



NATIONAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

**National Reports to be submitted to the 10th Meeting
of the Conference of the Contracting Parties,
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Please submit the completed National Report, in electronic (Microsoft Word) format, and preferably by e-mail, to the Ramsar Secretariat by **31 March 2008**.

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Introduction & background

1. This Ramsar COP10 National Report Format (NRF) has been approved by the Standing Committee for the Ramsar Convention's Contracting Parties to complete as their national reporting to the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties of the Convention (Republic of Korea, October/November 2008).
2. Following Standing Committee discussions at its 35th meeting in February 2007, and its Decisions SC35-22, -23 and -24, this COP10 National Report Format has been significantly revised and simplified in comparison with the National Report Formats provided to previous recent COPs.
3. In particular this National Report Format provides a much smaller number (66) of implementation "indicator" questions, compared with the much larger suite of questions on all aspects of national implementation of the Convention's Strategic Plan 2003-2008 included in previous NRFs.
4. The COP10 NRF indicators include, with the agreement of the Standing Committee (Decision SC35-24), certain indicators specifically requested to be included by the Convention's Scientific & Technical Review Panel (STRP) and CEPA Oversight Panel, in order to facilitate their information gathering and reporting on key aspects of scientific, technical and CEPA implementation under the Convention.
5. The 66 indicator questions are grouped under each of the implementation "Strategies" approved by the Parties at COP9 (Resolution IX.8) in the Convention's "A Framework for the implementation of the Convention's Strategic Plan 2003-2008 in the 2006 -2008 period" (www.ramsar.org/res/key_res_ix_08_e.htm). The indicators have been selected so as to provide information on key aspects of the implementation of the Convention under each of its Strategies.
6. In addition, for each Strategy the option is provided for a Contracting Party, if it so wishes, to supply **additional information** concerning its implementation under each indicator and, more generally, on implementation of other aspects of each Strategy.

The purposes and uses of national reporting to the Conference of the Contracting Parties

7. National Reports from Contracting Parties are official documents of the Convention, and are made publicly available through their posting on the Convention's Web site.
8. There are six main purposes for the Convention's National Reports. These are to:
 - i) provide data and information on how the Convention is being implemented;
 - ii) capture lessons/experience, so as to allow Parties to develop future action;
 - iii) identify emerging issues and implementation challenges faced by Parties that may require further attention through Convention processes;
 - iv) provide a means for Parties to be accountable against their obligations under the Convention;
 - v) provide each Party with a tool to help it assess and monitor its progress in implementation, and plan for its future implementation and priorities; and
 - vi) provide an opportunity for Parties to draw attention to their achievements during the triennium.
9. In addition, the data and information provided by Parties in their COP10 National Reports now have another important purpose, since a number of the indicators in the National Reports on Parties' implementation will provide key sources of information for the analysis and assessment of the "ecological outcome-oriented indicators of effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention" currently being further developed by the Scientific and Technical Review Panel for Standing Committee and COP10 consideration.

10. To facilitate the analysis and onward use of the data and information provided by Contracting Parties in their National Reports, once received and verified by the Ramsar Secretariat all information is entered and held by the Secretariat in a database, which then facilitates extraction and analysis of the information for a number of purposes.
11. The Convention's National Reports are used in a number of ways. These include:
 - i) providing the basis for reporting by the Secretariat to each COP on the global and regional implementation, and progress in implementation, of the Convention. This is provided to Parties at COP as a series of Information Papers including:
 - the Report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the Convention at the global level (see, e.g., COP9 DOC 5);
 - the Report of the Secretary General pursuant to Article 8.2 (b), (c), and (d) concerning the List of Wetlands of International Importance (see, e.g., COP9 DOC 6); and
 - the reports providing regional overviews of the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan in each Ramsar region (see, e.g., COP9 DOCs 10-13);
 - ii) providing information on specific implementation issues in support of the provision of advice and decisions by Parties at COP. Examples at CO9 included:
 - Resolution IX.15, *The status of sites in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance*, and
 - Information Papers on *Issues and scenarios concerning Ramsar sites or parts of sites which cease to meet or never met the Ramsar Criteria* (COP9 DOC 15) and *Implementation of the Convention's CEPA Programme for the period 2003-2005* (COP9 DOC 25);
 - iii) providing the source of time-series assessments of progress on specific aspects in the implementation of the Convention, included in other Convention products. An example is the summary of progress since COP3 (Regina, 1997) in the development of National Wetland Policies, included as Table 1 in Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 2 (3rd edition, 2007); and
 - iv) providing information for reporting to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on the national-level implementation of the CBD/Ramsar Joint Work Plan and the Ramsar Convention's lead implementation role for the CBD for wetlands.

