

Draft format for National Reports to COP13 (SC52-13)

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National Report Format

Resolution XII.2 *The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024*, Contracting Parties requested the Secretariat and the Standing Committee to develop the COP13 National Report format:

- More user-friendly
- Reflects the goals and targets of the new Ramsar Strategic Plan



Considerations

- Alignment of COP13 NRF structure with goals and targets of Strategic Plan (Res. XII.2).
- Retain the overall structure and content of the National Report form approved for COP12.
- Consistency of COP13 NRF indicators with those of previous NRF for continuity and time-series analyses.
- Development of new indicators as appropriate to new goals and targets.
- Advice of STRP and other relevant group of experts for indicators, MEAS, concerning the adjustments or additional need for indicators.



Considerations

- Resolution XII.2, urges Contracting Parties “to develop and submit to the Secretariat on or before December 2016, and according to their national priorities and resources, their own quantifiable and time-bound national and regional targets in line with the targets set in the Strategic Plan”,
- All Parties are encouraged to consider using the NRF as a comprehensive national planning tool, in order to identify the areas of highest priority for action and the relevant national targets and actions for each of them.



Timing

- Format finalized and issued as soon as possible after SC52, **August 2016.**
- Deadline for submission of Parties own quantifiable and time-bound national and regional targets in line with the targets set in the Strategic Plan, **30 November 2016.**
- Deadline for submission of completed reports: **9 months before COP –January 2018**



National Report Format

- Word form to help Contracting Parties to collect data for the National Report.
- The data collected through this form must be transferred to the online National Reporting system for the official submission of the National Report.



The structure of the COP13 National Report Format

The COP13 NRF includes 79 indicator questions and 4 sections

- **Section 1** provides the institutional information about the Administrative Authority and National Focal Points for the national implementation of the Convention.

Name of Contracting Party:

Designated Ramsar Administrative Authority

Name of Administrative Authority:

Head of Administrative Authority - name and title:

Mailing address:

Telephone/Fax:



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- **Section 2** is a ‘free-text’ section in which the Party is invited to provide a summary of various aspects of national implementation progress and recommendations for the future.

In your country, in the past triennium (i.e., since COP12 reporting):

A. What have been the five most successful aspects of implementation of the Convention?

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

B. What have been the five greatest difficulties in implementing the Convention?

1)

2)



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- **Section 3** This section is provided in order to facilitate the task of preparing the Party's National Targets and Actions for the implementation of each of the targets of the Strategic Plan 2016-2024.

Planning of National Targets

Priority:		A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
Resourcing:		A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
National Targets (Text Answer):		
Planned Activities (Text Answer):		
Outcomes achieved by 2018 and how they contribute to achievement of the Aichi Targets		



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Section 4 allows Contracting Parties to provide additional information regarding its Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites).

Ramsar Site number	Ramsar Site name	5.3 ②	5.4 ④	5.7 ①	5.8a ③	5.8b ①	5.9 ①	7.1 ①	7.2 ⑤	8.4a ⑥	11.1 ③	11.2 ④
Ex:1603	Lake White	B - No	B - No	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	O - No change	A - Yes	A - Yes

- ① A=Yes; B=No; D=Planned
- ② A=Yes; B=No; C=In Preparation
- ③ A=Yes; B=No; C=Partly; D=Planned
- ④ A=Yes; B=No; C=Partly; Z=No Management Plan
- ⑤ A=Yes; B=No; Z=No Negative Change
- ⑥ N=Status Deteriorated; O=No Change; P=Status Improved



Online Reporting

- The Secretariat has explored the development of an online platform for national reporting by Ramsar Parties to COP13 through UNEP-WCMC online reporting platform for MEAs. (i.e. for CMS national reporting)
- Considerations for preparation of online reporting platform:
 - “offline format”
 - Identification of additional voluntary funding. Estimated cost Annex 3 of Res. XII.1, CHF 175,000
 - Current estimate: 25,000 CHF



Action requested

The Standing Committee is invited to review and approve the COP13 National Report format for finalization and issuing to Contracting Parties as soon as possible after SC52.



Thank you

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