



20 questions for kids and teachers

You may know some of the answers already, others you may find with the help of your teacher or by using the internet (some helpful web links are given at the end for all those questions marked *).

1. What is a wetland?*
2. Name 3 different **types** of wetlands*.
3. Name your nearest wetland.
4. Name 3 different kinds of animals or plants that live there.
5. The Ramsar Convention is a treaty between governments to look after wetlands. Why is it called the **Ramsar** Convention?*
6. Is your country a member country of Ramsar?*
7. Name a Ramsar site in your country (if you have one!) and say why it is of international importance.*
8. What is the longest river in the world?
9. Which river carries the largest volume of water in the world?
10. Name the longest river in your country.
11. Name 3 ways in which this river is used by people.
12. Name 3 ways in which rivers near you become polluted.
13. Name the biggest lake in your country.
14. Name 3 ways in which this lake is used by people.
15. Name the biggest lake in the world.
16. What is a river basin?*
17. Which river basin do you live in?
18. Where does the water you drink come from? Which river? Lake? Reservoir? Aquifer?

More about Ramsar in general?

www.ramsar.org

Which countries are members (Contracting Parties) of the Ramsar Convention?

www.ramsar.org/key_cp_e.htm

What is a river basin?

www.ee.enr.state.nc.us/public/eoaddress/riverbasinsmain.htm and our leaflet 9

Things you need to know about river basins:

www.ramsar.org/wwd/9/wwd2009_leaflet_e.pdf

Where are the world's Ramsar Sites located?

Look here www.ramsar.org/sitelist.pdf, and also try Google Earth to zoom across the world and find the Ramsar Sites in your country:

<http://ramsar.wetlands.org/GISMaps/RamsarSitesinGoogleEarth/tabid/944/Default.aspx>

Why are Ramsar Sites of international importance?

Find out from the Ramsar Sites Database here:

<http://ramsar.wetlands.org/Database/Searchforsites/tabid/765/Default.aspx>. Just put in the name of your country and click search, then check out the RIS (Ramsar Information Sheet) for each site.