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# Report of the STRP Chair

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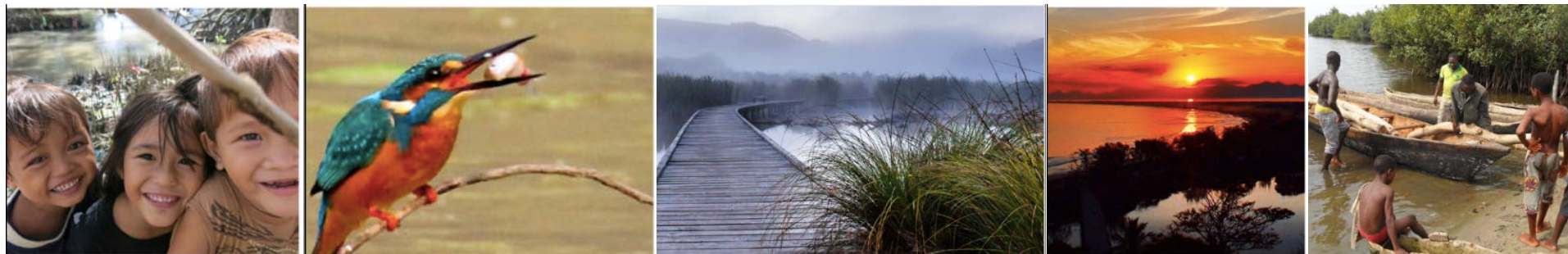
# Overview



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- Appointment process
- STRP19 and the development of the draft work plan
- Budget
- Peatland fires
- IPBES update



# Appointment process

- 13 July: Secretariat issues call for nominations with a 13 August deadline
- 11 September: Chair and Vice Chair are notified of appointment by MWG
- 1 October: At request of MWG, nominations for a scientific expert from Africa are re-opened with a 13 October deadline
- 2 October: Other members notified of their appointment by MWG
- 10 November: final member notified of appointment by MWG



# STRP 2016-2018



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Susana  
Aguilar



Channa  
Bambaradeniya



Peter Eric  
Davies



Lars  
Dinesen



Roy  
Gardner



Kassim Athumani  
Ally Kulindwa

## Regional Technical Experts



Ruth  
Cromie



Vincent V.  
Hilomen



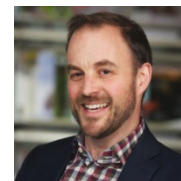
Jari  
Ilmonen



Ritesh  
Kumar



Laura  
Martinez



Matt  
Walpole

## Additional Technical Experts



Siobhan  
Fennessy



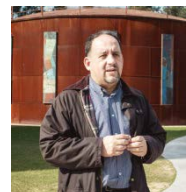
Max  
Finlayson



Guangchun  
Lei



Dulce Infante  
Mata



Rubén  
Quintana



Lisa-Maria  
Rebelo

## Scientific Experts



# STRP<sub>19</sub>



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# 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



# Draft work plan: advisory tasks



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- Requests for 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 submitted by Contracting Parties
- Specific requests for advice from Contracting Parties
- Participating in Ramsar Advisory Missions when requested
- Advising on the Montreux Record
- Serving on the Wetland City Accreditation Independent Advisory Committee
- Providing advice on emerging issues



# Draft work plan



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- 25 proposed tasks:  
estimated cost of CHF 458,000
- Panel identified particular attention be paid to these tasks.

