

## Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance

### **Actions requested:**

Standing Committee is invited:

- to take note of the updated report on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance;
- to advise on activities to be undertaken by regional representatives on the Standing Committee and those Contracting Parties directly concerned; and
- to instruct the Secretariat as appropriate on specific measures to be taken on the longest-running Article 3.2 files.

### **Background**

1. This update fulfils the reporting requirements as determined by the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee (SC35) through decision SC35-28 that “the reporting on the status of Ramsar Sites should be an agenda item for every Standing Committee meeting”.
2. It provides an update on the status of Ramsar Sites based on information received by the Secretariat from 10 June 2015 to 3 February 2016. The previous update was submitted to Contracting Parties in Doc. SC51-16, which provided all information received by the Secretariat until the closure of COP12 on 9 June 2015.

### **Overview**

#### *Newly designated Ramsar Sites*

3. As of 3 February 2016, a total of 2,231 Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) were designated, covering 214,936,005 hectares.
4. 21 new Ramsar Sites, covering a total of 1,041,377 hectares, were added to the List during the period under review. Annex 1 of this report provides a list of the Sites. Two Transboundary Ramsar Sites have been designated: the Wadden Sea, by Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands (composed of 13 existing Ramsar Sites); and the Olmany-Perebrody mires by Belarus and Ukraine (composed of two existing Ramsar Sites).

#### *Extensions, restrictions or deletions of existing Ramsar Sites (Article 2.5)*

5. During the period under review, two Parties significantly extended the boundaries and area of one existing Ramsar Site each: Madagascar (Parc national Tsimanampesotse, from 45,604 ha to 203,740 ha); and Mozambique (Zambezi Delta, from 688,000 ha to 3,171,172 ha).

6. No Ramsar Sites were deleted from the List during the review period.
7. The resulting trends in the total number and area of Ramsar Sites are shown at Figures 1 and 2.

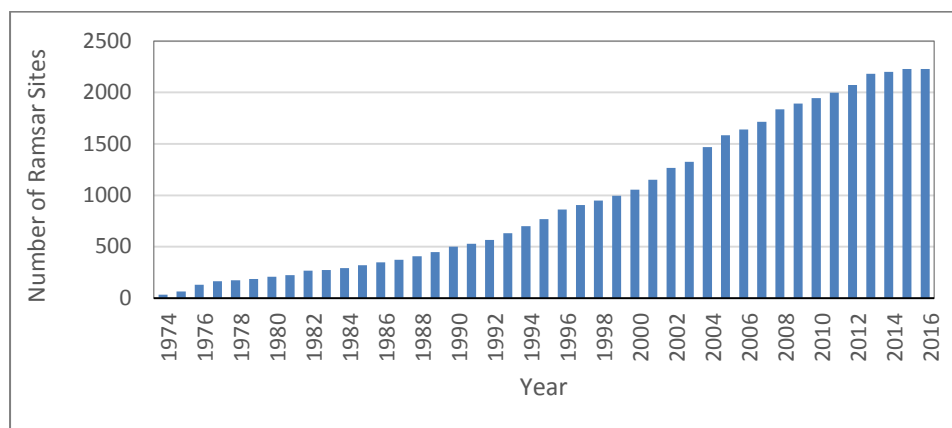


Figure 1: Cumulative number of Ramsar Sites, 1974 – 3 February 2016

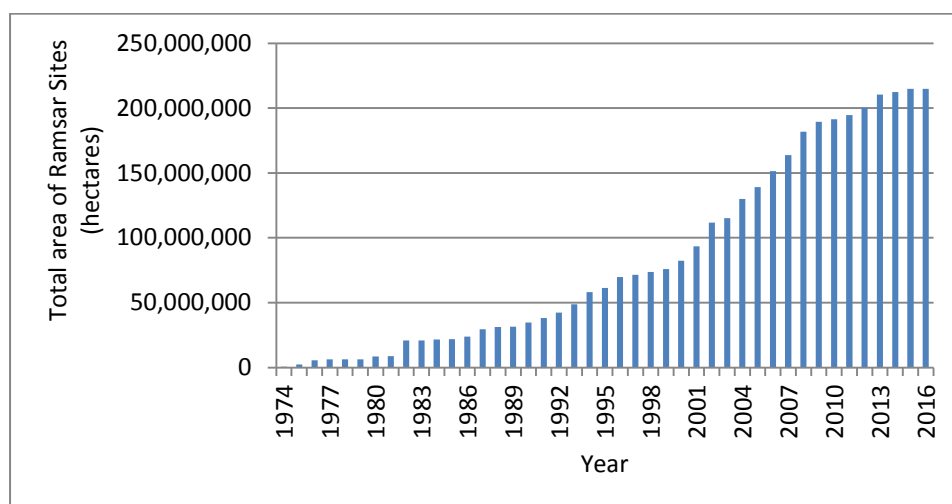


Figure 2: Cumulative area of Ramsar Sites, 1974 – 3 February 2016

### Regular updating of Ramsar Site information

8. Between 10 June 2015 and 3 February 2016, eight Parties provided updated or missing data for 29 Ramsar Sites. More details are listed in Annex 2. In addition, five Parties submitted updated Ramsar Information Sheets (RIS) for 15 Sites that are currently being processed by the Secretariat, or for which further information has been requested from the Contracting Party.
9. For 1,308 Ramsar Sites (**58% of all 2,231 Sites**) within the territory of 142 Parties, significant information is out of date or missing. More information on the missing or outdated data is given in Annexes 3a and 3b.
10. During the period under review, paper maps for 342 Ramsar Sites have been scanned and uploaded into the Ramsar Sites Information Service. 72 more paper maps are in the process of being adapted so they can be uploaded. The number of Ramsar Sites that are missing maps completely has been reduced to 27 sites, although a further 32 maps are not adequate and are being followed up by the regional teams.

11. Paragraphs 12 and 13 of Resolution XII.6 urge the Parties in whose territories lie Ramsar Sites for which the RIS or map have not been submitted since the time of designation to provide such information as a matter of urgency and in advance of SC51. The Ramsar Secretariat has contacted all relevant Contracting Parties and the updated report on all outstanding cases is presented in Annex 3a.
12. Contracting Parties are requested through Resolution XII.6 to fulfil, as a matter of urgency, the terms of Resolution VI.13 and submit updated information on Ramsar Sites at least every six years using the most up-to-date format of the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS), now available online through the new Ramsar Sites Information Service, and also to use this RIS for designating new Sites and extending existing Sites.

### **Changes in the ecological character of specific Ramsar Sites: Article 3.2 reports**

13. Article 3.2 requires Parties to inform the Secretariat if the ecological character of a Site has changed, is changing or is likely to change as the result of technological developments, pollution or other human interference. All Parties are encouraged to seek to restore their function and ecological character. Such cases are termed “Article 3.2 files”.
14. Annex 4a lists the status of the 128 Ramsar Sites with “confirmed Article 3.2 files” initially reported by the Administrative Authority or reported by third parties and confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
15. Annex 4b lists the status of 66 Ramsar Sites for which human-induced negative changes in ecological character have been reported by third parties, but have not yet been confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
16. The combined total of 194 Sites listed in Annexes 4a and 4b during the period under review represents a similar number to the one reported for the previous period. This suggests that wetlands are still threatened, but also suggests closer attention by the Parties to the potential loss of ecological character of Sites and the interest of civil society in the status of wetlands.
17. During the review period, the Secretariat received new confirmed Article 3.2 files regarding nine Ramsar Sites from Contracting Parties, and new files regarding six Ramsar Sites from other sources not yet confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
18. Annexes 4a and 4b also summarize the Sites for which no new information has been received. Information is particularly lacking for open files in Bangladesh (Sundarbans Forest Reserve, Site no. 560), Belize (Sarstoon Temash National Park, 1562), Greece (Messolonghi lagoons, 62; Amvrakikos gulf, 61; Axios Ludias Aliakmon delta, 59; Kotychi Lagoons, 63; Lake Vistonis Porto Lagos Lake Ismaris & adjoining lagoons, 55; Lakes Volvi & Koronia, 57; Messolonghi lagoons, 62; Nestos delta & adjoining lagoons, 56), India (Wular Lake, 461; Hairke Lake, 462; Sambhar Lake, 464; Ashtamudi Lake, 1204; Deepor Beel, 1207; East Calcutta Wetlands, 1208; Sasthamkotta Lake, 1212; Vembanand-Kol, 1214), and the Netherlands (Bargerveen, 581).
19. During the period under review, reported changes in ecological character were resolved and Article 3.2 files were reported by Administrative Authorities as closed for two Ramsar Sites.
20. As a result of the lack of regular updates and information on potential or open Article 3.2 files from Ramsar Sites, and as previously indicated to SC48, the Secretariat would like to receive

