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Report of the STRP Chair

52nd Meeting of the Standing Committee

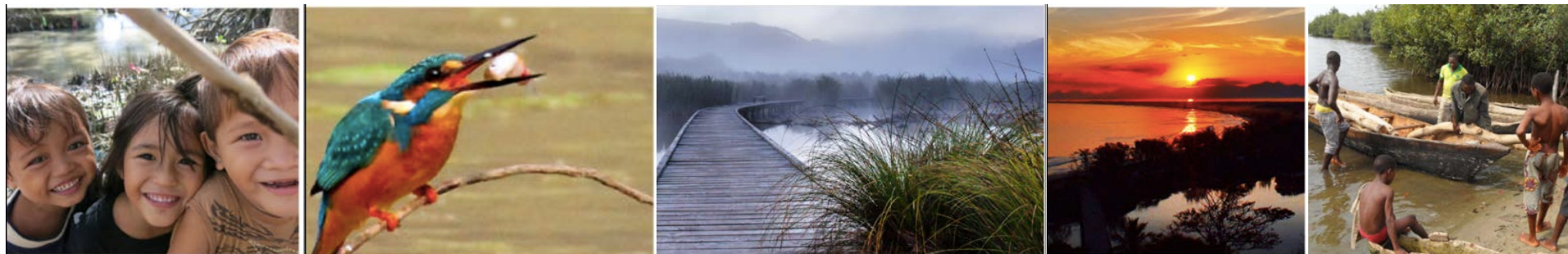
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Overview

- Consultation efforts on revising the draft STRP 2016-2018 work plan
- Responses to comments on the draft work plan
- Budget and recommendations: “SoWWS + 10”
- IPBES update (and involvement with other international processes)



STRP 2016-2018



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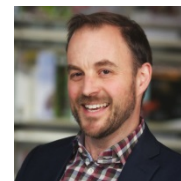
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Consultation efforts



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- 2 October: STRP members notified of their appointment by MWG
 - 2-6 November: STRP19 prepares draft work plan
 - 26 November: SC51 requests additional consultation
 - 15 December: Secretariat message to AAs, NFPs, STRP NFPs
 - 19-25 January: STRP holds five webinars to solicit additional input from STRP NFPs
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- In addition to feedback from SC51, we received substantive comments from 14 Contracting Parties (NFPs and/or STRP NFPs)



Revising the draft work plan: guiding considerations



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- Five thematic work areas approved by Contracting Parties at COP12 (identified in Resolution XII.5, Annex III) and literature survey of existing guidance
- Fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan (Resolution XII.2)
- Requests by Contracting Parties in other COP12 Resolutions
- Additional input from consultation process



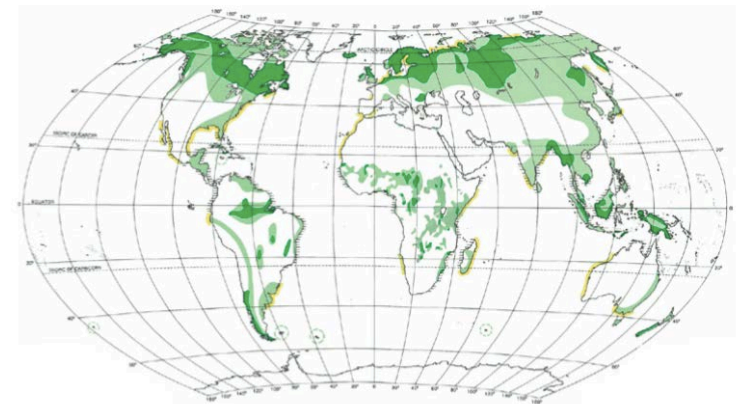
Responses to comments



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- Conflicting directives on whether to delete or retain certain tasks
- Concern regarding possible over-emphasis on peatlands
- Requests for greater inclusion of ILK
- 19 tasks under the five thematic work areas, plus ad-hoc advisory functions (including SoWWS) and collaboration with other international bodies and processes



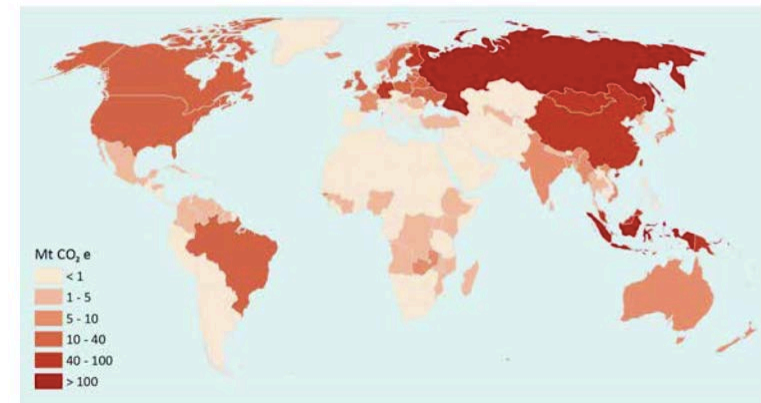
Almost every nation on earth has peatlands.
The map highlights areas with significant tracts
of peatland habitats.

