

Agenda item 14

Document SC52-12

Proposals for new Ramsar Regional Initiatives

responding to SC51 requests ...



Follow-up on SC Decision SC51-14:

“ The Standing Committee agreed that proposed new Ramsar Regional Initiatives be invited to submit relevant documentation against a checklist of requirements to be provided by the Secretariat for consideration by SC52. “

> Paragraphs 10-38 of **Document SC52-12** provide an analysis how the proposed four new Ramsar Regional Initiatives comply with the Operating Guidelines.



SC52 is invited to take Decision ...



Decision SC52-xx:

“ SC52 endorses the proposed new Regional Initiatives for the Amazon Basin, Central Asia, the Indo-Burma region and the Senegal River Basins, as complying with the Operational Guidelines for Ramsar Regional Initiatives and operating in the framework of the Convention during the period of 2016-2018. “

Resolution X.6.9 authorized the Standing Committee to examine and approve, between meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, new initiatives selected from those which fully meet the Operational Guidelines as operating within the framework of the Convention. Such new approved initiatives should be reported to the following COP.



proposed Ramsar funding allocations

proposed new initiatives:	total budget 2016 (in CHF)	requested from Ramsar budget	proposed Ramsar allocation
Amazon Basin	352,000	25,000	30,000
Central Asia	35,000	30,000	30,000
Indo-Burma	120,000	60,000	30,000
Senegal Basin	85,000	65,000	30,000
total	592,000	190,000	120,000



... and to take Decision:

Decision SC52-xx:

“ The Standing Committee allocates start-up funding support from the Ramsar core budget to four new Ramsar Regional Initiatives for their activities in 2016 as follows:

Amazon Basin	30,000 CHF
Central Asia	30,000 CHF
Indo-Burma region	30,000 CHF
Senegal River Basin	30,000 CHF