The structure of the COP10 National Report Format

12. In line with Standing Committee Decisions SC35-21 and SC35-22, the COP10 National Report Format is in three sections.
13. **Section 1** provides the Institutional Information about the Administrative Authority and National Focal Points for the national implementation of the Convention.
14. **Section 2** is a "free-text" section in which to provide a summary of various aspects of national implementation progress and recommendations for the future.
15. **Section 3** provides the 66 implementation indicator questions, grouped under each Convention implementation strategy, and with a "free-text" section under each Strategy in which the Contracting Party may, if it wishes, add further information on national implementation of the Strategy and its indicators.

Guidance for filling in and submitting the COP10 National Report Format

IMPORTANT – READ THIS SECTION OF GUIDANCE BEFORE STARTING TO FILL IN THE NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT

16. All three Sections of the COP10 National Report Format should be filled in, in one of the Convention’s official languages (English, French, Spanish).
17. The deadline for submission of the completed National Report Format is **31 March 2008**. It will not be possible to include information from National Reports received from Parties after that date in the analysis and reporting on Convention implementation to COP10.
18. All fields with a pale yellow background  must be filled in.
19. Fields with a pale green background  are free-text fields in which to provide additional information, if the Contracting Party so wishes. Although providing information in these fields in the COP10 NRF is optional, Contracting Parties are encouraged to provide such additional information wherever possible and relevant, since it is the experience of the Secretariat that such explanatory information is very valuable in ensuring a full understanding of implementation progress and activity, notably in informing the preparation of global and regional implementation reports to COP.
20. In order to assist Contracting Parties in their provision of such additional information, for a number of indicator questions some particularly helpful types of such information are suggested. However, of course, Parties are free to add any other relevant information they wish in any of the “Additional implementation information” fields.
21. The Format is created as a “Form” in Microsoft Word. You are only able to move to, and between, each of the yellow or green boxes to give your replies and information. All other parts of the form are locked.
22. To go to a yellow or green field you wish to fill in, move the cursor over the relevant part of the form, and left-click the mouse. The cursor will automatically move to the next field available.
23. To move down the sequence of fields to fill in, you can also use the “Tab” key on the computer keyboard.
24. For a “free-text” field, you can type in whatever information you wish. If you wish to amend any of the text you have put in a green or yellow “free-text” box, it is recommended that you cut-and-paste the existing text into a separate file, make the amendments, and then cut-and-paste the revised text back into the green box. This is because within the “Form” format there is limited facility to make editorial changes within the “free-text” box once text has been entered.
25. For each of the “Indicator questions” in Section 3, a drop-down menu of answer options is provided. These vary between indicators, depending on the question asked in the indicator, but are in general of the form: “Yes”, “No”, “Partly”, “In progress”, etc.
26. For each indicator question you can choose only one answer. If you wish to provide further information or clarifications concerning your answer, you can provide this in the green additional information box below the relevant indicator question.
27. To select an answer to an indicator question, use the Tab key, or move the cursor over the relevant yellow box, and left-click the mouse. The drop-down menu of answer options will appear. Left-click the mouse on the answer option you choose, and this will appear in the centre of the yellow box.

28. The NRF is not intended normally to be filled in by one person alone – for many indicators it would seem best for the principal compiler to consult with colleagues in the same and other agencies within the government who might have fuller knowledge of the Party's overall implementation of the Convention. The principal compiler can save the work at any point in the process and return to it subsequently to continue or to amend answers previously given.
29. After each session working on the NRF, remember to save the file! A recommended filename structure is: COP10NRF [Country] [date].
30. After the NRF has been completed, please send the completed National Report to the Ramsar Secretariat, preferably by email, to Alexia Dufour, Regional Affairs Officer, Ramsar Convention Secretariat, email: dufour@ramsar.org. The Secretariat must receive your completed National Report in electronic (Microsoft Word) format.
31. When the completed National Report is submitted by the Party, **it must be accompanied by a letter or e-mail message in the name of the Administrative Authority, confirming that this is that Contracting Party's official submission of its COP10 National Report.**
32. If you have any questions or problems concerning filling in the COP10 NRF, please contact the Ramsar Secretariat for advice (e-mail as above).