from SC52 recommendations on how to give to the most serious Article 3.2 cases greater support to achieve rapid resolution of the issues. For this purpose, Annex 4a of this report also highlights the 107 longest-running files open for two years or more.

21. For Ramsar Sites for which no update has been received for six years or more, the Secretariat will follow up with the Administrative Authorities in the countries concerned, and Parties are urged to report to the Secretariat in time for SC52, and subsequently to each Standing Committee meeting, their status and any steps taken to address any changes or likely changes in their ecological character.
22. The Secretariat also requests that the regional representatives on the Standing Committee provide their support, for example by consulting directly with the Parties concerned, in order that “information on such changes [will] be passed without delay to the [Ramsar Secretariat]”, as stipulated in Article 3.2 of the Convention.

### **Montreux Record and Ramsar Advisory Missions**

23. Of 126 open Article 3.2 files, 47 were included on the Montreux Record as of 3 February 2016. During this period, no other Sites were removed from the Montreux Record, and two Ramsar Advisory Missions were carried out in Italy (Laguna di Venezia: Valle Averte) and Norway (Nordre Tyrifjord).
24. The Secretariat will contact the concerned Parties to provide information at SC53 on all open Article 3.2 Files, including Montreux Record Sites, so that there is more consistency of approach with all Sites that are at risk of loss of ecological character.

### **Annexes**

- 1 Newly designated Ramsar Sites added to the List, 10 June 2015 - 3 February 2016
- 2 List of Sites for which the Parties have provided updated Ramsar Information Sheets and maps, including missing RISs and maps, 10 June 2015 - 3 February 2016.
- 3a List of 40 Ramsar Sites for which either the RIS or an adequate map has never been submitted to the Secretariat since designation.
- 3b List of Contracting Parties from which at least one updated Ramsar Information Sheet is needed after six years or more of no update (1,305 Ramsar Sites).
- 4a Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur (Article 3.2).
- 4b Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur.

## Annex 1

### Newly designated Ramsar Sites added to the List<sup>1</sup>, 10 June 2015 - 3 February 2016

Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation Date	Area (ha)
Argentina	2255	Delta del Paraná	03/10/2015	243,126
Belarus	2252	Polesye Valley of River Bug	29/05/2014	23,159
Belarus	2251	Vileity	30/09/2014	8,452
Belarus	2250	Servech	29/05/2014	9,068
Belarus	2244	Dnieper River Floodplain	29/05/2014	29,353
Brazil	2259	Atol das Rocas Biological Reserve	11/12/2015	35,186
Burkina Faso	2253	Barrage de Tougouri	02/02/2016	1,221
Burkina Faso	2254	Bassin de Nakanbé-Mané	02/02/2016	19,477
Burkina Faso	2258	Barrage de Yalgo	02/02/2016	4,522.36
Cambodia	2245	Prek Toal Ramsar Site	02/10/2015	21,342
China	2246	Zhangye Heihe Wetland National Nature Reserve	16/10/2015	41,165
China	2248	Anhui Shengjin Lake National Nature Reserve	16/10/2015	33,340
China	2249	Guangdong Nanpeng Archipelago Wetlands	16/10/2015	35,679
France	2247	Marais Vernier et Vallée de la Risle maritime	18/12/2015	9,564
Iraq	2240	Sawa Lake	03/03/2014	500
Iraq	2241	Central Marshes	07/04/2014	219,700
Iraq	2242	Hammar Marsh	07/04/2014	180,000
Kuwait	2239	Mubarak Al-Kabeer Reserve	05/09/2015	50,948
Myanmar	2256	Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary	02/02/2016	47,884
Nepal	2257	Lake Cluster of Pokhara Valley	02/02/2016	26,106
United States of America	2243	Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain	25/09/2015	1,584

<sup>1</sup> This list includes Sites with earlier date of designation

## Annex 2

List of Sites for which the Parties provided updated Ramsar Information Sheets and maps, including missing RISs and maps, 10 June 2015 - 3 February 2016<sup>2</sup>.

Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation Date	Area (ha)	Type
Belgium	1405	Les Hautes Fagnes	24/03/2003	9,974	Update
Belgium	1407	Vallée de la Haute-Sûre	24/03/2003	29,000	Update
Ghana	393	Owabi Wildlife Sanctuary Ramsar Site	22/02/1988	7,260	Update
Ghana	563	Muni-Pomadze Ramsar Site	14/08/1992	9,461	Update
Ghana	564	Densu Delta Ramsar Site	14/08/1992	5,893	Update
Ghana	565	Sakumo Ramsar Site	14/08/1992	1,364	Update
Ghana	566	Songor Ramsar Site	14/08/1992	51,133	Update
Ghana	567	Keta Lagoon Complex Ramsar Site	14/08/1992	101,023	Update
Hungary	182	Szaporca	11/04/1979	290	Update
Hungary	187	Upper Kiskunság Alkaline Lakes	11/04/1979	7,394	Update
Hungary	418	Ócsai Turjános	17/03/1989	1,146	Update
Hungary	420	Lake Fertő	17/03/1989	8,432	Update
Hungary	900	Gemenc	30/04/1997	19,770	Update
Hungary	901	Béda-Karapanca	30/04/1997	8,669	Update
Hungary	902	Lake Kolon at Izsák	30/04/1997	3,059	Update
Hungary	904	Pacsmag Fishponds Nature Conservation Area	30/04/1997	439	Update
Hungary	1093	Ipoly Valley	14/08/2001	2,304	Update
Hungary	1409	Csongrád-Bokrosi Sóstó sodic-alkaline pans	04/12/2004	865	Update
Hungary	1745	Borsodi-Mezőség	20/02/2008	18,471	Update
Madagascar	962	Parc national Tsimanampesotse	25/09/1998	203,740	Update
Mozambique	1391	Zambezi Delta	03/08/2004	3,171,172	Update
Netherlands	1242	Veluweandmeren	29/08/2000	6,124	Update
Rwanda	1589	Rugezi-Burera-Ruhondo	12/01/2005	6, 736	Update
Zimbabwe	2102	Cleveland Dam	03/05/2013	1,050	Update
Zimbabwe	2103	Chinhoyi Caves Recreational Park	03/05/2013	33	Update
Zimbabwe	2104	Driefontein Grasslands	03/05/2013	201,194	Update
Zimbabwe	2105	Lake Chivero and Manyame	03/05/2013	29,260	Update
Zimbabwe	2107	Monavale Wetland	03/05/2013	507	Update
Zimbabwe	2108	Victoria Falls National Park	03/05/2013	1,750	Update

<sup>2</sup> This list does not include Sites for which the review of the RIS or map is in process but not yet completed

