 Translate two key Ramsar documents into local languages and disseminate	10,000
3.2 Organise one regional training	20,000
3.3 Organise/support 1 national or transboundary trainings	15,000

4.1 Provide support for World Wetlands Day or a CEPA activity in the 5 IBRRI countries	10,000
4.2 Communication outputs for IBRRI published	10,000
Total	133,000 CHF

Sources of Income	Forecast/budgeted amount of income amount (currency)
BMU-IKI (Mekong WET Project)	32,702 CHF
FAO Asia Regional and Pacific	25,000 USD (24,353 CHF)
Ramsar Convention secretariat balance 2019	45,945 CHF
Request from Ramsar core budget	30,000 CHF
Total	133,000 CHF