SECTION 1: INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

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SECTION 2: GENERAL SUMMARY OF NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

In your country, in the past triennium (i.e., since COP9 reporting):

A. What new steps have been taken to implement the Convention?

1. Wise-use of wetlands

- Models for sustainable exploitation and utilisation of wetlands: Community-based sustainable use of mangroves piloted in Dong Rui area, Quang Ninh province; Ecological shrimp ponds in Tien Hai district, Thai Binh province; Wetland conservation and sustainable exploitation piloted in Van Long wetland, Ninh Binh province; "Sustainable exploitation and utilisation of natural breeding claim resources in the Red River mouth wetlands of the Xuan Thuy National Park" project, Nam Dinh province; Fish-rice models applied in Gia Thanh, Gia Tan and Lien Son communes, Gia Vien district, Ninh Binh province, and tiger prawn-tilapia models applied in Chim Island, Thi Nai Lagoon has been piloted by the fishery sector in order to optimise the benefits from wetland areas; "Community-based ecotourism" model piloted in the buffer zones of the Xuan Thuy National Park, Nam Dinh province; Ecotourism model in U Minh Thuong National Park; "Feasibility study for ecotourism development at the Lap Dien Bird Sanctuary, Dong Hai district, Bac Lieu province" project is being implemented to link ecotourism development with wetland resource conservation, to enhance the economical values of the wetland areas; "Community-based livelihood development and sustainable use of the wetland resources" models has been implemented in the K9 ward, Phu Duc commune, and Phu Lam ward, Phu Thanh B commune, Tam Nong district, Dong Thap province and in Lang Sen wetland, Long An province, to pilot a co-management model that involves the communities in the wetland resource management and utility to improve livelihood for buffer-zone communities, and to raise awareness on the roles of wetlands for local livelihood; 'Coral culture and conservation' model implemented in the No 1 ward, Ghenh Rang commune, Quy Nhon city and 'Conservation and exploitation of the *Lepironia articulata* meadows' project implemented in the Phu My commune, Kien Luong district, Kien Giang province, were designed to wisely exploit and use the natural resources in the wetlands areas.

- The policies on biodiversity management in general and wetland management in particular has been issued that helped further the wise-use of wetlands: Vietnam is developing a new Biodiversity Law that incorporate the detailed prescriptions on sustainable use and management of wetlands. The Law is hope to be completed and submit to Parliament by end of 2008; Law of Environment Protection was approved in 2005 that includes provisions on wetland management; In 2007, Prime Minister issued a Decision on approval of a national biodiversity action plan; From 2006 to 2007, Vietnam's Environment Protection Agency prepared the drafts of National Planning for wetlands of national importance; In 2007, a draft decision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment on the guidance on issuing the criteria for assessment and selection as well as planning for wetlands of national importance was prepared; Project preparation for environment protection at Cau, Sai Gon-Dong Nai, and Nhue-Day River Basins; Government approved the master plan for inventory of national marine resources and environment; Decision 186/2006/QD-TTg dated 14 August 2006 of the Prime Minister on the regulations for forest management.

- Institution: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment was assigned as a national focal point for CBD and Ramsar Convention. In addition, other wetland and environment issues are managed by some agencies in other ministries. The government of Vietnam is preparing for the establishment of a agency that will be in charge of state management of the marine and inland issues. In 2007, Ministry of Fishery and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development were combined that creating up a favourable condition for furthering a

synchronised management for wetlands.

2. Designation of new Ramsar Sites

- In 2005, the Bau Sau Wetlands in the Cat Tien National Park was designated as the second Ramsar Site of Vietnam;

- In 2007 and 2008, VEPA started preparation of RISs for four other sites, namely Tram Chim, Ba Be, U Minh Thuong, and Con Dao.

3. Education, training and awareness raising

- The World Wetland Day (2 February) events were held annually. VEPA in collaboration with provincial governments, international organisations, and other civil societies to organise a range of activities to raise the awareness on the needs of protection of wetlands, especially in the wetlands of international and national importance. The events were held in Xuan Thuy National Park (Ramsar Site) in 2006, in Quang Ninh province in 2007, and in Van Long Wetland, Ninh Binh province in 2008;

- Organised the festival for environmental documentaries, including ones that raised awareness on the better management of wetlands;

- Several universities had incorporated the sustainable management and utilisation of wetlands in their curricula, for example, a collaborative training programme on wetland management is being implemented by Can Tho University, HCMC National University and Mahidol University, Thailand.

- A large number of workshops and training courses were held to provide the environmental managers at national and local levels the wetland management skills.

