

**CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**

**29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee  
Gland, Switzerland, 26-28 February 2003**

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**Agenda item 8**

**Format for National Reports**

**Action requested:** The Standing Committee is invited to consider the proposal prepared by the Bureau for the National Planning Tool / National Report Format and take a decision on this matter.

1. Resolution VIII.26 on *The implementation of the Strategic Plan 2003-2008 during the triennium 2003-2005 and National Reports for Ramsar COP9*,
  10. URGES those Contracting Parties which have prepared Provisional National Targets and Actions for their implementation of the Strategic Plan during 2003-2005 to amend them as necessary, in the light of the Work Plan 2003-2005 to be circulated by the Bureau as per the previous paragraph, and to communicate the revised targets and actions to the Bureau not later than 30 June 2003;
  11. STRONGLY URGES those Contracting Parties that have not yet prepared National Targets and Actions for their implementation of the Strategic Plan during 2003-2005 to do so as soon as the Bureau has circulated the Work Plan 2003-2005 as per paragraph 10 above, and to communicate their targets and actions to the Bureau not later than 30 June 2003;
  13. INSTRUCES the Ramsar Bureau to prepare a proposal for a simple National Report Format for COP9 for consideration by the Standing Committee at its meeting in February 2003, taking into account the experiences of Contracting Parties in making their National Reports to COP8;
  14. REQUESTS that the proposed National Report Format for COP9 include, *inter alia*, a) codified questions on priorities and progress in implementation; b) precise indicators for the status of, and progress in, implementation; and c) explanatory text fields for reporting implementation progress since COP8;  
[and]
  15. INSTRUCES the Ramsar Bureau to make available to all Contracting Parties as soon as possible in 2003 this National Report Format, once approved by the Standing Committee.

2. On the basis of these requirements from Resolution VIII.26, the Bureau has prepared the attached proposal for the National Planning Tool / National Report Format.
3. It should be noted that the Bureau has prepared a sample for Operation Objective 1 only. When the Standing Committee has approved the format, the Bureau will proceed with applying it to all Operational Objectives of the Strategic Plan, have the format translated into French and Spanish, and distribute it, as soon as possible, to all Parties.
4. It should also be noted that the word “simple” was added at the last minute of COP8 into paragraph 13 of Resolution VIII.26, as quoted above. The Bureau has tried its best to prepare a “simple” format, but effective and useful reporting on the implementation of the Strategic Plan would always require some level of complexity.
5. The Bureau feels that if Parties could be persuaded to use the format as a National Planning Tool first, and then start inputting information on the COP9 Report Section as actions are completed (or even initiated) and details become known, without waiting to complete the COP9 report when the deadline is approaching . . . or has passed, then the proposed format would not be seen as too complicated and cumbersome.

**PROPOSAL FOR COP9 NATIONAL PLANNING TOOL/NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT.  
EXPLANATORY NOTES**

The format for the preparation of National Reports to the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties has been prepared in light of the experience of Parties in using the COP8 National Report Format and the experience of the Ramsar Bureau in handling the information submitted by Parties in their National Reports to COP8.

It follows *Resolution VIII.26 on "The implementation of the Strategic Plan 2003-2008 during the triennium 2003-2005 and National Reports format for Ramsar COP9"*, including the request to incorporate *inter alia*:

- a) codified questions on priorities and progress in implementation;
- b) precise indicators for the status of, and progress in, implementation;
- c) explanatory text fields for reporting implementation progress since COP8.

The Ramsar Bureau is developing the COP9 National Reports Database using the COP9 National Planning Tool/National Report Format, including all the indicators defined in the Format. The Database also includes procedures to make statistical analysis and assessment of the implementation at regional / global levels and the possibility to produce "*Country Fact Sheets*" consisting of a subset of key "indicators" or "items" that would offer a "condensed" overview of the implementation process and "*Thematic Reports*" - for instance, according to the Operational Objectives of the Strategic Plan 2003-2008.

The format aims to mirror the structure of the Strategic Plan 2003-2008, including the sequential list of its 21 Operational Objectives and their actions relevant for Contracting Parties. In addition, other actions called for in the COP8 Resolutions that are applicable to Contracting Parties are also included. The COP9 National Planning Tool/National Report Format is divided in two distinct parts for each Operational Objective: PLANNING TOOL SECTION and COP9 REPORT SECTION.

**PLANNING TOOL SECTION**

This section is provided in order to facilitate the Parties' task of preparing (or amending) their Provisional National Targets and Actions for the implementation of each of the Operational Objectives (not for each action) of the Strategic Plan during 2003-2005.

