THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

58th Meeting of the Standing Committee

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**Status of annual contributions**

**Actions requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to:

i. take note of the status of annual contributions;

ii. note the actions listed in paragraphs 15, 17 and 18 to continue encouraging the payment of annual contributions;

iii. note the change in annual contributions receivable and in the annual provision against contributions receivable; and

iv. note the status of the African voluntary contributions.

**Background**

1. Article 6.6 of the Convention states:

“*Each Contracting Party shall contribute to the budget according to a scale of contributions adopted by unanimity of the Contracting Parties present and voting at a meeting of the ordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties.*”

2. Annual (assessed) contributions from Contracting Parties are used to finance the Convention’s core budget. Each year, the Secretariat invoices Parties for their annual contributions. Swiss franc (CHF) invoicing is based upon the approved core budget and the current United Nations Scale of Assessment, adjusted on a *pro rata* basis to reflect which States are Parties to the Convention at the beginning of the year.

3. In Resolution XIII.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* in paragraphs 17 and 18, the Conference of the Contracting Parties:

“*17. URGES Contracting Parties with outstanding contributions to make a renewed effort to settle them as expeditiously as possible to enhance the financial sustainability of the Convention through contributions by all Contracting Parties*;”and

“*18. REQUESTS the Secretariat to contact Contracting Parties that have outstanding contributions in excess of three years and assist them to identify appropriate options to rectify the situation and to request a plan for making payment of contributions, and to report back to each meeting of the Standing Committee and Conference of the Contracting Parties on activities taken in this regard and results achieved; and AGREES that the Standing Committee should continue to consider appropriate action concerning Parties that have neither paid their outstanding contributions nor submitted a payment plan for this purpose*.”

**Status of annual contributions as at 31 December 2019**

4. The table in Annex 1 of this document presents for each Contracting Party, listed in alphabetical order, the status of annual contributions at 1 January 2019, all payments received in 2019 and the status of contributions at 31 December 2019.

5. As per the table in Annex 1, as of 31 December 2019, CHF 2,271K of contributions due for 2019 had not been received, which corresponds to 46.9% of the CHF 4,845K contributions expected in 2019. The total due for the years prior to 2019 amounted to CHF 939K (an increase of 40% compared to 2018). Therefore, the total contributions due but not received by that date amounted to CHF 3,210K, which is an increase of CHF 1,714K (114.6%) compared to 2018. However, in January 2020 CHF 1,296K of this outstanding total was received.

6. Contributions for 2019 had not been received, or not received in full, from 102 Contracting Parties by 31 December 2019 (compared to 96 at the end of 2018).

7. By 31 March 2020, 21 of those 102 Contracting Parties had paid their contributions for 2019 and prior years, totalling CHF 1,401K (compared to 9 Contracting Parties and CHF 233K for the same period in 2019).

8. By 31 March 2020, 26 Contracting Parties had paid contributions or partial contributions for 2020, totalling CHF 713K (compared to 22 Contracting Parties and CHF 654K by 31 March 2019).

9. Table 1 below shows the status of contributions from 2015 to 2019 and the related provision for non-collection of contributions. The provision was increased by CHF 233K to CHF 896K at the end of 2019.

*Table 1: Status of contributions and provision for non-collection, 2015-2019 (CHF ‘000)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** |
| Assessed contributions from Contracting Parties | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 |
| Voluntary contribution from the United States of America | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 |
| Cumulative contributions not received by year end | 1,349 | 1,277 | 1,886 | 1,496 | 3,210 |
| Provision for non-collection (i.e. provision against contributions not received) | 691 | 653 | 720 | 663 | 896 |

10. The considerable increase in the provision is due to the change of calculation methodology approved by Decision SC57-39 of the Standing Committee at its 57th meeting. In accordance with this Decision, the provision for 2019 was calculated in accordance with the method proposed by the external auditor, in order to fully comply with Swiss law, with the objective of incorporating the notion of economic risk resulting from delayed payment by some Contracting Parties over many years. As for prior years, a provision of 20% was applied on contributions not received within two years, 60% on contributions not received within three years, and 80% on contributions not received within four years. In addition, in accordance with Decision SC57-39, a provision of 100% was applied on all outstanding balances of Contracting Parties which had not made a contribution payment to cover for outstanding dues for the past four years, that is, for the years from 2016 to 2019.