4. Implementation capacity

- A project was conducted to invent, assess, and plan for the wetlands of international and national significance that included components such as establishment of a database on the marine and coastal wetlands; experimental design of a wetland website; preparation of the wetland planning maps; preparation of guidelines for wetland monitoring etc.;

- Prepared the plan for establishment of an inland fishery conservation areas system, plan for marine protected areas system, established and piloted the models for conservation and sustainable utilisation of inland and coastal wetlands.

- Conducted programmes on ecological restoration of the damaged wetlands; conducted the reviews and inventories of coastal mangroves; developed a project for restoration of mangrove ecosystems for environment protection and disaster prevention;

- Stepped up the application of ecosystem approaches in wetland conservation and sustainable utilisation.

5. International cooperation:

- Implementation of Netherlands Government-funded Wetland Support Programme that includes following components to: prepare an inter-ministerial circular on the wetland management; prepare the Ramsar Information Sheet for one new Ramsar candidate site; establish a wetland monitoring programme; set up of a Wetland Support Fund; prepare the inter-provincial plans for management of coastal wetlands; conduct need assessment for a wetland awareness raising programme; RAA in collaboration with IUCN to prepare for coming Asian Wetland Symposium; collaboration with other countries in the region to enhance the sustainable use of water resources of the Mekong basin.

- Collaboration with international organisation such as IUCN, Birdlife, GEF, UNDP, and ACB to conduct a range of activities to raise the wetland awareness, wetland surveys, to facilitate the lessons learnt, information sharing on wise-use of wetlands and develop the technical guidelines for wise-use of wetlands.

B. What have been the most successful aspects of implementation of the Convention?

- A positive attitude to support wetland conservation and sustainable utilisation was built for both Government and public (the Government issued a series of policies and legislations on wetland management (see question A); the CEPA work was implemented throughout wetland provinces in the diverse forms);
- Models for wise-use of wetlands has been developed and piloted, capacity for wetland management and research was improved (see question A);
- More Ramsar Sites are proposed (Bau Sau wetlands, Cat Tien was designated in 2005; RIS for Tram Chim was prepared in 2007 and 2008; VEPA, RAA of Vietnam, is planning for preparation of RISs for 3 more sites, Ba Be, Con Dao, and U Minh Thuong, in 2008.

C. What have been the greatest difficulties in implementing the Convention?

- Lack of an inter-sectoral coordination mechanism for wetland management;
- Lack of resources for effective wetland management include the administrative budget for wetland management as well as personnels who are capable on wetland management at all levels.
- Wetland issues are not adequately considered in the development policies and strategies of other socio-economical sectors.

D. What proposals and priorities are there for future implementation of the Convention?

- Strengthening the institution and policies for wetland management, ie. establishment of an inter-sectoral coordination mechanism for wetland management and incorporation of wetland issues in the socio-economical development plans etc.;
- Capacity building for the national Ramsar Authorities and wetland managers at all levels;
- Establishment of an appropriate investment mechanism for wetland management; and
- Furthering the awareness raising programme for publics as well as decision makers on the wise-use of wetlands and the roles, functions and values of the wetlands etc..

E. Does the Contracting Party have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Ramsar Secretariat?

- Enhance the relationship and effects between Secretariat and Parties; and
- Facilitate for expansion and strengthening the cooperation of Parties in the region and provide technical support and trainings to improve capacity on wetland management as well as seeking of financial support for management of Ramsar Sites, especially for developing countries such as Vietnam.

F. Does the Contracting Party have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Convention's International Organisation Partners (IOPs)?

- Provide technical support for Ramsar implementation, e.g. wetland planning, wetland inventory, technical guidelines for wetland management, and Ramsar Information Sheets preparation;
- Support to access the international funding schemes for wetland management.

G. How can national implementation of the Ramsar Convention be better linked with implementation of other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), especially those in the "Biodiversity cluster" (Ramsar, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD),

Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), CITES, and World Heritage Convention), and UNCCD and UNFCCC?

- Establish a mechanism for coordination between national focal points of different international treaties in development of regulations, policies, researches, investment, and international cooperation for implementation of multilateral agreements;
- Priority setting for activities in implementation of international treaties;
- Integrate the relevant contents in implementation of different bilateral and multilateral agreements.

H. How can Ramsar Convention implementation be better linked with the implementation of water policy/strategy and other strategies in the country (e.g., sustainable development, energy, extractive industry, poverty reduction, sanitation, food security, biodiversity)?