## Annex 3a

### List of 40 Ramsar Sites for which either the RIS or an adequate map has not been submitted to the Secretariat since designation

(as of 3 February 2016)

Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation Date	RIS	Map
Azerbaijan	1075	Agh-Ghol	21/05/2001	no	no
Azerbaijan	1076	Ghizil-Agaj	21/05/2001	yes	no
Cape Verde	1575	Curral Velho	18/07/2005	no	no
Cape Verde	1576	Lagoa de Rabil	18/07/2005	no	no
Cape Verde	1577	Lagoa de Pedra Badejo	18/07/2005	no	no
Djibouti	1239	Haramous-Loyada	22/03/2003	no	no
Central African Republic	1590	Les Rivières de Mbaéré-Bodingué	05/12/2005	no	no
France	346	Camargue	01/12/1986	yes	no
France	786	La Petite Camargue	08/01/1996	yes	no
Germany	174	Unteres Odertal, Schwedt	31/07/1978	no	no
Germany	175	Peitzer Teichgebiet	31/07/1978	no	no
India	463	Loktak Lake	23/03/1990	yes	no
India	464	Sambhar Lake	23/03/1990	yes	no
Iran, Islamic Republic of	39	Neyriz Lakes and Kamjan Marshes	23/06/1975	yes	no
Iran, Islamic Republic of	42	Hamun-e- Saberi and Hamun-e-Helmand	23/06/1975	yes	no
Ireland	840	Bannow Bay	11/06/1996	no	yes
Ireland	841	Trawbreaga Bay	11/06/1996	no	yes
Ireland	842	Cummeen Strand	11/06/1996	no	yes
Kazakhstan	108	Lakes of the lower Turgay and Irgiz	11/10/1976	yes	no
Kuwait	2239	Mubarak Al-Kabeer Reserve	05/09/2015	no	yes
Netherlands <sup>3</sup>	198	Het Spaans Lagoen	23/05/1980	no	yes
New Zealand	103	Farewell Spit	13/08/1976	yes	no
Pakistan	97	Thanedar Wala	23/07/1976	yes	no
Pakistan	98	Tanda Dam	23/07/1976	yes	no
Pakistan	99	Kinjhar (kalri) Lake	23/07/1976	yes	no
Pakistan	100	Drigh Lake	23/07/1976	yes	no
Pakistan	101	Haleji Lake	23/07/1976	yes	no
Pakistan	818	Uchhali Complex (including Khabbaki, Uchhali and Jahlar Lakes)	22/03/1996	yes	no

<sup>3</sup> In overseas territories.

Country	Site No.	Site Name	Designation Date	RIS	Map
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	961	Lake Kutubu	22/09/1998	yes	no
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	591	Tonda Wildlife Management Area	16/03/1993	yes	no
<b>Sao Tome and Principe</b>	1632	Ilots Tinhosas	21/08/2006	no	no
<b>Swaziland<sup>4</sup></b>	2121	Hawane Nature Reserve and Dam	15/06/2013	no	no
<b>Swaziland<sup>4</sup></b>	2122	Sand River	15/06/2013	no	no
<b>Swaziland<sup>4</sup></b>	2123	Van Eck	15/06/2013	no	no
<b>Tajikistan</b>	1082	Karakul Lake	18/07/2001	no	yes
<b>Tajikistan</b>	1083	Kayrakum Reservoir	18/07/2001	no	yes
<b>Tajikistan</b>	1084	Lower part of Pyandj River	18/07/2001	no	yes
<b>Tajikistan</b>	1085	Shorkul and Rangkul Lakes	18/07/2001	no	yes
<b>Tajikistan</b>	1086	Zorkul Lake	18/07/2001	no	yes
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	2106	Mana Pools	03/05/2013	no	no

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<sup>4</sup> Accession Sites, for which the RIS and map are currently being compiled by the Contracting Party with the assistance and support from the Ramsar Secretariat



## Annex 3b

### List of Contracting Parties from which at least one updated Ramsar Information Sheet is needed after six years or more of no update

(reporting period 10 June 2015 to 3 February 2016)

Country	Total designated Sites	Sites requiring information to be updated <sup>5</sup>	Sites for which updated information has been received by the Secretariat <sup>6</sup>
Albania	4	3	0
Algeria	50	47	0
Andorra	3	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	1	1	0
Argentina	22	15	4
Armenia	3	0	0
Australia	65	16	25
Austria	23	11	7
Azerbaijan	2	2	0
Bahamas	1	0	1
Bahrain	2	2	0
Bangladesh	2	2	0
Barbados	1	1	0
Belarus	20	1	8
Belgium	9	7	0
Belize	2	2	0
Benin	4	4	0
Bhutan	2	0	0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	11	8	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	2	1
Botswana	1	1	0
Brazil	13	3	8
Bulgaria	11	8	0
Burkina Faso	18	15	0
Burundi	4	0	0
Cambodia	4	0	0
Cameroon	7	5	0
Canada	37	1	35
Cape Verde	4	3	0
Central African Republic	2	2	0

<sup>5</sup> Not including Sites for which information has been received by the Secretariat (next column). This column includes Ramsar Sites that reach six years in 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Numbers in this column are the numbers of Sites for which the Administrative Authorities have submitted an updated RIS that is currently being processed by the Secretariat and/or for which further information or clarification has been requested from the Contracting Party.

Country	Total designated Sites	Sites requiring information to be updated <sup>5</sup>	Sites for which updated information has been received by the Secretariat <sup>6</sup>
Chad	6	6	0
Chile	13	6	5
China	49	1	25
Colombia	6	4	1
Comoros	3	3	0
Congo	13	7	0
Costa Rica	12	1	11
Côte d'Ivoire	6	6	0
Croatia	5	1	0
Cuba	6	0	6
Cyprus	1	1	0
Czech Republic	14	12	0
Democratic Republic of Congo	3	3	0
Denmark	43	0	13
Djibouti	1	1	0
Dominican Republic	4	1	0
Ecuador	18	4	9
Egypt	4	2	0
El Salvador	7	4	0
Equatorial Guinea	3	3	0
Estonia	17	8	0
Fiji	1	0	0
Finland	49	49	0
France	44	25	8
Gabon	9	9	0
Gambia	3	3	0
Georgia	2	1	1
Germany	34	16	18
Ghana	6	0	0
Greece	10	10	0
Grenada	1	0	0
Guatemala	7	5	2
Guinea	16	16	0
Guinea-Bissau	4	1	0
Honduras	9	0	6
Hungary	29	0	16
Iceland	6	0	3
India	26	25	0
Indonesia	7	1	2
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	24	22	0
Iraq	4	0	1

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Ireland	45	45	0
Israel	2	2	0
Italy	52	7	44
Jamaica	4	2	1
Japan	50	34	2
Jordan	1	1	0
Kazakhstan	10	8	0
Kenya	6	5	0
Kiribati	1	0	0
Kuwait	1	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	3	1	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2	2	0
Latvia	6	6	0
Lebanon	4	4	0
Lesotho	1	1	0
Liberia	5	5	0
Libya	2	2	0
Liechtenstein	1	1	0
Lithuania	7	4	1
Luxembourg	2	2	0
Madagascar	10	6	0
Malawi	1	1	0
Malaysia	6	6	0
Mali	4	1	0
Malta	2	2	0
Marshall Islands	2	1	0
Mauritania	4	4	0
Mauritius	3	2	0
Mexico	142	118	3
Monaco	1	1	0
Mongolia	11	11	0
Montenegro	2	1	0
Morocco	24	24	0
Mozambique	2	0	0
Myanmar	2	0	0
Namibia	5	4	0
Nepal	10	6	3
Netherlands	54	1	11
New Zealand	6	6	0
Nicaragua	9	0	8
Niger	12	12	0