11. In 2019 the full provision of 100% was applied to 34 Contracting Parties with total outstanding dues of CHF 707K, of which ten Parties had never paid any contributions.

12. As of 31 December 2019, 98 Contracting Parties had paid all their contributions up to and including 2018 (compared to 108 Parties that at the end of 2018 had paid their contributions for the years up to 2017). Of these 98 Parties, 68 had also paid their full contributions for 2019 (compared to 74 Parties in 2018). Nine Parties had already paid a total of CHF 631K towards their contributions for 2020. The Secretariat acknowledges, with appreciation, the consistent and prompt payment of these Contracting Parties.

13. A breakdown of the balances of outstanding contributions according to the year due, at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, is shown in Table 2 below. The balances of contributions outstanding for over three years increased from CHF 425K at 31 December 2018 to CHF 476K at 31 December 2019. Table 2 also shows the overall increase in balances of outstanding contributions of CHF 1,714K.

*Table 2: Balances of outstanding contributions, 31 December 2019 compared to 31 December 2018 (in ‘000 CHF, includes possible rounding differences)*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year due**  | **Outstanding contribution balances (CHF ‘000) 31/12/2018** | **Outstanding contribution balances (CHF ‘000)31/12/2019** | **Change (CHF ‘000)(2018-2019)**  |
| 2010 or before | 117 | 96 | -21 |
| 2011 | 41 | 40 | -1 |
| 2012 | 44 | 43 | -1 |
| 2013 | 67 | 65 | -2 |
| 2014 | 76 | 71 | -5 |
| 2015 | 80 | 74 | -6 |
| 2016 | 100 | 86 | -14 |
| 2017 | 151 | 135 | -16 |
| 2018 | 820 | 272 | -548 |
| 2019 | 0 | 2327 | 2327 |
| **Total** | 1,496 | 3,210 | 1,714 |

**Actions for 2020**

14. In accordance with Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 18, the Secretariat will continue to engage with Contracting Parties on contributions not received, and especially those due for more than three years at the end of 2019, including with the Contracting Parties that have never paid any contribution.

15. In accordance with Decision SC54-26, and in line with other Conventions, the Secretariat continues to publish the updated status of contributions on the Convention website on a monthly basis[[1]](#footnote-1), in the same format as the table presented in Annex 1.

16. Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 19, “requests Regional Representatives in the Standing Committee to engage Parties from their respective regions with outstanding contributions to encourage them to identify appropriate options to rectify the situation”. Regional Representatives may wish to share with the Standing Committee their efforts, outcomes and challenges encountered in implementing this request from the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP13).

17. In 2020 the Secretariat will share with Regional Representatives the status of outstanding contributions on a quarterly basis, for further action, in line with the above instructions.

18. In accordance with Decision SC57-44, and following the experience of other Conventions, the Secretariat will continue to encourage timely payments of annual contributions by sending out reminders. In November 2019 reminders were sent to Contracting Parties with outstanding contributions with a copy of the last invoice and an updated statement of the balance of assessed contributions, while all other Parties received the notification for information only.

19. The Secretariat has investigated further additional measures that other Conventions are applying in dealing with arrears. They are:

a) the status of each Party’s contribution being published on the Convention’s website, with the Parties in arrears invited to agree on a payment plan in discussion with the Secretariat (CITES);

b) Parties in arrears being deprived of the right to vote (World Meteorological Organization);

c) representatives of Parties in arrears for four years and more not being considered for funding for intersessional workshops and meetings (Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions); and

d) Parties with more than four years of arrears not being allowed financial support to participate in the Convention’s Conference of Contracting Parties, and hence deprived of the right to vote (Convention on Migratory Species).