- Integrate the implementation of Ramsar Convention on development and implementation of water-related policies and strategies and other national strategies;
- Develop the socio-economical development plans that considered the wetland ecosystem issues.

I. Does the Contracting Party have any other general comments on the implementation of the Convention?

- The designated Ramsar Sites are not adequately received the attention and support from Secretariat;
- The support from Secretariat to Parties was not always adequate and timely.

SECTION 3: INDICATOR QUESTIONS & FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION

Guidance for filling in this section

1. For each “indicator question”, please select one answer from the “drop-down” list in the yellow box.
2. If you wish to add any additional information on either one or more of the specific indicators for each strategy, and/or for other aspects of the national implementation of this strategy, please provide this information in the green “free-text” boxes below the indicator questions for each Strategy.
3. If you wish to amend any of the text you have put in a green “free-text” box, it is recommended that you cut-and-paste the existing text into a separate file, make the amendments, and then cut-and-paste the revised text back into the green box.
4. So as to assist Contracting Parties in referring to relevant information they provided in their National Report to COP9, for each indicator below (where appropriate) a cross-reference is provided to the equivalent indicator(s) in the COP9 NRF, shown thus: {x.x.x}

GOAL 1. THE WISE USE OF WETLANDS

STRATEGY 1.1: *Describe, assess and monitor the extent and condition of wetland resources at relevant scales, in order to inform and underpin implementation of the Convention, in particular in the application of the wise use principle.*

Indicator questions:

1.1.1 Does your country have a comprehensive National Wetland Inventory? {1.1.1}	C - In progress
1.1.2 Is the wetland inventory data and information maintained and made accessible to all stakeholders? {1.1.3; 1.1.6}	C - Partly
1.1.3 Does your country have information about the status and trends of the ecological character of wetlands (Ramsar sites and/or wetlands generally)? {1.2.2} [if “Yes”, please indicate in Additional implementation information below, from where or from whom this information can be accessed]	C - For some sites
1.1.4 If the answer is “Yes” in 1.1.3, does this information indicate that the need to address adverse change in the ecological character of wetlands is now greater, the same, or less than in the previous triennium, for: a) Ramsar sites b) wetlands generally	C - Less A - Greater

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 1.1.1 – 1.1.4 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “1.1.3: [.. additional information ...]”

1.1.1 [results from the project entitled Survey, assessment, inventory and planning for conservation of the wetland of international significance implemented by VEPA in collaboration with Hanoi National University (reference); Report An assessment of the

status of wetland-use planning for coastal wetlands to propose the planning orientations to use and protect the marine and coastal resources (reference)]

1.1.2 [Refer to data from Centre for Environmental Monitoring and Data, VEPA]

1.1.3 [Report Status of Vietnam's Wetlands after 15 year of Ramsar Convention Implementation (reference); Report Vietnam Environment Monitoring 2005 (reference)]

1.1.4. [The annual reports from Xuan Thuy National Park show that the human pressure on park's resources is reduced; the involvement of communities in wetland conservation and management is strengthened]

1.1.4. [results from the project entitled Survey, assessment, inventory and planning for conservation of the wetland of international significance implemented by VEPA in collaboration with Hanoi National University (reference)]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 1.1 national implementation:

STRATEGY 1.2: *Develop, review, amend when necessary, and implement national or supranational policies, legislation, institutions and practices, including impact assessment and valuation, in all Contracting Parties, to ensure that the wise use principle of the Convention is being effectively applied, where possible specifying the appropriate policy instrument(s) in each Contracting Party which ensures wise use of wetlands.*

Indicator questions:

1.2.1 Is a National Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) in place? {2.1.1} [If "Yes", please give the title and date of the policy in Additional implementation information]	A - Yes
1.2.2 Does the National Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) incorporate any World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) targets and actions? {2.1.2}	A - Yes
1.2.3 Have wetland issues been incorporated into national strategies for sustainable development (including National Poverty Reduction Plans called for by the WSSD and water resources management and water efficiency plans)? {2.1.2}	C - Partly
1.2.4 Has the quantity and quality of water available to, and required by, wetlands been assessed?	D - In progress
1.2.5 Are Strategic Environmental Assessment practices applied when reviewing policies, programmes and plans that may impact upon wetlands? {2.2.2}	C - Partly

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 1.2.1 – 1.2.5 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. "1.2.3: [.. additional information ...]"