Task title	Task no.	Target audience(s)	Estimated cost (CHF)
Global Wetlands Outlook (State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People)	1.1	Contracting Parties; broad audience (with derived products for policymakers and practitioners)	67,000 (without fund raising)
Wetland Ecosystem-based Adaptation for Disaster Risk Reduction	2.2	Policymakers; practitioners	13,000
Simplified Ramsar Site Management Manual	2.4	Practitioners (site managers)	10,000 (additional support would be provided by the Ramsar Regional Centre – East Asia)
Wetland Ecosystem Services Assessment and Valuation Briefing Note	3.1	Policymakers	7,300
Protocol for assessing multiple values of wetlands – 5-step Protocol (IPBES)	3.2	Policymakers	9,000
Water Requirements for Wetlands	4.1	Policymakers; practitioners at national, basin, and local level	20,000 (additional support would be provided by WWF and others)
Review and Analysis of Ramsar Advisory Mission Reports	4.2	Policymakers; practitioners (site managers)	66,000



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- Additional tasks for which particular attention should be paid:

Task title	Task no.	Target audience(s)	Estimated cost (CHF)
Wetland Extent Trends (WET) Index	1.4	Polycymakers and practitioners	50,00
Promoting best practices in wetland restoration	5.1	Polycymakers and practitioners	55,000

- Nine tasks: estimated costs of CHF 297,300



# Budget for task implementation



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- CHF 118,000 in rolling funds (non-time-bound) from last triennium
- CHF 120,000 (CHF 40,000 in 2016, 2017 and 2018)
- CHF 50,000 for meetings and writing workshops in 2016
- Estimated gap: CHF 170,000
- Assuming that Global Wetlands Outlook (SOWWS) is donor-funded, then estimated gap is CHF 103,000

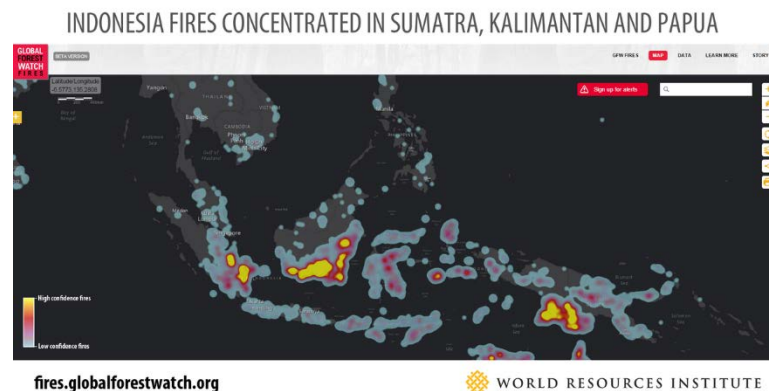


# Peatlands



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- Resolution XII.5: The STRP should provide in an efficient, timely and effective manner, global, regional and where possible national specific scientific and technical advice, guidance and tools ... to respond to the opportunities, challenges and emerging issues of wetland conservation and wise use.
- STRP offer of assistance regarding widespread peatland fires



# IPBES update



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- **IPBES-4**: 22-28 February 2016 in Malaysia.
- **Pollinators assessment**: IPBES-4 will consider for adoption.
- **Invasive alien species (IAS) assessment**: IPBES-4 will consider approving moving forward with IAS assessment; scoping document identifies Ramsar as source of information and solutions.
- **Sustainable use of biodiversity assessment**: IPBES-4 will also consider approving moving forward with this assessment.
- **Timing of regional and land degradation and restoration assessments**: these assessments will be considered for approval at IPBES-6 in March 2018.
- **Timing for call for new proposals**: Ramsar Resolution XII.2 requests “the Secretariat ... to submit to IPBES a request for a thematic assessment on the current status and trends of wetlands, including their condition.” It is likely that there will be no new call for proposals until the completion of reviews of the effectiveness of the Platform. Accordingly, we can anticipate that the next call for proposals will be after IPBES-6, which is scheduled for March 2018.
- **Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions (CSAB)**: will meet on margins of IPBES-4.



# Actions requested



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The Standing Committee is invited to:

- note the report of the STRP Chair;
- consider and approve the draft STRP 2016-2018 work plan (Annex 1);
- consider possible ways of sourcing funding for the implementation of tasks contained in the approved STRP 2016-2018 work plan, if necessary; and
- take appropriate action regarding the peatland fires in Indonesia with a view to offering support through the Convention's mechanisms, including STRP.



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# Thank you!

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STRP Chair