In line with Resolution VIII.26, which urges Contracting Parties "to communicate their targets and actions to the Bureau not later than 30 June 2003", all Parties are urged to consider using this comprehensive national planning tool as soon as possible, so as to identify the areas of highest priority for action and the relevant national targets and actions for each Operational Objective.

The Planning Tool Section offers, for each Operational Objective, the possibility of indicating the *national priority* for that area of activity as well as the *level of resourcing available, or that could be made available during the triennium, for its implementation*. In addition, there are specific boxes to indicate the *National Targets* for implementation by 2005 and the *planned national activities* that are designed to deliver these targets.

**COP9 REPORT SECTION**

For each Operational Objective, the detailed list of actions relevant for Contracting Parties is presented, together with other relevant actions derived from the Resolutions adopted at COP8.

Those actions for which global targets by 2005 have been approved by COP8 are highlighted throughout the document, in order to make it easier for Contracting Parties to locate the key implementation areas for the next triennium.

One or more indicators have been defined for each action to assess the status and progress of its implementation. Indicators, whenever possible, are described in a simple way, in order to facilitate the completion of the report. For codified questions, a comprehensive range of possible answers is given (including a “Other status” option). For each action there is also a text box to include further comments on the progress in implementation since COP8 and additional explanations. Where applicable, specific indicators to report on number of sites or other features are also included.

## ELECTRONIC VERSION (MICROSOFT WORD TEMPLATE DOCUMENT)

In the following paragraphs, the guidelines to work with the Microsoft Word Template Document both while using it as a Planning Tool or while preparing the National Report to COP9 are given.

### 1. NAVIGATION THROUGH THE DOCUMENT

At the beginning of the document, there is a [table of contents](#) that provides quick access to the 21 Operational Objectives. Besides, on each Operational Objective, a [navigation bar](#) with links to the main table of contents, as well as to next and previous Operational Objectives, is provided to facilitate the navigation through the document, bearing in mind that the list of actions for some Operational Objectives can be quite long. To follow a hyperlink, **right-click with the mouse** (in Word 97 and 2000) or press **Ctrl- and right-click** with the mouse in Word XP (*note: in this case both actions have to be done at the same time*). Hyperlinks will not work in Word versions prior to Word 97. Example of the Navigation bar:

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### 2. STRUCTURE OF THE PLANNING TOOL SECTION

For each Operational Objective, the Planning Tool Section looks as follows (in the example, Operational Objective 1.1, on inventory):

<b>PRIORITY:</b>	<b>❶ A</b>	<i>A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer</i>
<b>RESOURCING:</b>	<b>❶ B</b>	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
<b>TARGETS (text answer):</b>	<b>❶</b>	<i>[Example text]</i> To have a comprehensive inventory of all wetlands by 2005
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):</b>	<b>❶</b>	<i>[Example text]</i> To update the existent inventory so as to cover all the national territory, and to incorporate relevant information about wetlands, including digital information, when possible

#### Guidelines to use the Planning Tool Sections

- The input has to be made only in the **green boxes**. For **PRIORITY** and **RESOURCING**, the coded answers are given in the right part of the table (*always in italics and light grey background*). The answer chosen has to be typed inside the green box at the left side of the coded options. **TARGET** and **PLANNED ACTIVITIES** are text boxes; here, Contracting Parties are invited to provide more detailed information in the respective box on their National Targets for achievement in implementation by 2005 and the planned national activities that are designed to deliver these targets.

### 3. STRUCTURE OF THE COP9 REPORT SECTION

Inside each Operational Objective, the complete list of actions relevant to Contracting Parties are given in the same order as they appear in the Strategic Plan 2003-2008. Other relevant actions derived from COP8 resolutions are given close to the related actions in the Strategic Plan. Below, an example with all possible types of indicators is shown, together with instructions about how to use the National Report Sections.

#### Guidelines to use the COP9 Report Sections

- ❶ Those actions for which global targets by 2005 have been approved by COP8 are highlighted throughout the document with a grey background; **Global target is shown in bold after the action text**. In this way, it should be easier for Parties to locate the key implementation areas for the next triennium. The example of action 1.1.1 —for which a global target has been defined— and action 1.1.7 —that does not have a global target by 2005— are shown below to illustrate the different formatting.
- ❷ The input has to be made only in the yellow boxes.
- ❸ In the case of coded questions, the options (“codes information box”) are given in *italics and with light grey background* at the right side of the relevant questions. The letter corresponding to the selected answer has to be typed in the corresponding yellow box (to the left). When the action has more than one indicator, the same “code information box” applies to all of them, and the selected answers have to be typed in the corresponding yellow boxes.
- ❹ When applicable, there is a box to report on numbers of Ramsar sites or other features.
- ❺ For each action there is also a text box. Here, Parties are invited to provide more detailed information on the progress in implementation since COP8 and other comments they may consider useful or relevant in relation to the given action.