20. The Standing Committee might wish to consider any possible additional measures and instruct the Secretariat accordingly.

21. If Contracting Parties are late in their payments, the total of outstanding contributions will continue to increase. This will result in further increases in the provisions for outstanding dues in the budget, thus decreasing resources available for the regular budget of the Secretariat. The current budget provision of CHF 50K per year currently covers all provisions, including staff provisions. The Standing Committee may wish to consider creating a separate budget line for the provision for outstanding arrears.

**African voluntary contributions**

22. At COP10, through Resolution X.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* paragraph 23, the Contracting Parties of Africa assessed with an annual contribution of less than CHF 2,000 agreed to increase their payments to that level. The difference between CHF 2,000 and their assessed contribution was to be in the form of a voluntary contribution specifically earmarked for African Ramsar Regional Initiatives.

23. The voluntary contributions received from the Contracting Parties in the Africa region during 2019 (relating to 2019 and prior years) amounted to net CHF 2K. This increases the cumulative total Africa region voluntary contributions received since from 2009 from CHF 120K at the end of 2018 (SC57 Doc.7.3 Annex 2) to CHF 122K at the end of 2019. These voluntary contributions are listed in Annex 2 to the present document.

 24. In accordance with Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 24, the Secretariat has informed Ramsar Regional Initiatives in Africa about the balance of the Africa region voluntary contributions as at 31 December 2019 of CHF 91K and has invited them to submit requests to the Secretariat to access available funds in accordance with the provisions of Resolution XIII.9 on *Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2019-2021*. Requests received have been submitted to the African Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee for their decision on the allocation of available funds. These Representatives will inform the Secretariat of their decision.