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Nigeria	11	11	0
Norway	63	4	1
Oman	1	0	0
Pakistan	19	19	0
Palau	1	0	0
Panama	5	4	1
Papua New Guinea	2	2	0
Paraguay	6	6	0
Peru	13	10	3
Philippines	6	1	3
Poland	13	13	0
Portugal	31	22	6
Republic of Korea	21	3	9
Republic of Moldova	3	3	0
Romania	19	5	0
Russian Federation	35	14	21
Rwanda	1	0	1
Saint Lucia	2	2	0
Samoa	1	0	0
Sao Tome and Principe	1	1	0
Senegal	5	4	0
Serbia	10	9	0
Seychelles	3	2	0
Sierra Leone	1	1	0
Slovakia	14	14	0
Slovenia	3	3	0
South Africa	22	20	0
South Sudan	1	1	0
Spain	74	66	0
Sri Lanka	6	5	0
Sudan	3	3	0
Suriname	1	1	0
Sweden	66	7	44
Switzerland	11	10	0
Syrian Arab Republic	1	1	0
Tajikistan	5	5	0
Thailand	14	11	0
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2	2	0
Togo	4	4	0
Trinidad and Tobago	3	3	0
Tunisia	41	20	0

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Turkey	14	13	0
Turkmenistan	1	0	0
Uganda	12	12	0
Ukraine	33	0	33
United Arab Emirates	5	1	0
United Kingdom	170	167	0
United Republic of Tanzania	4	4	0
United States of America	38	21	2
Uruguay	3	1	1
Uzbekistan	2	2	0
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	5	5	0
Viet Nam	8	1	1
Yemen	1	0	0
Zambia	8	8	0
Zimbabwe	6	0	0

## Annex 4a

### Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur (Article 3.2)

Open files where information was received by the Secretariat from the Administrative Authority and which have been followed up by the Secretariat. This list contains Article 3.2 files open at the time of COP12 and also those open files closed since 10 June 2015.

Site No.	Contracting Party	Site Name	Date of opening	Date of closure	Montreux Record	Short summary of the issue	Status as of 3 February 2016	First reported by <sup>7</sup>
1290	<b>Albania</b>	Butrint*	12/10/2009			Urban developments, fish farm, new road.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	Other
1598	<b>Albania</b>	Lake Shkodra and River Buna*	14/03/2008			Urban developments, removal of vegetation.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	Other
759	<b>Argentina</b>	Laguna de Llancañelo*	02/07/2001		X	Potential change in the ecological character due to oil activities, invasive species and transbasin diversion of Rio Grande to Atuel river.	Change in ecological character is being actively addressed by the AA. Last report in COP12 National Report.	AA
620	<b>Armenia</b>	Lake Sevan*	2010			Organic pollution of water, fish stocks diminished. Reported by AA.	Updated report received from AA in September 2013. Overfishing continues, but water quality has improved.	AA

<sup>7</sup> Other: first reported by a third party and confirmed by the Administrative Authority

AA: first reported by the Administrative Authority

\* 107 Longest-running unresolved Article 3.2 files (open for two years or more)

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321	<b>Australia</b>	The Coorong, lakes Alexandrina and Albert Wetlands *	13/05/2007			Site has deteriorated due to prolonged drought in the Murray River caused by decreased rainfall and water over allocation for agriculture and urban use.	A situation update was provided in November 2015.	AA
337	<b>Australia</b>	Macquarie Marshes*	20/07/2009			Reduction in inundation frequency; declines in the diversity, distribution and health of key wetland vegetation communities; disappearance of grasslands and colonization by dry land species	Response strategy was released in March 2013 and is currently being implemented. A situation update was provided in November 2015.	AA
993	<b>Australia</b>	Gwydir Wetlands: Gingham and Lower Gwydir (Big Leather) Watercourses*	14/06/1999			In September 2003, damage to the site was reported due to illegal land-use activities, and legal action was taken against the parties concerned. The site has since suffered from insufficient water to parts of the site.	A situation update was provided in November 2015..	AA
272	<b>Austria</b>	Donau-March-Thaya-Auen*	04/07/1990		X	Transport infrastructures planned. RAM 22 (April 1991)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2010. Potential problem addressed but not yet solved, problem may appear again or become more acute in the future.	AA
<b>532</b>	<b>Austria</b>	Pürgschachen Moor	27/11/2015			Hydrological management (drains and excavation pond)	Update from AA received in February 2016.	AA

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327	<b>Belgium</b>	Schorren van de Beneden Schelde*	22/12/1987		X	Lowering of the water table & eutrophication. RAM 1 ( Feb 1988)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	AA
329	<b>Belgium</b>	De Ijzerbroeken te Diksmuide en Lo-Renige*	17/05/1999		X	Depleted water quantity and quality.	Secretariat visit in November 2013. Awaiting further update from AA since 2012.	AA
1562	<b>Belize</b>	Sarstoon Temash National Park*	20/05/2009			Concession to perform seismic testing for oil and natural gas.	Awaiting update from AA since country visit in October 2013.	Other
1105	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	Hutovo Blato*	31/08/2010			New road crossing the RS, bird poaching, urban developments.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. Change in ecological character is partially addressed according to RIS updated in 2012.	Other
64	<b>Bulgaria</b>	Srebarna*	02/04/1992		X	Erosion of the river bed, eutrophication, vegetation succession. RAM 28 (April 92). RAM 47 (October 01)	Updated RIS received 31/01/2013. Threats ongoing. Conservation and reforestation efforts implemented.	AA
239	<b>Bulgaria</b>	Durankulak Lake*	16/06/1993		X	Wind farm planned within the Site. Ongoing court case reported by AEWA in December 2015	Awaiting further update from AA since 2010. New threat reported in 2013. EIA Carried out but AEWA requested to the Deputy Ministry of Environment a revision of the EIA.	AA



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222	Chile	Carlos Anwandter Sanctuary*	06/10/2006		X	Large mortality of Black-necked Swans related to impacts of waste discharge from an upstream cellulose factory.	Change in ecological character is actively addressed. Last report in COP12 National Report.	AA
877	Chile	Laguna Santa Rosa y Negro Francisco	28/08/2014			Change in ecological character by mining activities	Change in ecological character is actively addressed. Report in National Report to COP12.	AA
951	Colombia	Sistema Lagunar Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta	23/03/2015			Change in the ecological character due to agriculture, and water diversion	Letter from the AA on 25 November 2015 requesting a RAM.	Other
540	Costa Rica	Palo Verde*	16/06/1993		X	Changes in the ecological character of the Site, particularly its hydrological characteristics, due agricultural and cattle ranching activities in the surrounding area.	Change in ecological character is actively addressed	AA
811	Costa Rica	Caribe Nordeste*	15/11/2010			Change in the ecological character by open artificial channels.	Updated report received from AA in March 2014. Ongoing follow up by Secretariat based on decisions of the International Court of Justice	AA
583	Croatia	Kopacki Rit*	16/06/1993		X	Deforestation, drainage, poaching. RAM 55 (September 2005)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012.	Other

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585	Croatia	Delta Neretve*	30/11/2005			Planned 3 hydropower plants, irrigation projects, urban developments, reed burning, illegal hunting.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	AA
494	Czech Republic	Sumava peatlands*	05/06/2001			Change of management practices, reduction of non intervention areas, increased logging activities. RAM 44 (June 2001)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012.	Other
495	Czech Republic	Trebon fishponds*	18/09/1994		X	Intensive fish farming, eutrophication, hunting, habitat destruction.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012.	AA
635	Czech Republic	Floodplain of lower Dyje River*	06/06/2005		X	Planned navigation canal.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012.	AA
638	Czech Republic	Litovelske Pomoravi*	26/02/1997		X	Overexploitation of the aquifer, plans for a navigation canal.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012.	AA
639	Czech Republic	Poodří*	06/06/2005		X	Planned navigation canal	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012.	AA
141	Denmark	Ringkøbing Fjord*	04/07/1990		X	Increasing eutrophication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds. RAM 36 (September 1996)	Awaiting further update from AA since October 2013	AA