See two examples below with reference to the guidelines explained:

❶ **Action 1.1.1.-** Promote and encourage the use of standard wetland inventory methodologies following the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory (Resolution VIII.6), to undertake, update and disseminate national (or, where appropriate, provincial) scientific inventories of wetlands.  
**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: By COP9, all Parties without completed inventories to have initiated action in line with the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory, and as far as possible to have completed and disseminated comprehensive national wetland inventories.**

❶.- Use of standard wetland inventory methodologies following the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory adopted at COP8 (Resolution VIII.6)	❷ E	❸ <i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;	
❷.- Comprehensive National Wetland Inventory <i>(if inventory exists, please include number of sites)</i>	❷ D	D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress; F = Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	❷❹ <b>N° sites</b> 52
❸.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please, include information on the application of inventory methodologies, the status of the inventory -end date or expected timeframe, contents of the inventory- and other additional comments you consider relevant].</i>			
❷❺ <i>[Example text]</i> The inventory of wetlands started in 2002. Approximately 75 % of the country is covered and 52 wetlands have been identified. The expected timeframe to finalise the inventory is 2006. The application of standard wetland inventory methodologies is in progress. The intention is to standardise the information about all wetlands in the			

inventory, including the development of a geographic database, supported by a GIS (now being developed). In the medium term, it is planned to apply the MedWet Inventory methodology concerning habitat classification system through the country. First contacts with the MedWet Inventory Group were established at COP8 and during 2003 training courses for national technical staff on the application of the habitat classification system on the ground, and on the use of photointerpretation and cartographic conventions have been organized. These trainings were funded by the Small Grants Fund (see action 1.1.7).

**1 Action 1.1.7.-** Give high priority to developing projects for inventory activities for the Small Grants Fund.

**1.-** Development and proposal of projects including inventory activities for the Small Grants Fund

**2**  
**B**

**3** *Choose an answer*  
A = Not applicable; B = Yes;  
C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;  
E = In progress; F= Being planned;  
G = Being updated; H = Other status  
(explain below); I = No answer

**2.-** Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].*

**2 5** *[Example text]* Two projects related to wetland inventory activities have been submitted to the Small Grants Fund. One of them (submitted in 2003, approved and now finalised) was about “Application of MedWet Habitat Classification System for wetland inventory and mapping: Training on the MedWet Methodology”.  
The second project: “Application of MedWet Habitat Classification System for wetland inventory and mapping: Use of photointerpretation and GIS to the cartography of two Ramsar sites” has been submitted and a decision is pending.

**PROPOSAL FOR COP9 NATIONAL PLANNING TOOL-NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT**

In the following pages, the proposed structure and contents of COP9 National Planning Tool and National Report Format is given.

The first Operational Objective of Strategic Plan 2003-2008 is used to illustrate the proposal.

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*[Note: New Operational Objectives will appear here as they are added to the template document]*

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1. INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT**

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1.1: DESCRIBE THE EXTENT OF WETLAND RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY AT GLOBAL AND NATIONAL (OR, WHERE APPROPRIATE, PROVINCIAL) SCALES, IN ORDER TO INFORM AND UNDERPIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND IN PARTICULAR THE APPLICATION OF THE WISE USE PRINCIPLE.**

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**PLANNING TOOL SECTION**

<b>PRIORITY:</b>		<i>A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer</i>
<b>RESOURCING:</b>		<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
<b>TARGETS (text answer):</b>		
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):</b>		

**COP9 REPORT SECTION**

**Action 1.1.1.-** Promote and encourage the use of standard wetland inventory methodologies following the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory (Resolution VIII.6), to undertake, update and disseminate national (or, where appropriate, provincial) scientific inventories of wetlands.  
**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: By COP9, all Parties without completed inventories to have initiated action in line with the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory, and as far as possible to have completed and disseminated comprehensive national wetland inventories.**

