

Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2009-2012

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14 active regional initiatives



• 11 endorsed in 2009:

Carpathian, East Asian-Australasian Flyway, High Andean, La Plata River, Mediterranean, Nile River, Nordic-Baltic

4 Ramsar Centres: Central-Western Asia, Eastern Africa, Eastern Asia, Western Hemisphere

- 3 now ready for full endorsement: Black Sea Coast, Caribbean, American Mangroves
- under development: West African Coast
- 2 on hold: Pacific Islands, Himalayan

a local example: meeting of the **Management Body** of the Black Sea Coastal Wetlands Initiative



first lessons learnt



- setting up a regional initiatives takes time
- it is important to establish robust governance structures and procedures
- short and long term planning is crucial
- annual work plans and evaluation of results
- minimal **reporting** is required

SC41 is invited to



- adopt the combined format for annual reporting and forward planning
- welcome the model contract used to disburse annual Ramsar core budget allocations
- allocate Ramsar core budget funds for 2010
- approve accrual of unallocated funds to 2011

proposed Ramsar funding 2010



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regional initiative	left over	total	Ramsar	allocation	total Ramsar
(all amounts in CHF)	from	budget	request	proposal for	funding in
	2009	2010	for 2010	2010	the past ²
i) networks					
High Andean	nil	460,000	22,000	22,000	86,000
West African Coast	6,800	not known	none	nil	137,700
Carpathian	13,847	114,150	37,500	¹ 37,500	37,500
Caribbean	nil	246,000	32,000	32,000	25,000
American mangroves	nil	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
La Plata river basin	nil	44,000	20,000	20,000	none
Black Sea Coast	29,819	53,000	none	¹ nil	44,690
total for networks			136,500	136,500	
ii) centers					
CREHO - Panama	³ 23,643	233,000	23,643	¹ 23,643	183,643
RRC-CWA - Ramsar	97,000	313,000	60,000	¹ 60,000	160,000
RAMCEA - Kampala	30,543	245,000	40,000	¹ 40,000	76,357
total for centers			123,643	123,643	
Totals			260,143	260,143	



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