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389	<b>Denmark</b>	Heden on Jameson Land (Greenland) *	28/04/2008		X	Construction of a road, runway and harbour in the most important moulting area for barnacle geese. Confirmed by AA. RAM 61 ( June 2009)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2011	Other
787	<b>DR Congo</b>	Virunga National Park*	05/09/2007			Oil exploration scheme within the Park	Joint RAM conducted by WHC/IUCN/ICCN/Ramsar in March 2014.	Other
407	<b>Egypt</b>	Lake Bardawil*	04/07/1990		X	Effect of the closing of the channels between the lagoon and the sea	Preliminary inventory assessment done. Awaiting update from AA	Other
408	<b>Egypt</b>	Lake Burullus*	04/07/1990		X	Siltation, drainage and pollution	Confirmation of wetland loss and degradation by TdV report of March 2015. GIS monitoring by CP ongoing. Site chosen as pilot site for GlobWetland-Africa	Other
893	<b>Georgia</b>	Wetlands of Central Kolkheti*	27/07/2005			Oil terminal and railway construction at the site. RAM 54 (August 2005)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2010	AA
82	<b>Germany</b>	Wattenmeer, Ostfriesisches Wattenmeer & Dollart*	04/07/1990		X	Dike plans. RAM 19 (September 1990)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2010 to close this file.	AA
561	<b>Germany</b>	Mühlenberger Loch*	23/01/2001			Reduction of the site due to industrial expansion. RAM 46 (September 2001)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2010	AA

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55	Greece	Lake Vistonis Porto Lagos Lake Ismaris & adjoining lagoons*	05/07/1990		X	Agricultural, domestic and industrial runoff, increase of salinity, urban developments.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2006	Other
56	Greece	Nestos delta & adjoining lagoons*	07/07/1990		X	Decreasing groundwater levels. Confirmed by AA.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2006	Other
57	Greece	Lakes Volvi & Koronia*	06/07/1990		X	Pollution from agricultural, domestic and industrial runoff.	Awaiting update from AA since 2006	Other
59	Greece	Axios Ludias Aliakmon delta*	04/07/1990		X	Pollution, dam and irrigation networks considerably altered river hydrology.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2006	Other
61	Greece	Amvrakikos gulf*	04/07/1990		X	Increased salinity and depleted water levels due to irrigation.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2006	Other
62	Greece	Messolonghi lagoons*	07/07/1990		X	Construction works changed the hydrology and geomorphology of the area, overgrazing, illegal fishing, urban developments, waste disposal. Confirmed by AA.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2006	Other
63	Greece	Kotychi lagoons*	04/07/1990		X	Illegal hunting, agricultural runoff, pollution, overgrazing.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2006	Other

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488	Guatemala	Laguna del Tigre*	16/06/1993		X	Threat of natural resource extraction including logging, oil related activities and hunting as well as disordered settlement of communities.	Change in ecological character is partially addressed. Secretariat working with the AA to address the issue.	
1163	Guinea	Niger-Mafou	01/03/2014			Extractive Industry (Mining)	Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study	AA
1164	Guinea	Niger-Niandan-Milo	01/03/2014			Extractive Industry (Mining)	Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study	AA
1165	Guinea	Niger Source	01/03/2014			Extractive Industry (Mining)	Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study	AA
1166	Guinea	Niger-Tinkisso	01/03/2014			Extractive Industry (Mining)	Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study	AA
1167	Guinea	Sankarani-Fié	01/03/2014			Extractive Industry (Mining)	Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study	AA
1168	Guinea	Tinkisso	01/03/2014			Extractive Industry (Mining)	Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study	AA

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722	<b>Honduras</b>	Parque Nacional Jeannette Kawas*	19/06/2006			Change in the ecological character due to building of touristic infrastructure.	Updated report received from AA in COP12 National Report (August 2014). Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA.	Other
167	<b>Iceland</b>	Myvatn-Laxá region*	22/04/2010			Plans to build a new dam, geothermal infrastructure, urban developments and tourism pressures. RAM 76 (August 2013)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2013	AA
230	<b>India</b>	Keoladeo National Park*	04/07/1990		X	Shortage of water due to decreased rainfall during monsoon and dam upstream that controls the water flow to the site.	Awaiting update from AA since 2008	AA
463	<b>India</b>	Loktak Lake*	16/06/1993		X		Awaiting update from AA since 2008	AA
554	<b>Indonesia</b>	Berbak	23/11/2015			Peat and forest fires of 2015 that burned across Kalimantan and Sumatra, including large areas of the Berbak National Park Ramsar Site.	A situation update was provided in November 2015 during SC51 meeting.	AA
38	<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Urmia Lake*	05/09/2011			Lake is drying out because of climate change and mismanagement of water resources in the lake basin	The problem is being addressed actively; latest update was provided in 2016	AA
39	<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Neiriz lakes and Kamjan marshes*	04/07/1990		X	Drainage of water from site; agricultural activities	Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008	AA

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40	<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Anzali Mordab (Talab) complex*	31/12/1993		X	Changing water levels; increased eutrophication which led to the spread of Phragmites australis; outbreak of water hyacinth (2016)	The problem is being addressed actively by JICA project at the site; latest update was provided in 2016	AA
41	<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Shadegan Marshes & mudflats of Khor-al Amaya & Khor Musa*	16/06/1993		X	Chemical pollution; Proposed drainage of site for agricultural development	Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008	AA
42	<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Hamun -e- Saberi & Hamun - e - Helmand*	04/07/1990		X	Insufficient water flow into the site has led to it drying out.	The AA is working to address the issue; latest update was provided in 2014	AA
44	<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Hamun-e-Puzak south end*	04/07/1990		X	Insufficient water flow into the site has led to it drying out.	The AA is working to address the issue; latest update was provided in 2014	AA
45	<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Shurgol, Yadegarlu & Dorgeh Sangi Lakes*	04/07/1990		X		The problem is being actively addressed; latest update was provided in 2016	AA
53	<b>Iran, Islamic Republic of</b>	Gavkhouni Lake and marshes of the lower Zaindeh Rud	01/02/2016			Severe degradation because of water over-extraction and pollution of Zaindeh Rud; groundwater over-extraction for agriculture.	On-going, requested RAM (unofficially)	Other

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1718	<b>Iraq</b>	Hawizeh Marsh*	28/04/2010		X	Changes in hydrology due to the construction of dams upstream, and water control structures; Decline in rainfall; Oil exploration	On-going; action is being taken to address the change in ecological character. Last update was received in June 2015 during COP12.	AA
133	<b>Italy</b>	Stagno di Molentargius*	22/05/2012			The site is drying out. Under review by AA.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	Other
190	<b>Italy</b>	Laguna di Marano: Foci dello Stella *	27/01/2009			Erosion of salt marshes decreased numbers of wintering birds.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	Other
423	<b>Italy</b>	Laguna di Venezia: Valle Averteo	15/07/2014			Plans to dig a deep water shipping channel across the lagoon	Answer received from AA in December 2014. Joint RAM with WHC in October 2015	Other
135	<b>Jordan</b>	Azraq Oasis*	04/07/1990		X	Drying out of the oasis due to increased abstraction of water and reduced rainfall	Additional information received in December 2013. The problem is on-going but action is also being taken to address the issue	AA
108	<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Lakes of the lower Turgay & Irgyz*	Pre COP11			Decrease in water supply that is affecting wildlife, flora and also human settlements dependent on it; Barrages across the River Turgay and its tributaries cut water supply	Waiting for an update on the conditions of the site from AA since 2008.	Other
1231	<b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>	Issyk-Kul State Reserve with the Lake Issyk-Kul*	12/11/2002			Inadequate treatment of wastewater before it is discharged into the lake.	Updated report received from AA in August 2014; issue is being actively addressed.	AA