<b>1.- Standard wetland inventory methodologies following the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory adopted at COP8 (Resolution VIII.6) used for national wetland inventory</b>		<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Yes B = No C = Partly/ in some cases D = In progress E= Being planned F = Being updated G = Other reason (explain) H = No answer I = Not applicable	<b>N° sites</b>
<b>2.- Comprehensive National Wetland Inventory exists (<i>if inventory exists, please include number of sites</i>)</b>			
<b>3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [<i>Please, include information on the application of inventory methodologies, the status of the inventory -end date or expected timeframe, contents of the inventory- and other additional comments you consider relevant</i>].</b>			

**Action 1.1.2.-** Include in national wetland inventories information which identifies: a) potential Ramsar sites; b) wetlands of national, provincial or local importance in the territory of each Contracting Party; and c) wetlands that need restoration and rehabilitation, with a list of priorities, giving particular priority to inventories of karst and caves, intertidal wetlands, coral reefs, peatlands, sites supporting globally threatened species, and other wetland types and features under-represented in the Ramsar List.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: All national wetland inventories initiated after COP8 to include information on wetland importance; potential Ramsar sites; wetlands for restoration; location of under-represented wetland types; and values and functions, in particular in relation to poverty eradication strategies.**

1.- Inventory includes information which identifies potential Ramsar Sites <i>(if so, please include number of sites)</i>			<u>N° sites</u>
2.- Inventory includes information which identifies wetlands of national, provincial or local importance <i>(if so, please include number of sites)</i>		<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;	<u>N° sites</u>
3.- Inventory includes information which identifies wetlands that need restoration and rehabilitation <i>(if so, please include number of sites)</i>		E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	<u>N° sites</u>
4.- Inventory includes information which identifies wetland types and features under-represented in the Ramsar List <sup>1</sup> <i>(if so, please include number of sites)</i>			<u>N° sites</u>
5.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please, include additional comments on the information in the inventory in relation to these items]:</i>			

**Action 1.1.3.-** Ensure that national arrangements for the custodianship, storage and maintenance of wetland inventory data and information, including metadata, are in place and introduce the necessary measures to ensure that this resource is both as comprehensive as possible and readily accessible to the full range of stakeholders.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: All wetland inventories to have full data management, custodianship, and metadata records in place.**

1. National arrangements established for the custodianship, storage and maintenance of wetland inventory data and information, including metadata		<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].</i>		

<sup>1</sup> Under-represented wetland types include, *inter alia*, karst and other subterranean hydrological systems, coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass beds, salt marshes, tidal flats, peatlands, wet grasslands, temporary pools, arid-zone wetlands and mountain wetlands.

**Action 1.1.4.-** (CPs): Include a metadata record for all national (including provincial) wetland inventories in the Web-based wetland inventory meta-database.  
**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: By COP9, a Web-based metadatabase in place and populated with information on all national wetland inventories.**

<p>1.- National (including provincial) wetland inventory metadata record provided for inclusion in Ramsar's Web-based wetland inventory metadatabase</p>		<p><i>Choose an answer</i>  <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].</i></p>		

**Action 1.1.6.-** Encourage the use of relevant information from wetland inventories by decision-makers, wetland managers and wetland users in the development and implementation of national wetland policies and national and local wetland programmes.  
**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: By COP9, all Parties with wetland inventories to have made these available to all stakeholders.**

<p>1.- Relevant information from wetland inventories made available to decision-makers, wetland managers and wetland users</p>		<p><i>Choose an answer</i>  <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].</i></p>		

**Action 1.1.7.-** Give high priority to developing projects for inventory activities for the Small Grants Fund .

<p>1.- Wetland inventory project proposals developed for submission to the Small Grants Fund</p>		<p><i>Choose an answer</i>  <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].</i></p>		

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1. INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT**

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1.2: ASSESS AND MONITOR THE CONDITION OF WETLAND RESOURCES, BOTH GLOBALLY AND NATIONALLY (OR, WHERE APPROPRIATE, PROVINCIALY), IN ORDER TO INFORM AND UNDERPIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND IN PARTICULAR THE APPLICATION OF THE WISE USE PRINCIPLE.**

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**PLANNING TOOL SECTION**

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<b>RESOURCING:</b>		<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
<b>TARGETS (text answer):</b>		
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):</b>		

**COP9 REPORT SECTION**

**Action 1.2.1.-** Actively contribute to the work of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) project (<http://www.millenniumassessment.org>) by serving on its Board and Executive Committee and on its various working groups; analyze the MA’s methodologies, results and findings at Ramsar COP9, and review the necessary actions, if any, to update and make comprehensive the global assessment of wetland resources and their condition. (Refer also to Action 1.1.5)

<b>1.- Contribution made to the work of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment project (MA)</b>		<i>Choose an answer A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
<b>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].</b>		

**Action 1.2.2.-** Establish a repository for the contribution by Contracting Parties of summarized national (or, where appropriate, provincial) assessments of changes in the status of wetland resources, as the basis for regular analysis and improved reporting on the status of wetland resources.

