

Update on the Status of Ramsar Sites

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Newly designated sites



New and total Ramsar Sites by region

| | Number of Sites | Total area in Hectares |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| Africa | 3 | 25,220 |
| Asia | 10 | 656,664 |
| Europe | 5 | 79, 596 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean | 2 | 278,312 |
| North America | 1 | 1,584 |
| Total New Ramsar Sites (from 10 June 2015 to 3 February 2016) | 21 | 1,041,377 |

Transboundary Ramsar Sites and Extensions



| | Number of Sites | Total area in Hectares |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| Transboundary Ramsar Sites Wadden Sea, by Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands (composed of 13 existing Ramsar Sites) and the Olmany-Perebrody mires by Belarus and Ukraine | 2 | 1,365,273.8 |
| Extensions 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). | 2 | 3,374,912 |
| Total Ramsar Sites (as of 3 February 2016) | 2,231 | 214,936,005 |

Trends in the total number of Ramsar Sites



Ramsar Sites Information Service

2,241 Sites covering 215,240,661 ha

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Search for a Ramsar Site ?

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Designation date >

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Management plan available >

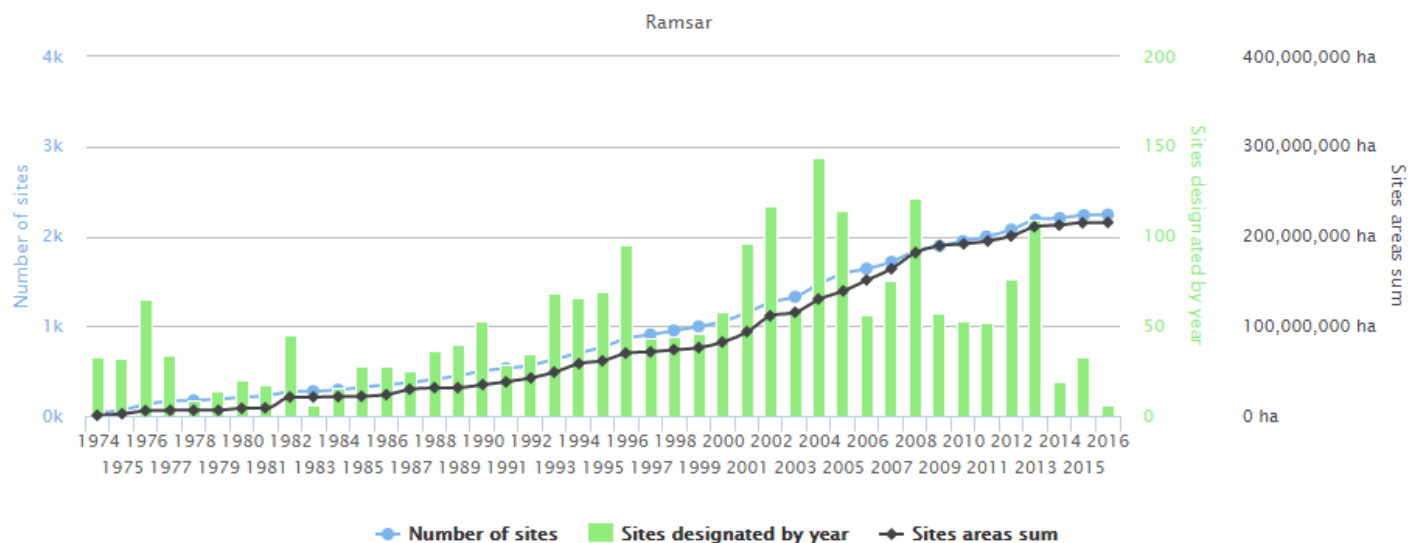
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Map

List

Stats

Sites number and area by year



Highcharts.com

Changes in ecological character



Article 3.2

Administrative Authorities inform the Ramsar Secretariat on changes at Ramsar Sites