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1588	<b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>	Karatal-Japyryk State Reserve with the lakes Son-Kol and Chatyr-Kol*	01/11/2012			Son-Kol has issues with overgrazing, illegal fishing and inadequate tourism management	Updated report received from AA in August 2014	AA
869	<b>Malawi</b>	Lake Chilwa*	01/08/2013			Mineral extraction	Letter received from AA in August 2013 requesting for a RAM. Draft desk study for RAM received on 22 October 2013 - commented and sent back to CP for correction and improvement	AA
1287	<b>Malaysia</b>	Pulau Kukup/	10/04/2014			Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil.	Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June 2014.	Other

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1288	Malaysia	Sungai Pulai	10/04/2014			Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil.	Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June 2014.	Other
1289	Malaysia	Tanjung Piai	10/04/2014			Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil.	Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June 2014.	Other
732	Mexico	Marismas Nacionales	05/08/2014			Building of Las Cruces Hydroelectric Project.	Report by AA. Last report in COP12 National Report.	AA
1346	Mexico	Parque Arrecifal Veracruzano*	24/09/2013			Threat by a proposal to expand Veracruz port.	Last report in COP12 National Report Secretariat working with AA to address the issues. AA waiting for the decision of the Court.	Other
1351	Mexico	Playa Tortuguera X'cacel-X'cacelito*	12/04/2011			Building of the touristic project Punta Carey.	Last report in COP12 National Report.	Other

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784	<b>Montenegro</b>	Skadarsko Jezero*	24/12/2009			Pollution by an aluminium plant, bird disturbance and poaching. RAM 56 (October 2005)	Awaiting further update from AA since 2011	Other
581	<b>Netherlands</b>	Bargerveen*	2005			Wind farm construction adjacent to the RS in drained peatlands, court case in Germany and EC.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2005	Other
289	<b>Netherlands</b>	Waddensea*	17/07/2012			Industrial developments in the area. Coal fuelled power plant planned at the edge of the RS.	Update received from the AA in June 2015. Awaiting further information from AA.	Other
1140	<b>Nicaragua</b>	Humedales de San Miguelito	23/10/2014			Interoceanic Nicaragua Channel	Secretariat working with AA to address the issues.	AA
1138	<b>Nicaragua</b>	Refugio de Vida Silvestre del Rio San Juan*	30/11/2010			Project for the improvement of the navigation of the San Juan River.	Secretariat working with AA to address the issues.	AA
1139	<b>Nicaragua</b>	Sistema de Humedales de la Bahia de Bluefields*	15/01/2007		X	Potential changes in the ecological character as a consequence of the proposed construction of an all-weather road.	Change in ecological character is partially addressed	AA
13	<b>Norway</b>	Aakersvika*	01/03/2007			Planned road expansion. RAM 56 (April 2010)	Update received January 2016	Other
307	<b>Norway</b>	Nordre Øyeren*	20/08/2010			Road expansion from two to four lines and establishment of a pipeline for sewage.	Awaiting further update from AA since June 2013	AA

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308	Norway	Ilene & Pesterødkilen*	21/01/2005			Pollution accident, urban developments and new road system	Awaiting further update from AA since June 2013	AA
802	Norway	Nordre Tyrifjord*	03/03/2013			Planned new main road and railway line. RAM 79 (July 2015)	Awaiting further update from AA since July 2015.	AA
805	Norway	Giske Wetland System*	01/03/2012			Shelterbelt planting and building and overgrowing.	Awaiting further update from AA since June 2013	AA
809	Norway	Froan Nature Reserve & Landscape Protection Area*	19/03/2004			Fish farm potentially affecting site's ecological character. Confirmed by AA.	Awaiting further update from AA since June 2013	Other
310	Norway	Ørlandet*	18/07/2012			Planned air base extension	Awaiting further update from AA since September 2014	Other
99	Pakistan	Kinjhar (Kalri) Lake*	05/02/2009			Industrial waste pollution from feeder river to the lake; decline in waterbirds and water not suitable for drinking	Waiting for an update on the condition of the site from AA since 2009	Other
101	Pakistan	Haleji Lake*	14/04/2009			Plan to develop right bank outfall drain next to the site	Waiting for an update on the condition of the site and the progress of the project from AA since 2009	Other
1067	Pakistan	Jubho Lagoon*	18/12/2008			Pollution	Awaiting update from AA since 2009	Other

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656	<b>Philippines</b>	Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary (OIWS) *	01/08/2012			Proposed reclamation project in Cordova coastal area, a nearby island of OIWS	Ongoing discussions to address the issue. Latest update from AA in August 2014.	Other
2124	<b>Philippines</b>	Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA) *	13/02/2014			Proposed reclamation of the Manila Bay, specifically, areas adjacent to LPPCHEA. Petitions were filed to avert the reclamation projects.	Issue is being actively addressed. Latest update from AA in August 2014.	AA
521	<b>Romania</b>	Danube Delta*	18/08/2004			Possible transboundary influences due to the reopening of a navigable waterway (Bistroe channel).	Updated report received from AA in May 2013	AA
1074	<b>Romania</b>	Small Island of Braila*	28/04/2005			Works to improve navigation conditions potentially affecting the site ecological character.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2009	AA
2650	<b>Romania</b>	Olt – Danube Confluence*	10/07/2012			Planned construction of a dam	Awaiting further update from AA since September 2012	Other
139	<b>Senegal</b>	Bassin du Ndiel*	04/07/1990		X	Agro-industrial projects	PREFELAG and Alliance Ecosystem projects very active in the site to restore its ecological integrity report in COP12.	AA
1392	<b>Serbia</b>	Slano Kopovo*	01/11/2006			Water deficit result of hydromelioration activities and successive dry years.	Updated report received from AA in September 2013	Other

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1014	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	Sierra River Estuary*	01/01/2013			Urban development (Expansion of Freetown City)	Letter received from AA in January 2013 requesting for a RAM. Desk study received in January 2015. ToR to be drafted	AA
586	<b>Slovenia</b>	Secovlje salt pans*	05/03/2007			Illegal hunting.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2008	AA
991	<b>Slovenia</b>	Skocjan Caves*	27/04/2007			Implementation of the national location plan for drinking water supply.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2007	Other
343	<b>South Africa</b>	Blesbokspruit*	06/05/1996		X	Pollution from underground mine water	Situation report expected from AA since March 2014	AA
526	<b>South Africa</b>	Orange River Mouth*	26/09/1995		X	Collapse of salt marsh component of the site as a result of diamond mining activities and dam construction	Update expected from AA since March 2014	AA
593	<b>Spain</b>	Delta del Ebro	28/07/2014			Upstream water abstraction & pollution, sediment retention	Awaiting further update from AA since February 2015	Other
234	<b>Spain</b>	Doñana*	04/07/1990		X	Intensive agriculture, dam construction, pollution, overfishing, overexploitation of the aquifers, tourism pressures, drainage, gas and oil exploitation, navigation disturbance. RAM 51 (October 2002). RAM 70 (January 2011).	New threats reported in 2013. Updated report received from AA in July 2014.	Other

