

Standing Committee 47



Agenda item 14.4

DOC.SC47-21



Ramsar regional initiatives

Initiatives improving their shortcomings ...



*the **Ramsar regional centres** for capacity building in:*

- **East Africa** (RAMCEA) will implement its partnership development and **fundraising** plan
- the **Western Hemisphere** (CREHO) will obtain governmental support and reach **financial** stability
- **Central and West Asia** (RRC-CWA) will accomplish its transition, hire a director and hold the first meeting of its new **governance** board
- **East Asia** will appoint staff to increase its ability to raise and accept **funds** from donors

*In cooperation with the centres, the Secretariat proposes to submit to SC48 a concept for global **coordination among the regional centres**, in order that they all elaborate standard and globally applicable training approaches and products that can be shared and adapted consistently.*

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*the **Ramsar regional networks** for capacity building:*

- along the **West African coast** (*WacoWet*) and in the **Niger river basin** (*NigerWet*) will develop ambitious programmes for the implementation of the Convention,
- in the **High Andean, La Plata river basin** and **Caribbean**, and focussing on **American mangroves and coral reefs** will establish robust **funding** mechanisms and administrative settings enabling them to manage their own funds,
- along the **East Asian-Australasian Flyway** has **funding** for its operations due to a strong support from its partners in the region,
- in the **Mediterranean** (*MedWet*) relocated its secretariat to France and will better integrate the work of the *Mediterranean Wetland Observatory* , its new coordinator will increase the **ownership**, support and active participation by all MedWet members,

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... *the **Ramsar regional networks** for capacity building:*

- in the **Carpathians** (CWI) will activate its **governance** body, enlarge its membership and continue to integrate its activities into the work and finance plan of the *Carpathian Convention*,
- in the **Nordic-Baltic** region (NorBalWet) prepared a **region-wide project** with a focus on peatlands and climate change and **CEPA** initiatives, it will better integrate the work of experienced **NGOs** active in the region,
- along the **Black and Azov Sea coasts** (BlackSeaWet) will aim for active **leadership**, search the necessary **funds** for internationally coordinated activities and coordinated national implementation on the ground.

Proposed allocation of Ramsar funds for activities in 2014



cf. [page 6](#) in your paper DOC. SC47-21

Table 1: Financial overview of regional initiatives

all amount in CHF
0.9 CHF/USD
1.2 CHF/EUR

Past accumulated
Ramsar funding
(total up to and
including 2012)

	2013 Ramsar funds <i>disbursed</i>	2013 ⁴ TOTAL real expenditure	2014 ⁴ TOTAL left-over available <i>early in the year</i>	2014 ⁴ TOTAL planned expenditure	2014 additional request of Ramsar funds	2014 proposed allocation of Ramsar funds
Regional centres for:	A	B	C	D	E	F
East Africa (Kampala)	176,357	35,000	31,600	35,000	215,000	35,000
Western Hemisphere (Panama)	223,286	nil	160,851	27,000	259,030	² not eligible
Central and West Asia (Ramsar)	285,000	nil	941,698	13,500	939,000	² not eligible
East Asia (Changwon)	nil	nil	395,000	?	425,000	nil
Totals	1,753,592	129,719	2,833,890	431,551	5,091,261	171,700
Regional networks for:						
West African coast	167,700	nil	18,837	226	59,500	² not eligible
Niger river basin	¹ 60,000	³ 30,000	4,843	158	44,500	30,000
High Andean	143,000	nil	286,731	nil	2,076,120	² not eligible
La Plata river basin	34,700	16,700	25,297	nil	232,000	16,000
Caribbean	43,800	15,000	76,800	nil	78,000	16,000
American mangroves and reefs	102,000	20,000	47,321	nil	49,000	20,000
East Asian-Australasian Flyway	nil	nil	472,080	278,720	531,440	nil
Mediterranean	310,930	nil	163,400	-55,471	?	² not eligible
Carpathian	120,560	13,019	150,314	32,116	87,120	10,200
Nordic-Baltic	nil	nil	51,409	?	49,751	nil
Black and Azov Sea coast	86,259	nil	7,709	44,831	45,800	44,500
Totals	1,753,592	129,719	2,833,890	431,551	5,091,261	171,700

120,000

Suggested SC47 Decision



Decision SC47-X:

The Standing Committee took note of the annual reports and endorsed the work of the four regional centres and eleven regional networks as meeting the Operational Guidelines 2013-2015 and encouraged them to improve the remaining shortcomings indicated in DOC. SC47-21, and

requested the Secretariat to prepare a proposal for the governance of a global network of Ramsar regional centres for SC48 and subsequent submission to COP12, and

allocated the following amounts for activities in 2014 from the Ramsar core budget line D (“Support to regional initiative network and centres”) to the:

East African centre	CHF 28,000
Niger river basin network	CHF 30,000
La Plata river basin network	CHF 16,000
Caribbean network	CHF 16,000
American mangroves and reefs network	CHF 20,000
Carpathian Wetland Initiative	CHF 10,000