**Annex 1**

**Status of Assessed Contributions as at 31 December 2019 (in CHF)**

| Country | **Status as of 1 January 2019** | **Received in 2019** | **Status as of 31 December 2019** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not received for prior years** | **Anticipated for 2019** | **Paid for future years** | **For prior years** | **For 2019** | **For future years** | **Not received for prior years** | **Not received for 2019** | **Received for future Years** |
| Albania |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Algeria |  7,872  |  6,756  |  -  |  7,872  |  6,756  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Andorra |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Antigua and Barbuda |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Argentina |  43,616  |  44,798  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  43,616  |  44,798  |  -  |
| Armenia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Australia |  -  |  108,200  |  114,250  |  -  |  | 108,200 |  -  |  -  |  114,250  |
| Austria |  -  |  33,145  |  -  |  -  |  33,145  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Azerbaijan |  -  |  2,399  |  -  |  -  |  2,399  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bahamas |  58  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  58  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Bahrain |  -  |  2,448  |  -  |  -  |  2,448  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bangladesh |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Barbados |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belarus |  -  |  2,399  |  -  |  -  |  2,399  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belgium |  -  |  40,196  |  -  |  -  |  40,196  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belize |  7,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Benin |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bhutan |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Botswana |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Brazil |  186,933  |  144,332  |  -  |  186,933  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  144,332  |  -  |
| Bulgaria |  -  |  2,252  |  -  |  -  |  2,252  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Burkina Faso |  3,373  |  1,000  |  -  |  2,549  |  -  |  -  |  824  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Burundi |  4,151  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,151  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cabo Verde |  13,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  13,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cambodia |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cameroon |  7,247  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,247  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Canada |  -  |  133,854  |  -  |  -  |  133,854  |  13,612  |  -  |  -  |  13,612  |
| Central African Republic |  605  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  605  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Chad |  -  |  1,000  |  1,845  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  845  |
| Chile |  1,887  |  19,926  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,887  |  19,926  |  -  |
| China |  100,618  |  587,754  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  100,618  |  587,754  |  -  |
| Colombia |  15,745  |  14,100  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  15,745  |  14,100  |  -  |
| Comoros |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Congo |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Costa Rica |  234  |  3,035  |  -  |  234  |  1,674  |  -  |  -  |  1,361  |  -  |
| Côte d’Ivoire |  844  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  844  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Croatia |  -  |  3,770  |  -  |  -  |  3,770  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Cuba |  16,503  |  3,917  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  16,503  |  3,917  |  -  |
| Cyprus |  -  |  1,763  |  -  |  -  |  1,763  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Czech Republic |  -  |  15,226  |  15,226  |  -  |  -  |  15,226  |  -  |  -  |  15,226  |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo |  19,846  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  19,846  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Denmark |  -  |  27,123  |  -  |  -  |  27,123  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Djibouti |  16,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  16,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Dominican Republic |  5,779  |  2,595  |  -  |  2,370  |  -  |  -  |  3,409  |  2,595  |  -  |
| Ecuador |  12,856  |  3,917  |  -  |  8,672  |  -  |  -  |  4,184  |  3,917  |  -  |
| Egypt |  14,864  |  9,106  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  14,864  |  9,106  |  -  |
| El Salvador |  12  |  1,000  |  -  |  12  |  964  |  -  |  -  |  36  |  -  |
| Equatorial Guinea |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Estonia |  -  |  1,909  |  -  |  -  |  1,909  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Eswatini |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Fiji |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Finland |  -  |  20,612  |  -  |  -  |  20,612  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| France |  -  |  216,742  |  237,590  |  -  |  -  |  216,742  |  -  |  -  |  237,590  |
| Gabon |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  4,764  |  -  |  -  |  236  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Gambia |  7,261  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,261  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Georgia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Germany |  -  |  298,162  |  -  |  -  |  298,162  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Ghana |  1,979  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,979  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Greece |  -  |  17,919  |  -  |  -  |  17,919  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Grenada |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Guatemala |  1,369  |  1,763  |  -  |  1,369  |  1,763  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Guinea |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Guinea-Bissau |  20,367  |  1,000  |  -  |  9,257  |  -  |  -  |  11,110  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Honduras |  -  |  1,000  |  3  |  -  |  |  |  -  |  997  |  -  |
| Hungary |  14  |  10,086  |  -  |  14  |  10,086  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Iceland |  -  |  1,371  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,371  |  -  |
| India |  36,037  |  40,832  |  -  |  36,037  |  40,832  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Indonesia |  -  |  26,585  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  26,585  |  -  |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) |  31,236  |  19,486  |  -  |  14,076  |  -  |  -  |  17,160  |  19,486  |  -  |
| Iraq |  12,616  |  6,316  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  12,616  |  6,316  |  -  |
| Ireland |  -  |  18,164  |  20,379  |  -  |  -  |  18,164  |  -  |  -  |  20,379  |
| Israel |  21,026  |  23,990  |  -  |  21,026  |  23,990  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Italy |  -  |  161,908  |  -  |  -  |  161,312  |  |  -  |  596  |  -  |
| Jamaica |  -  |  1,000  |  15  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  985  |  -  |
| Japan |  -  |  419,287  |  -  |  -  |  419,287  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Jordan |  1,000  |  1,028  |  -  |  1,000  |  28  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Kazakhstan |  -  |  8,715  |  -  |  -  |  8,715  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Kenya |  -  |  1,175  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,175  |  -  |
| Kiribati |  2,582  |  1,000  |  -  |  2,582  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Korea, Democratic People’s Republic of  |  583  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  583  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Kuwait |  -  |  12,338  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  12,338  |  -  |