Adapted from Lappalainen 1996, with kind permission from IPS

Peat < 5%
Peat 5% – 10%
Peat > 10% land area
Mangroves
Islands with peat
Bays/lagoons often with associated peat

Emissions from Peatlands per country (in Mt CO₂e)

indicating countries that contribute most to global peatland emissions and where it is most urgent to undertake peatland rewetting action.



Courtesy of Wetlands International

Draft work plan: advisory tasks and collaboration with other international bodies and processes



- State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People (SoWWS)
- Providing advice or input from the Secretariat (including on the CEPA Programme and the Fourth Strategic Plan indicators) and Standing Committee
- Drafting (at the request of Contracting Parties) or providing input on Draft Resolutions
- Providing advice to a Contracting Party, when requested (resources permitting)
- Participating in Ramsar Advisory Missions / Advising on Montreux Record
- Serving on the Wetland City Accreditation Independent Advisory Committee
- Providing advice on emerging issues
- Engaging with IPBES
- Input to the peatlands hotspot atlas



State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People (SoWWS)



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- Proposed writing workshop to be held in conjunction with INTECOL (19-24 September 2016, Changshu, China)
- Proposed budget of CHF 137,000: CHF 67,000 for layout, design, review, translation, and publication; CHF 20,000 for authors meetings; CHF 50,000 for update of WET Index



Draft work plan: thematic areas



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- 19 tasks (plus SoWWS):
estimated cost
up to CHF
427,800
- SoWWS + 10:
estimated cost
of up to CHF
326,300

Task title	Task no.	Estimated cost (CHF)
State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People (SoWWS)		137,000
Earth Observation as a "best practice" tool for inventorying, mapping and monitoring wetlands, including Ramsar Sites	1.1	33,500
Development of guidelines for inventories of peatlands for possible designation as Wetlands of International Importance	1.3	13,000
Ramsar wetland Sites management toolkit	2.1	No cost implications for STRP budget. Advice provided on a voluntary basis
Management of mosquito disease vectors in wetlands	2.5	22,000
Wetland Ecosystem Services Assessment and Valuation Policy Brief with Annex	3.1	25,300
Protocol for assessing multiple values of wetlands – tool kit (IPBES)	3.2	33,500
Wetland Ecosystems and Disaster Risk Reduction	3.3	9,000
Water Requirements for Wetlands	4.1	No cost implications for STRP budget [100,000 to be provided by WWF]
Review and Analysis of Ramsar Advisory Mission Reports	4.2	22,000 [An additional 22,000 to be provided by WWF]
Promoting best practices in wetland restoration	5.1	22,000

Budget for task implementation



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- CHF 118,000 in rolling funds (non-time-bound) from previous triennia
- CHF 120,000 for this triennium (CHF 40,000 in 2016, 2017 and 2018)
- CHF 50,000 for meetings and writing workshops in 2016
- Estimated gap for all tasks: CHF 139,800
- Estimated gap for SoWWS + 10: CHF 38,300



IPBES update (and involvement with other international processes)



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- IPBES-4 held in Malaysia from 22-28 February 2016
 - Thematic assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production accepted and summary for policy makers approved
 - Progress on land degradation and restoration assessment welcomed, which is scheduled to be considered at IPBES-6 in 2018
 - Scoping report for the assessment on invasive alien species and their control was approved, but the decision on whether to undertake this assessment will be made at IPBES-5 in 2017
 - Revised scoping report for the assessment on sustainable use and biodiversity will also be considered at IPBES-5
- International Day of Forests and World Water Day, UN HQ, on 21 March 2016
- CMS ScC (18-21 April 2016) and CBD SBSTTA (25-29 April 2016)



Actions requested



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The Standing Committee is invited to:

- note the report of the STRP Chair;
- consider and approve the amended draft STRP 2016-2018 work plan; and
- consider possible ways of sourcing funding for the implementation of tasks contained in the approved STRP 2016-2018 work plan, if necessary.





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Thank you!

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STRP Chair