<b>1.- Changes in the status of national (or where appropriate, provincial) wetland resources assessed and summarised</b>		<i>Choose an answer A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
<b>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].</b>		

**Action 1.2.5.-** Undertake assessments of the vulnerability of wetlands to change in ecological character, including their vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and sea-level rise.  
**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: SC/Bureau to identify at least 20 Parties willing to undertake vulnerability assessments and report to COP9.**

<p><b>1.- Assessment of the vulnerability of wetlands to change in ecological character, including to the impacts of climate change and sea-level rise undertaken</b></p>		<p><i>Choose an answer</i>  <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p><b>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].</b></p>		

**Action r1.2.iv.-** Continue to document the past losses and current status and trends of coastal wetlands, including in national wetland inventories, and report on their conservation status in National Reports to COP9. (Resolution VIII.4)

<p><b>1.- Information on the past losses and current status and trends of coastal wetlands documented, including in national wetland inventories:</b></p>		<p><i>Choose an answer</i>  <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p><b>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include information on the conservation status and trends of coastal wetlands and other additional comments you consider relevant]</b></p>		
<p><b>3.- Conservation status of coastal wetlands [Please, provide here a summary on the conservation status of coastal wetlands and provide reference citation to any relevant publications, reports or analyses].</b></p>		

**Action r1.2.v.-** Update information on mangrove forest cover, and conservation status and levels of use of mangroves and provide this information to the Bureau and STRP. (Resolution VIII.32).

<p><b>1.- (FOR RELEVANT/CONCERNED CPs) Information on mangrove forest cover, and conservation status and levels of use of mangroves compiled</b></p>		<p><i>Choose an answer</i>  <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p><b>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include information on the cover and conservation status of mangrove forests and other additional comments you consider relevant]</b></p>		

**Action r1.2.vi.-** Report on the impacts of dams on wetlands in the territory of each Contracting Party, in National Reports to COP9. (Resolution VIII.2).

<p><b>1.- Information on the impacts of dams on wetlands assessed (if available, please include the number wetlands affected)</b></p>		<p><i>Choose an answer</i>  <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>	<p><b>N° sites</b></p>
<p><b>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include information on the impacts of dams on wetlands, sites affected, and other additional comments you consider relevant].</b></p>			
<p><b>3.- Impacts of dams on wetlands [Please, provide here a summary of impacts and provide reference</b></p>			

*citation to any relevant publications, reports or analyses]*

**Action r1.2.vii.-** Monitor and assess the impacts of drought and other natural disasters on the ecological character of Ramsar sites and other wetlands, and on the livelihoods of local communities and indigenous peoples dependent on these wetlands, and report this information to the Ramsar Bureau and STRP. (Resolution VIII.35).

**1.- Information on the impacts of drought and other natural disasters on the ecological character of Ramsar sites and other wetlands, and on the livelihoods of local communities and indigenous peoples dependent on these wetlands compiled (if available, please include the number wetlands affected)**

*Choose an answer*

*A = Not applicable; B = Yes;  
C = No; D = Partly/in some cases;  
E = In progress; F= Being planned;  
G = Being updated;  
H = Other status (explain below);  
I = No answer*

**N° sites**

**2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include information on the impacts of drought and other natural disasters on wetlands, sites affected, and other additional comments you consider relevant].**

**Action 1.2.6.-** Assess the contribution of Ramsar sites and other wetlands to the maintenance of fisheries, including utilizing information available from the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) and other assessment programmes, and recommend sustainable management practices which can contribute to the WSSD target of, where possible by 2015, maintaining or restoring depleted fish stocks to levels that can produce the maximum sustainable yield.

**1.- Assessment of the contribution of Ramsar sites and other wetlands to the maintenance of fisheries undertaken**

*Choose an answer*

*A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned;  
G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below);  
I = No answer*

**2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].**

**Action 1.2.7.-** Undertake assessments of water quality and quantity available to, and required by, wetlands, to support the implementation of the Guidelines for the allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands (Resolution VIII.1), as a contribution to the WSSD Plan of Implementation.  
**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: At least 50 CPs to have undertaken water quality and quantity assessments.**

**1.- Assessments of water quality and quantity available to, and required by, wetlands undertaken**

*Choose an answer*

*A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned;  
G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below);  
I = No answer*

**2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please, include additional comments on the implementation of this action since COP8].**