Montreux Record

To **demonstrate national commitment** to resolve adverse changes

To **attract positive** national and international **attention**

To provide guidance in the allocation of **resources**

Ramsar Advisory Missions

Provide assistance to countries in solving problems or threats



Changes in ecological character

128 Ramsar Sites (5.7% of all sites)

Article 3.2

9 new files open

2 files closed

Montreux Record

47 sites
no sites added
no sites removed

32 sites with
no new
information

1 site with
ongoing removal
process

Ramsar Advisory Missions

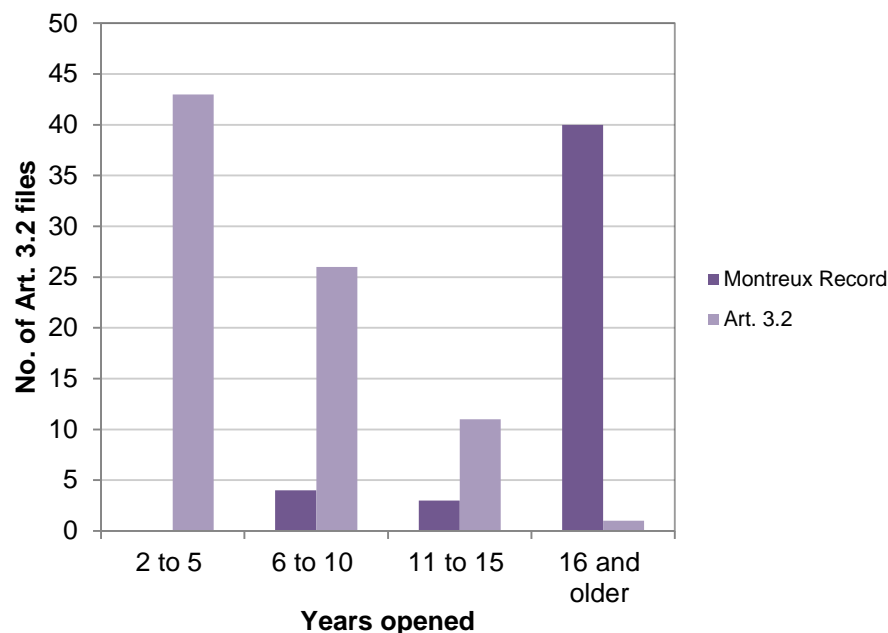
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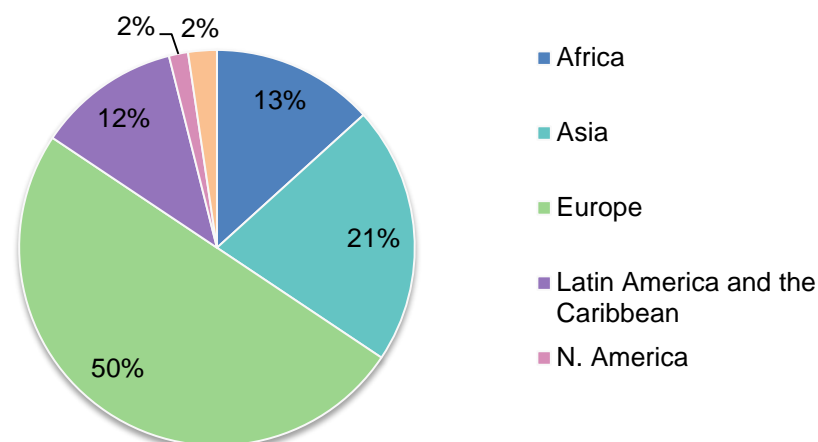
Longest-running Article 3.2 files

Longest-running unresolved Article 3.2 files (open for two years or more)
including sites on the Montreux Record

Time since opening



Percentage of open Art. 3.2 files per region



Regular updating of site information

Resolution VI.13

“The conference of Contracting Parties urges Contracting Parties... to revise the data provided at least **every 6 years** for monitoring purposes”;

For example:

Or even better
EVERY TIME A CHANGE
occurs in the site

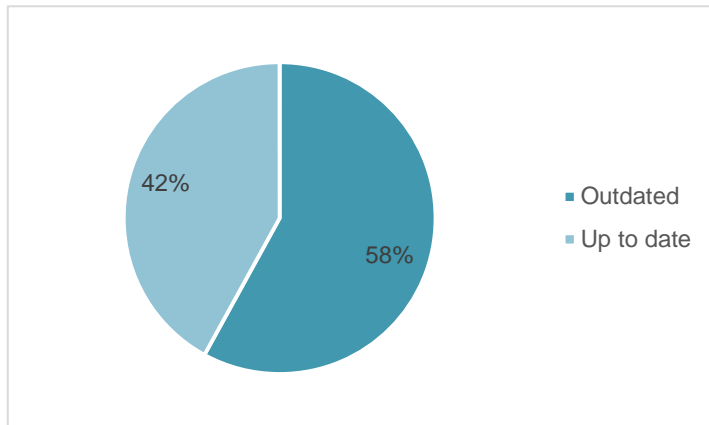


Outdated information on Ramsar sites



- Eight Parties provided updated or missing data for 29 Ramsar sites
- 5 Parties submitted updated Ramsar Information Sheets for 15 Sites currently in process: with Secretariat or with the Contracting Party.

Status of Ramsar Sites information:



**Sites with
Out of date information: 1,308**

Contracting Parties: 142



Actions requested

- take note of the report on the updated information 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
- to instruct the Secretariat as appropriate on specific measures to be taken on the longest-running Article 3.2 files.

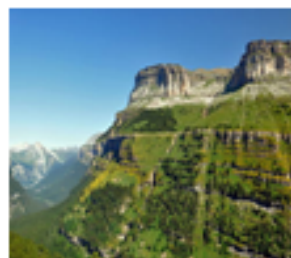


Cover page of Guidance (draft)



Managing MIDAs

Harmonizing the management of Multi-Internationally Designated Areas: Ramsar Sites, World Heritage sites, Biosphere Reserves and UNESCO Global Geoparks



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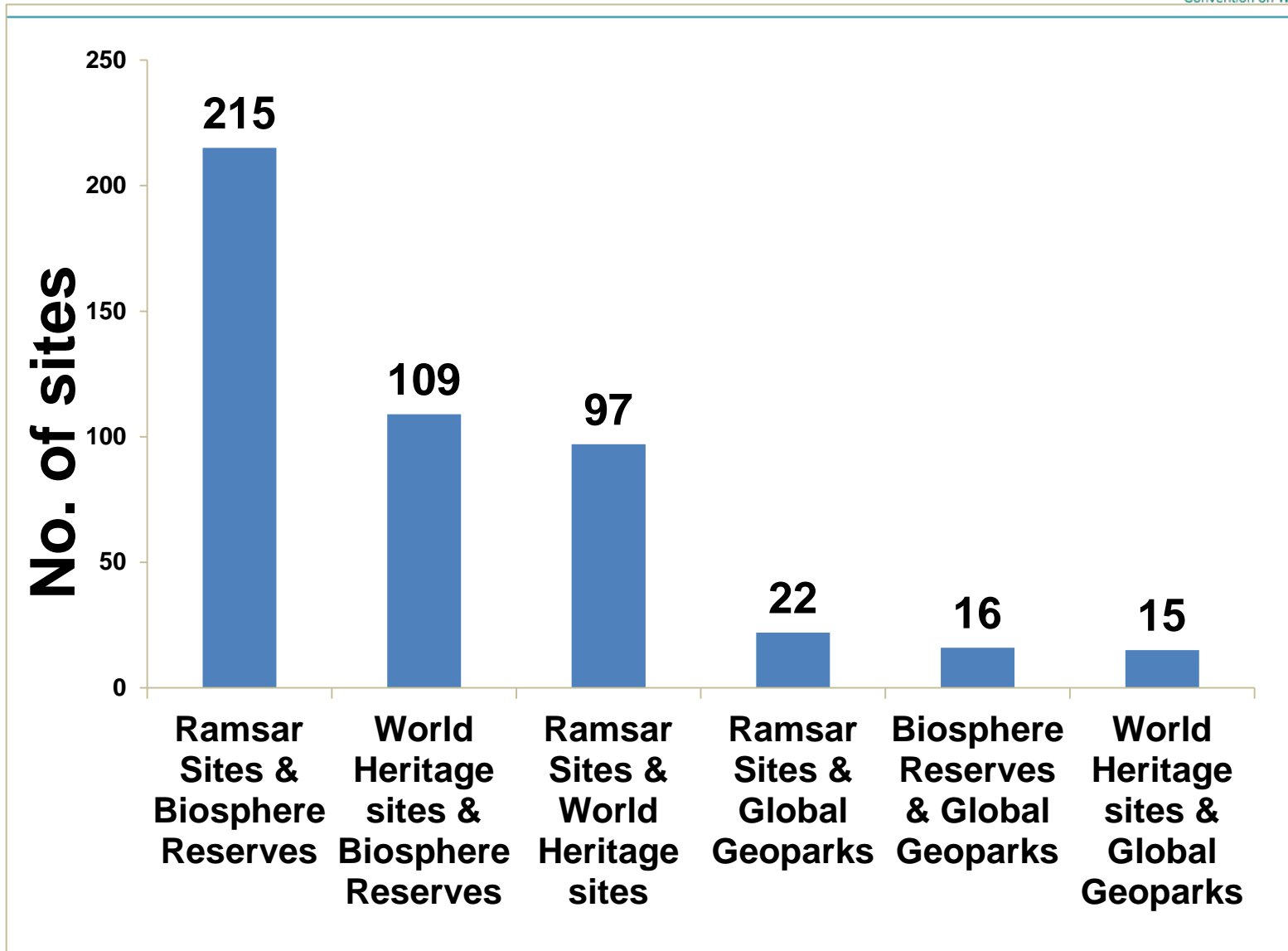