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2069	Spain	Lagunas de Ruidera*	22/11/2012			Lack of management plan and tourism pressures threatening the site's ecological character	Updated report received from AA in March 2015.	Other
235	Spain	Las Tablas de Daimiel*	04/07/1990		X	Overexploitation of the aquifer. Guadiana river ceased flowing in the RS. RAM 2 (March 1988)	Updated report received from AA in March 2014.	Other
449	Spain	S'Albufera de Mallorca*	01/04/2009			Golf course development. RAM 68 (October 2010)	Awaiting further update from AA since March 2014.	Other
454	Spain	Albufera de Valencia*	16/03/2004			Urban developments. RAM 58 (December) 2006	Awaiting further update from AA since March 2014.	Other
599	Spain	Laguna y Arenal de Valdoviño*	10/01/2012			Drainage operation critically lowered the water level of the lagoon, dune vegetation destruction due to human pressures.	Updated report received from AA in February 2015.	Other
706	Spain	Mar Menor*	08/10/2007			Eutrophication and water extraction.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	AA
726	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Prespa Lake*	28/03/2006			Eutrophication, overexploitation.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	AA
736	Togo	Reserve de faune de Togodo*	01/01/2014			Dam Construction	Draft EIA available and Secretariat advised and guided AA for its involvement with the validation process	AA

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203	<b>Tunisia</b>	Ichkeul*	04/07/1990		X	Hydraulic development works in catchment area	Removal process ongoing. Final report expected since November 2014. RIS update received from NFP in November 2015	AA
1715	<b>UAE</b>	Ras al Khor*	15/04/2013			Opening of the Business Bay Canal causing possible changes in salinity and hydrodynamics	Latest information was provided in Jan 2016; ecological character of the site is being monitored	Other
394	<b>Uganda</b>	Lake George*	04/07/1990		X	Oil and gas activities	Awaiting update from AA since 2009. The Head of AA sent a request for a RAM in November 2015	AA
1637	<b>Uganda</b>	Lutembe Bay	25/11/2015			Some extractive industries are working around this site	The Head of AA sent a request for a RAM in November 2015	AA
1640	<b>Uganda</b>	Murchison Falls-Albert Delta	25/11/2015			Some extractive industries are working around this site	The Head of AA sent a request for a RAM in November 2015	AA
756	<b>Ukraine</b>	The Northern Part of the Dniester Liman	15/08/2014			330kV high voltage transmission line project potentially crossing the RS. Reported by 3rd Party-under review by AA.	Updated report received from AA in September 2014. Location of the transmission line to be confirmed.	Other
766	<b>Ukraine</b>	Tyligulskyi Liman*	05/10/2012			Land reclamation, pollution, anthropogenic disturbances, changes in the hydrology.	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	AA



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764	Ukraine	Dniester-Turunchuk Crossrivers Area*	05/10/2012			Operation of the Novodnistrovsk Plant as well as the Dniester Hydroelectric Power Station as artificially regulated flooding threatens fish species and reduces the diversity of the site	Awaiting further update from AA since 2012	AA
77	United Kingdom	Ouse Washes*	31/10/2000		X	Water management problems. RAM 49 (November 2001)	Updated report received from AA in September 2015	AA
298	United Kingdom	The Dee Estuary*	04/07/1990		X	Industrial and transport developments. RAM 34 (November 1994)	Updated report received from AA in September 2015	Other
1043	United Kingdom	South East Coast of Jersey	02/12/2008	10/08/2015		Plans for a new road and construction of an incinerator. Confirmed by AA.	Update received in July 2015. Case closed.	Other
1077	United Kingdom	Diego Garcia*	08/04/2009			Discharge of untreated sewage, hazardous pollutants in the lagoon, introduction of invasive species, biomass reduction in the reefs, underwater sound pollution, overfishing.	Updated report received from AA in October 2015.	Other
936	United Kingdom	Carlingford Lough	17/02/2015	08/2015		Projected ferry route to pass around Ramsar	Case closed in August 2015 - Additional issues reported in January 2016 by third party.	Other

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374	<b>United States of America</b>	Everglades*	16/06/1993		X	Changes in the natural water flows and nutrient enrichment due to agricultural practices and development in the surrounding area.	Change in ecological character is being actively addressed	AA
2001	<b>United States of America</b>	Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs	31/03/2014			Possible construction of a very large open-pit iron ore mine near the headwaters of the Bad River.	Issues addressed by the AA and the National Wetlands Committee.	AA

## Annex 4b

### Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur

(as of 3 February 2016)

Open files where information has been received by the Secretariat from sources other than Contracting Parties, and where this has been followed up with the Administrative Authorities concerned. Inclusion here does not imply that the Conference of the Contracting Parties, Secretariat or Party concerned considers that a given site is facing negative change. Files closed during the reporting period are included.

The Secretariat is awaiting further information on these cases by the Administrative Authority.

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1056	<b>Algeria</b>	Complexe de zones humides de la plaine de Guerbes-Sanhadja	01/02/2016		Ecological disaster due to desertification, grazing and agriculture activities	Africa Team is working to contact NFP on the issue
267	<b>Australia</b>	Western port	01/11/2010	19/11/2015	Threat from the proposed expansion of the Port of Hastings	Latest update received from AA in November 2015 indicating that the Victorian Government has decided against the development at the site (closed) .Awaiting confirmation whether the port expansion will be at Western Port or another site
269	<b>Australia</b>	Gippsland Lakes	30/11/2009		Dredging of the Lakes' entrance caused an increase in the salinity of the site, but declining freshwater flows and increased nutrients; invasion of European shore crab and marine algal species.	Latest updated received from AA in July 2015 indicating that an assessment will be conducted to understand if there has been a human-induced change to the site.

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560	<b>Bangladesh</b>	Sundarbans Reserve Forest	09/06/2011		Construction of Coal-fired power plant about 14 km away from the site; Plans to develop a coal mine in Phulbari; the extracted coal is transferred to Mongla port (near Sundarbans), then transported to an off-shore reloading facility inside the site.	Waiting for an update on the condition of the site as well as the status of the project from AA since 2011
1180	<b>Burundi</b>	Parc National de la Rusizi	01/01/2013		Large Scale Sugar Cane Plantation	Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2012
243	<b>Canada</b>	Fraser River	09/12/2015		WesPac Midstream's proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal	Response from AA on 10/12/2015 ECCC is involved in the review of the Wespac LNG project and plans to provide advice related to its mandate as part of the evaluation of the project.
1781	<b>Colombia</b>	Laguna del Otun	10/06/15		Gold mining	Letter from AA on the 25 November 2015. There are plans to extend the site.
1740	<b>Congo</b>	Cayo-Loufoualeba	2010		Extractive industry (Mining)	Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2010. AA promised in 2012 to transform RAM recommendations into action Plan
143	<b>Denmark</b>	Nissum Fjord	17/11/2009		Increasing eutrophication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds.	Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013.
146	<b>Denmark</b>	Ulvedybet & Nibee Bredning	17/11/2009		Increasing eutrophication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds.	Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013.