| Kyrgyzstan |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lao People’s Democratic Republic |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Latvia |  -  |  2,301  |  -  |  -  |  2,301  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lebanon |  5,104  |  2,301  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,104  |  2,301  |  -  |
| Lesotho |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Liberia |  13,110  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  13,110  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Liechtenstein |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lithuania |  -  |  3,476  |  -  |  -  |  3,476  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Luxembourg |  -  |  3,280  |  -  |  -  |  3,280  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Madagascar |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Malawi |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Malaysia |  -  |  16,695  |  -  |  -  |  16,695  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Mali |  -  |  1,000  |  6,055  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,055  |
| Malta |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Marshall Islands |  3,161  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,161  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Mauritania |  20,577  |  1,000  |  -  |  20,577  |  255  |  -  |  -  |  745  |  -  |
| Mauritius |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Mexico |  70,167  |  63,255  |  -  |  70,167  |  63,255  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Monaco |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  |  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Mongolia |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Montenegro |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Morocco |  -  |  2,693  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,693  |  -  |
| Mozambique |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Myanmar |  30  |  1,000  |  -  |  30  |  918  |  -  |  -  |  82  |  -  |
| Namibia |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Nepal |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Netherlands |  -  |  66,389  |  -  |  -  |  66,389  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| New Zealand |  -  |  14,247  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  14,247  |  -  |
| Nicaragua |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Niger |  11,192  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  11,192  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Nigeria |  71,441  |  12,240  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  71,441  |  12,240  |  -  |
| North Macedonia |  8,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  8,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Norway |  -  |  36,915  |  -  |  -  |  36,915  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Oman |  10,503  |  5,630  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  10,503  |  5,630  |  -  |
| Pakistan |  3,493  |  5,630  |  -  |  3,493  |  20  |  -  |  -  |  5,610  |  -  |
| Palau |  16,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  16,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Panama |  -  |  2,203  |  108  |  -  |  2,095  |  95  |  -  |  -  |  95  |
| Papua New Guinea |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Paraguay |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Peru |  5,819  |  7,442  |  -  |  5,819  |  4,580  |  -  |  -  |  2,862  |  -  |
| Philippines |  -  |  10,037  |  -  |  -  |  10,037  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Poland |  20  |  39,265  |  -  |  20  |  39,265  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Portugal |  44,968  |  17,136  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  44,968  |  17,136  |  -  |
| Republic of Korea |  -  |  110,991  |  -  |  -  |  110,991  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Republic of Moldova  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Romania |  -  |  9,694  |  -  |  -  |  9,694  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Russian Federation |  24,336  |  117,747  |  -  |  24,336  |  117,747  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Rwanda |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Saint Lucia |  14,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  14,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Samoa |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Sao Tome and Principe |  12,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  12,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Senegal |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Serbia |  -  |  1,371  |  -  |  -  |  1,371  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Seychelles |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Sierra Leone |  2,377  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,377  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Slovakia |  -  |  7,491  |  -  |  -  |  7,491  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Slovenia |  -  |  3,721  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,721  |  -  |
| South Africa |  -  |  13,317  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  13,317  |  -  |
| South Sudan |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Spain |  119,455  |  105,066  |  -  |  119,455  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  105,066  |  -  |
| Sri Lanka |  -  |  2,154  |  -  |  -  |  |  -  |  -  |  2,154  |  -  |
| State of Libya |  54,215  |  1,469  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  54,215  |  1,469  |  -  |
| Sudan |  13,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  13,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Suriname |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Sweden |  -  |  44,357  |  -  |  -  |  44,357  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Switzerland |  -  |  56,352  |  -  |  -  |  56,352  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Syrian Arab Republic |  2,348  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,348  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Tajikistan |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Thailand |  -  |  15,030  |  -  |  -  |  15,030  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Togo |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Trinidad and Tobago |  4,986  |  1,958  |  -  |  1,958  |  -  |  -  |  3,028  |  1,958  |  -  |
| Tunisia |  4,111  |  1,224  |  -  |  1,369  |  1,224  |  -  |  2,742  |  -  |  -  |
| Turkey |  -  |  67,123  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  67,123  |  -  |
| Turkmenistan |  6,813  |  1,616  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,813  |  1,616  |  -  |
| Uganda |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Ukraine |  -  |  2,791  |  -  |  -  |  2,791  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| United Arab Emirates |  -  |  30,159  |  -  |  -  |  30,159  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| United Kingdom |  -  |  223,597  |  218,227  |  -  |  5,370  |  223,597  |  -  |  -  |  223,597  |
| United Republic of Tanzania |  9,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  9,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| United States of America\* |  -  |  1,065,799  | 55,054 |  -  |  |  -  |  -  | 1,010,745\*  |   |
| Uruguay |  -  |  4,259  |  -  |  -  |  4,259  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Uzbekistan |  15,305  |  1,567  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  15,305  |  1,567  |  -  |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |  205,462  |  35,642  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  205,462  |  35,642  |  -  |
| Viet Nam |  -  |  3,770  |  -  |  -  |  3,770  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Yemen |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Zambia |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Zimbabwe |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Total | **1,496,106**  | **4,844,799**  | **669,752**  | **556,990**  | **1,939,444**  | **595,636**  | **939,116**  | **2,270,616**  | **630,649**  |