List of sites with overlapping designations (Annex to publication)

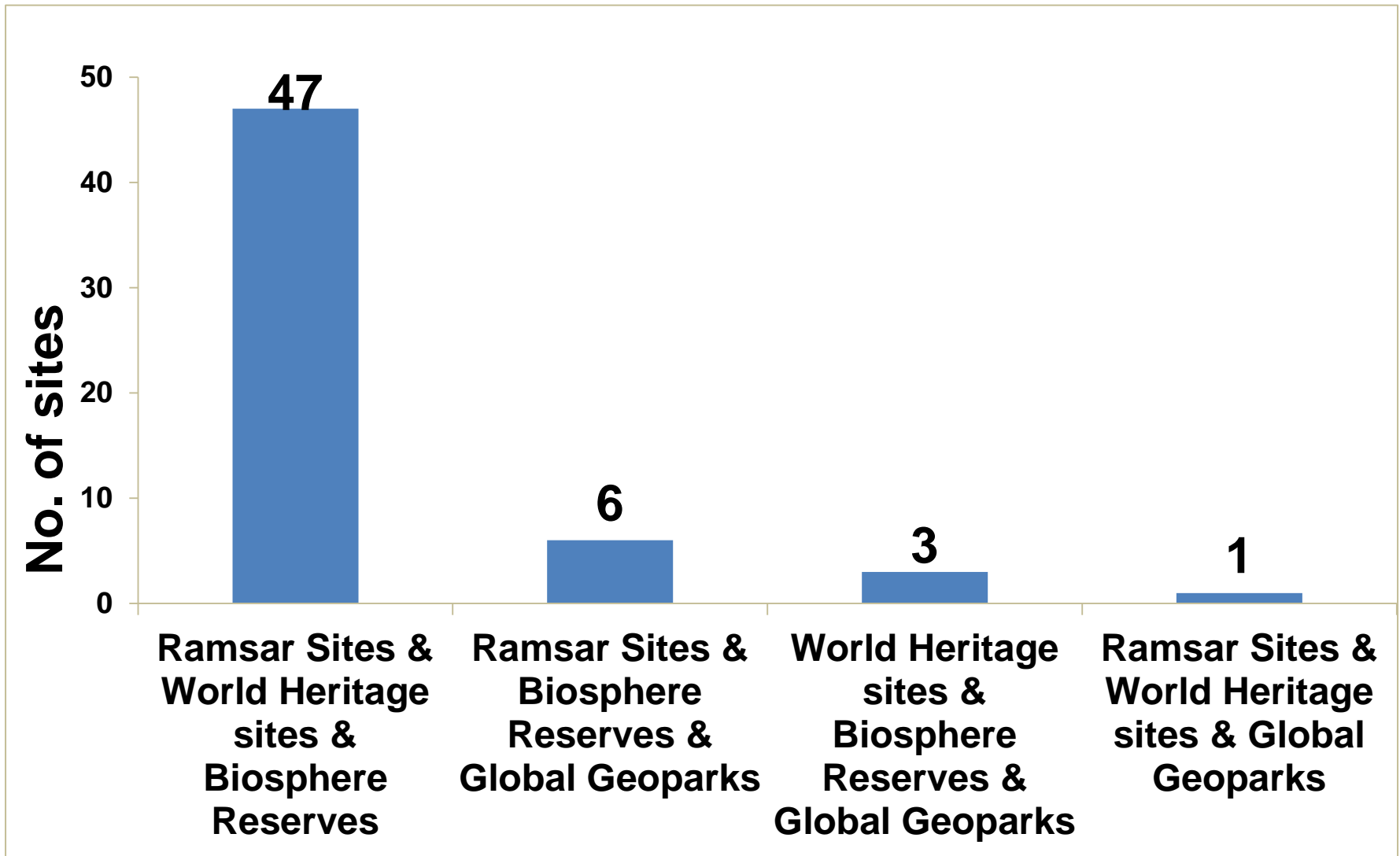


| Country | Ramsar site | World Heritage site | Biosphere Reserve | Global Geopark |
|---------|--|---|--|--|
| France | Baie du Mont Saint-Michel (1994 / 62,000 ha / 48°40'N ; 01°40'W) | Mont Saint-Michel and its Bay (1976 / 6,560 ha / 48°38'8.016"N ; 01°30'38.016"W) | | |
| France | Camargue (1986 / 85,000 ha / 43°30'N ; 04°30'E) | | Camargue (1977 / 13,117 ha / 43°30'N ; 04°30'E) | |
| France | | | Luberon-Lure (1997 / 179,600 ha / 44°02'N to 43°39'N ; 4°58' to 5°55'E) | Parc Naturel Régional du Luberon (2005 / 195,300 ha / 43°81' N ; 5°44' E) |

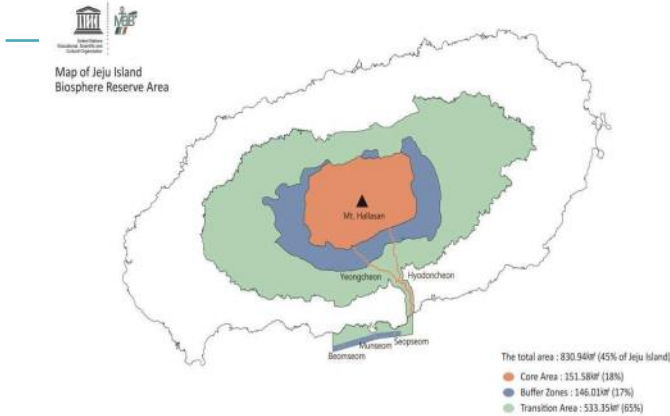
Frequency of double designated sites



Frequency of triple designated sites



All 4 designations on Jeju Island (Republic of Korea)



Biosphere Reserve



World Heritage site



Global Geopark



5 Ramsar Sites

Ramsar Criterion 6 - update of Waterbird Population Estimates



- Identification, designation and management of Ramsar Sites is based on nine criteria; Criterion 6 refers to a site supporting a 1% threshold of one or more waterbird populations.
- > 36% (797 of 2241) Ramsar Sites in the RSIS are designated under Criterion 6 (note: this is a minimum as many sites that meet Criterion 6 are not yet listed in the RSIS).
- Wetlands International provides official Ramsar 1% population thresholds through the Waterbird Population Estimates (WPE). WPE5 was produced in 2012.