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356	<b>Denmark</b>	Vadehavet	17/11/2009		Drainage and agricultural intensification, destruction of meadows.	Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013.
788	<b>DR Congo</b>	Parc national des Mangroves	2009		Construction work (Port)	Update received from third party in February 2015
1810	<b>France</b>	Rhin supérieur	18/04/2012	26/06/2015	Urban developments.	Information received from AA in June 2015 that the project was abandoned. Case closed in June 2015.
54	<b>Greece</b>	Evros Delta	24/10/2008		Lack of coherent management.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2006
460	<b>Iceland</b>	Thjörðsárver	22/04/2010		Plans for a hydropower plant & dam.	Awaiting update from AA since 2012.
461	<b>India</b>	Wular Lake	14/02/2014		Unplanned development and illegal encroachment	Awaiting update from AA since 2014
462	<b>India</b>	Harike Lake	14/02/2014		Reduction in size of the lake	Awaiting update from AA since 2014
464	<b>India</b>	Sambhar	27/04/2009		Unauthorized salt extraction; excess pumping of groundwater; Proposed construction of the world's biggest solar power generating facility close	Awaiting update from AA since 2009
1204	<b>India</b>	Ashtamudi Lake	13/06/2012		Kollam Corporation dumping solid waste to the banks of the Lake; also illegal construction of solid waste treatment plant.	Awaiting update from AA since 2012
1207	<b>India</b>	Deepor Beel	23/05/2013		Fishing, siltation, illegal constructions and encroachment; factory chemical wastes dumped into the wetland (several fish of different species have been found dead). Proposed construction of a Railway line next to the Elephant Corridor.	Awaiting update from AA since 2013
1208	<b>India</b>	East Calcutta Wetlands	27/08/2010		Threat of urban encroachment and noxious pollutant escalation.	Awaiting update from AA since 2009

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1212	India	Sasthamkotta Lake	05/05/2013		Drought, waste dumping and lack of management	Awaiting update from AA since 2013
1214	India	Vembanand-Kol	30/08/2010		Industrial project given permit to start at the Ramsar Site; The Banyan Tree Resort does not conform with the environmental regulations	Awaiting update from AA since 2013
415	Ireland	Clara Bog	27/06/2012		Peat extraction.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012
416	Ireland	Morgan Bog	27/06/2012		Peat extraction.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012
417	Ireland	Raheenmore Bog	27/06/2012		Peat extraction.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012
846	Ireland	Lough Corrib	27/06/2012		Peat extraction.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012
847	Ireland	Lough Derravaragh	27/06/2012		Peat extraction.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012
117	Italy	Pian di Spagna e Lago Mezzola	25/07/2012		Road and environmental centre construction within the Site.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012
1812	Italy	Lagustelli di Percile	10.03.2015		Improper/lack of management of the Site - water abstraction/deviation, eutrophication and unauthorized tourist activity	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since March 2015.
1454	Jamaica	Palisadoes	15/10/2010		Severe degradation and adverse ecological change due to the constructing of a highway	Last report in National Report to COP12 (August 2014). Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA.
1597	Jamaica	Portland Bight	19/09/2013		Threat by a proposal to build a logistics/trans-shipment port by China Harbour Engineering Company	Last report in National Report to COP12 Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA.

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1856	<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Ural River Delta and adjacent Caspian Sea Coast	preCOP11		Construction of an oil response base	We are waiting for an update from AA on the condition of this site since 2011
1744	<b>Mauritius</b>	Blue Bay Marine Park	28/10/2015		Construction of beach hotel and mini city at the back with residential unit, shopping area and office facilities. Site Connected to Mare-aux-Songes palaeontological: sanctuary of the extinct Dodo bird	The Secretariat sent several emails (24/08/2015; 02/09/2015 and 25/10/2015) to the Head of AA. The Head of AA replies on 31/08/2015 without any tangible answer
1777	<b>Mexico</b>	Manglares de Nichupte	2/04/2015		Building of an oil station	The AA is addressing the issues
1777	<b>Mexico</b>	Manglares de Nichupte	20/01/2016		Threats to the ecological character due to development projects	Waiting response from AA to the communication sent by the Secretariat
1478	<b>Morocco</b>	Embouchure de la Moulouya	2010		Pollution	RAM report ongoing implementation. Update received in August 2014
1391	<b>Mozambique</b>	Marromeux Complex	2008		Oil and Gas exploration	Ongoing work to address the issue. AA is updating the RIS
1964	<b>Mozambique</b>	Lac Niassa and its Coastal Zone	2012		Oil Exploration	Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2012
194	<b>Netherlands</b>	Naardermeer	16/10/2005		Urban developments and tourism pressures.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2005
307	<b>Norway</b>	Nordre Øyeren	27/11/2015		Raising of water level in mid-may - affecting waders during spring migration	Under revision by AA.
818	<b>Pakistan</b>	Uchhali Complex Lake	06/04/2014		Proposed reconstruction of road through the wetland site; recommendation is to build the road at a lower level which would have a lower impact.	Waiting for an update on the proposed project from AA since 2014

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212	Portugal	Ria Formosa	11/03/2009		New resort project close to the river.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009
1594	Republic of Korea	Seocheon Tidal Flat	29/04/2009		Proposed reclamation of the intertidal mudflats	Awaiting update from AA since 2009
1029	Republic of Moldova	Lower Prut Lakes	20/05/2005		Oil drilling next to the RS.	Awaiting update from AA since 2010.
110	Russian Federation	Kandalaksha Bay	04/05/2012		Plans for the construction of a gas plant within the RS.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009
111	Russian Federation	Volga Delta	16/11/2012		Development of oil and gas industry.	Awaiting information from AA since 2010.
674	Russian Federation	Kuban Delta: Group of limans between rivers Kuban & Protoka.	30/11/2010		Oil exploitation.	No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since March 2013
675	Russian Federation	Kuban delta: Akhtaro-Grivenskaya group of limans	30/11/2010		Oil exploitation	No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since March 2013
682	Russian Federation	Selenga Delta	19/11/08		Artificial fluctuation of water levels due hydropower plants in lake Baikal.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009
683	Russian Federation	Torey Lakes	27/07/2009		Channel construction.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009
695	Russian Federation	Moroshechnaya River	30/01/2007		Oil exploitation activities.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2007
699	Russian Federation	Pskovsko-Chudskaya Lowland	16/11/2012		Urban developments, uncontrolled fishing, hunting and tourism pressures. Fish do not reach places upstream, changes in migration routes.	No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since November 2012



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819	<b>Serbia</b>	Stari Begi/Carska Bara Special Nature Reserve	29/10/2007	18/11/2015	Shipyard building in the surrounding area of the RS.	Shipyard is not operational. Case closed in November 2015.
1600	<b>Slovenia</b>	Lake Cerknica and its environ	22/04/2008		Water pollution.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2010
888	<b>South Africa</b>	Seekoeivlei Nature Reserve	2013		Raw Sewage Problem	Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2013
452	<b>Spain</b>	Complejo Intermareal Umia-O Grove	20/01/2014		Heavy metals pollution. Under revision by AA. Not confirmed yet.	Awaiting update from AA since January 2014.
592	<b>Spain</b>	Aiguamolls de l'Empordà	10/01/2012		Wet meadows destruction for rice agriculture and overexploitation of the aquifer.	Awaiting update from AA since October 2013
705	<b>Spain</b>	Ria del Eo	19/05/2009		Potential urban developments.	Under revision by AA. Not confirmed yet. Awaiting update from AA since 2013
231	<b>Switzerland</b>	Bolle di Magadino	01/06/2013		Planned airport extension	Awaiting update from AA since July 2013.
935	<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	Sabkhat al-Jabbul Nature Reserve	23/11/2010		Waste water is being discharged into the lake	Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetlands from AA since 2010
945	<b>Turkey</b>	Gediz Delta	05/02/2013		Urban developments and proposed project for rehabilitation of Izmir Bay and Harbour. Planned to stock dredged materials in the coastal area.	No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2013
659	<b>Turkey</b>	Seyfe Lake	05/12/2014		Elements of management plan have not implemented, causing drying up of Seyfe Lake	Under revision by AA. Awaiting update since February 2015.

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1640	<b>Uganda</b>	Murchison Falls-Albert Delta Wetland System	02/02/2015		Oil and gas activities	The case was orally presented by AA during the 2015 WWD in Kampala at a meeting with Government Officials and Uganda partners. In November 2015 an official letter has been received from AA on that subject
926	<b>United Kingdom</b>	Avon Valley	21/07/2014	27/07/2015	The ecosystem has been degraded and consequently the number of wading birds is decreasing.	Case closed in July 2015.
396	<b>United Kingdom</b>	Pagham Harbour	16/04/2015	22/07/2015	Plan for 32 ha of polytunnels	Case closed in July 2015.