\*contribution from the US for 2019 received beginning of Jan 2020

**Annex 2**

**Voluntary Contributions from Contracting Parties in the Africa region**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Contracting Party | Total potential voluntary contributions 2009-2019 (CHF) | Voluntary contributions paid up to 31 December 2018 (CHF) | Voluntary contributions paid for / in 2019(CHF) | Total voluntary contributions received for up to 31 Dec. 2019 (CHF) |
| Benin | 11,000 | 9,956 |  | 9,956 |
| Botswana | 11,000 | 6,000 |  | 6,000 |
| Burkina Faso | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Burundi | 11,000 | 1,000 |  | 1,000 |
| Cameroon | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Cape Verde | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Central African Republic | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Chad | 11,000 | 10,000 |  | 10,000 |
| Comoros | 11,000 | 4,000 |  | 4,000 |
| Congo | 11,000 | 3,246 |  | 3,246 |
| Congo, the Democratic Republic of | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Côte d’Ivoire | 11,000 | 4,000 |  | 4,000 |
| Djibouti | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Eswatini | 7,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Gabon | 11,000 | 1,625 |  | 1,625 |
| Gambia | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Ghana | 11,000 | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |
| Guinea | 11,000 | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Kenya | 11,000 | 10,000 |  | 10,000 |
| Lesotho | 11,000 | 3,795 |  | 3,795 |
| Liberia | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Madagascar (a) | 11,000 | 7,916 |  | 7,916 |
| Malawi | 11,000 | 5,929 |  | 5,929 |
| Mali | 11,000 | 10,000 | 1,000 | 11,000 |
| Mauritania | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Mauritius | 11,000 | 4,000 | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| Mozambique | 11,000 | 3,000 |  | 3,000 |
| Namibia | 11,000 | 7,000 |  | 7,000 |
| Niger | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Rwanda | 11,000 | 3,000 |  | 3,000 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Senegal | 11,000 | 2,000 |  | 2,000 |
| Seychelles | 11,000 | 4,000 |  | 4,000 |
| Sierra Leone | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| South Sudan | 6,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Sudan | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Tanzania, United Republic of | 11,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Togo | 11,000 | 1,191 |  | 1,191 |
| Tunisia | 5,856 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Uganda | 11,000 | 7,828 |  | 7,828 |
| Zambia | 11,000 | 200 |  | 200 |
| Zimbabwe | 7,000 | 0 |  | 0 |
| Total | **465,856** | **119,686** | **2,000** | **121,686** |

1. See https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/status\_contributions.pdf; the table is also accessible from <https://www.ramsar.org/about/the-secretariat>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)