Ramsar Criterion 6 - update of Waterbird Population Estimates



- The first WPE website was launched at Ramsar COP 11 (2012), funded by Environment Canada and Ramsar Secretariat.
- Website is used widely by Ramsar Focal Points and national agencies worldwide, conservation organisations, research institutions and public.
- Website with 600-900 visits (2200-3000 page-views) each month.
- Ramsar resolutions strongly encourage regular WPE updates (incl. VI.4, VIII.38 and X.22)



| Order | Family | Species | Population | Discontinued | Size - year | Size | Size estimate quality | Size references | Trend - year | Trend | Trend quality | Trend references | 1% threshold | 1% yearset | Notes |
|---|--------|---------|------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Charadriiformes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charadriidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> (Northern Lapwing) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S Asia (non-bre) | | | | | 1987 - 1991 | 10,000 - 25,000 | Best guess | [R519] | 0 - 0 | Unknown | No idea | | 250 | 2012 | |
| E, SE Asia (non-bre) | | | | | 0 - 0 | 100,000 - 1,000,000 | Best guess | [R36] | 0 - 0 | Unknown | No | | | | [S6995] |
| Europe, W Asia/Europe, N Africa & SW Asia | | | | | 2005 - 2005 | 5,500,000 - 9,500,000 | Best guess | [R624] | 1995 - 2010 | STA | Pop | | | | [P2432] [T4927] |
| <i>Vanellus crassirostris</i> (Long-toed Lapwing) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| crassirostris, E & C Africa | | | | | 2001 - 2001 | 25,000 - 100,000 | Best guess | [R190] | 0 - 0 | Unknown | No idea | | 1000 | 2012 | |
| crassirostris, Lake Chad Basin | | | | | 2001 - 2001 | 1 - 5,000 | | [R190] | 0 - 0 | Unknown | No idea | | 1 | 2012 | |
| leucopterus, W | | | | | 0 - 0 | 1 - 10,000 | Best | [R192] | 0 - 0 | Unknown | No idea | | 100 | 2012 | [P910] |

Accessible on: wpe.wetlands.org

Population trend note #4927

Delany et al. 2009: Population decreased 1980-1995, stable 1995-2010. In CSR5, Trend 1986-2007: +3.5% p.a. ? Increase. However, effects of shifting winter distribution and changing habitat use are possible causes of discrepant trends.

Planning WPE6 for COP13



Waterbird Population Estimates



Consultation on population boundaries

CONSULTATION DRAFT – NOT TO BE QUOTED

Introduction

Biogeographic Populations

Species Search

SPECIES SEARCH

Please use the input box below to select the species for which you want to display or download the population flyway boundary. This input box will suggest and autocomplete the scientific species names for which we have a boundary once you start typing. After clicking the Show button the boundary is displayed on the map you can click the boundary to access the download link.

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ADDITIONAL DATA SOURCES

- [BirdLife International Data Zone](#)
- [IUCN Red List](#)

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Draft prototype module for population boundaries

Planning WPE6 for COP13



- No global review/update since 2011. Some regions even more outdated.
e.g. Central Asian Flyway from early 2000s
- Status of many populations is worsening:
 - IUCN global Red List reveals rapid decline of many and up-listing of 12 species to Red List 2015
 - 36% of AEWA populations declining
 - East Asian-Australasian Flyway and Central Asian populations declining
- Growing risk of new site designations and reviewing implementation of management effectiveness of Ramsar sites being based on increasing outdated information.

For COP 13 in UAE - urgent need to:

- ✓ Undertake **expert review and update** of **global pop. estimates and 1%**
- ✓ Make **population boundary maps** available to support management actions.
- ✓ Enhance WPE web portal



Summary of cost estimates and options for WPE6 development (2016-2018)



| Request to Ramsar | Sept 2016-Dec 2017 | Jan-Nov 2018 | Indicative budget (Euro) |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
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1. Estimated funding needed for WPE6 development and online publication **205,000**
(cost for WPE5 development : 134,000 in 2011/2012)¹

For AEWA pops only for CSR7- committed from AEWA* 60.000

Minimum Only regional Asia-Pacific and Americas pop review/update (no update for African-Eurasian resident species) **91.000**

Recommended New global pop review/update for Asia-Pacific, Americas & African-Eurasian resident species and web maintenance **145.000**

Recommended **2. Waterbird pop boundaries + web module development** **81.000**

Recommended **3. WPE Portal Enhancements** **Minimum 50,000**

Recommended **4. Language options of WPE website (e.g. French, Arabic)** **Each 25,000**

Optional **5. WPE6 Launch at COP13** **36,000**

Optional **6. WPE6 Summary Report** **30,000**

Thank you

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