1.2.1 [Law of Environmental Protection, November 2005; Decision No. 81/2006/QD-TTg on the approval of the National Strategy on Water Resources to 2020; Decision No. 79/2007/QD-TTg dated 31 May 2007 on the approval of the Biodiversity Action Plan to 2010 and orientations for 2020]

1.2.2 [Decision No. 153/2004/QD-TTg dated 17 August 2004 of the Prime Minister on the issuing of the Vietnam's Orientations for Sustainable Development; Vietnam's Agenda 21].

1.2.3 [Decision No. 81/2006/QD-TTg on the approval of the National Strategy on Water Resources to 2020]

1.2.4 [Water quality of several key river basins are monitored through a National Environmental Monitoring System; Water resources were accessed and managed through the National Strategy on Water Resources to 2020]

1.2.5 [Chapter 3 of the Law of Environmental Protection 2005 provides on Strategic Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Protection Agreement, and the Decree No. 80 of the Government on the introduction of implementation of some prescriptions in the Law of Environmental Protection 2005 including Strategic Environmental Assessment]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 1.2 national implementation:

STRATEGY 1.3: *Increase recognition of the significance of wetlands for reasons of water supply, coastal protection, flood defence, climate change mitigation, food security, poverty reduction, cultural heritage, and scientific research, with a focus on under-represented ecosystem types, through developing and disseminating methodology to achieve wise use of wetlands.*

Indicator questions:

1.3.1 Has an assessment been conducted of the ecosystem benefits/services provided by Ramsar sites? {3.3.1} [If "Yes" or "Partly", please indicate in the Additional implementation information below, the year of assessment and from where or from whom this information can be obtained]	D - In progress
1.3.2 Have wise use wetland programmes and/or projects that contribute to poverty alleviation objectives and/or food and water security plans been implemented? {3.3.4}	A - Yes
1.3.3 Has national action been taken to implement the Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands (Resolution VIII.17)? {3.2.1}	C - Partly
1.3.4 Has national action been taken to apply the guiding principles on cultural values of wetlands (Resolutions VIII.19 and IX.21)? {3.3.3}	A - Yes

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 1.3.1 – 1.3.4 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. "1.3.3: [.. additional information ...]"

[1.3.1. There are research projects on wetland economic valuation by the Hanoi National Economics University, Hanoi National University, Ho Chi Minh City National Economics University, and Can Tho University in Can Gio Biosphere Nature Reserve, Xuan Thuy Ramsar National Park, and the wetlands in the Mekong Delta]

[1.3.2. The Coastal Mangrove Restoration Programme implemented by Vietnam's Red Cross and coastal provinces with funded from Japanese and Danish funders; Dutch Government-funded National Wetland Programme; Mekong Wetland Biodiversity Programme; and WorldBank/Danida-funded Coastal Wetland Protection and Development Project (CWDPD) that implemented in five coastal provinces in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam]

[1.3.3. Decision No. 79/2007/QD-TTg dated 31 May 2007 on the approval of the Biodiversity Action Plan to 2010 and orientations for 2020 and implementation of Convention on Biological

Diversity and Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety contents prescriptions on: strengthening the terrestrial, coastal and marine protected area systems; restoration of at least 50% of the natural unique, fragile and damaged ecosystems including the peatlands]
 [1.3.4. Decision No. 04/2004/QD-BTNMT dated 5 April 2004 of the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment on the approval of the Action Plan for Conservation and Sustainable Development of Wetland Areas contents the prescriptions relating to cultural values of the wetlands, namely, “Research on the surface and ground water regime regulation functions and the economic, ecological, cultural, social and biodiversity values of the wetlands”]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 1.3 national implementation:

STRATEGY 1.4: *Integrate policies on the conservation and wise use of wetlands in the planning activities in all Contracting Parties and in decision-making processes at national, regional, provincial and local levels, particularly concerning territorial management, groundwater management, catchment/river basin management, coastal and marine zone planning, and responses to climate change, all in the context of implementing Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).*

Indicator questions:

1.4.1 Has the Convention’s water-related guidance (see Resolution IX.1. Annex C) been used/applied in decision-making related to water resource planning and management? {3.4.2 – r3.4.xiv}	A - Yes
1.4.2 Have CEPA expertise and tools been incorporated into catchment/river basin planning and management?	A - Yes
1.4.3 Has the Convention’s guidance on wetlands and coastal zone management (Annex to Resolution VIII.4) been used/applied in Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) planning and decision-making? {3.4.5}	C - Partly
1.4.4 Have the implications for wetland conservation and wise use of national implementation of the Kyoto Protocol been assessed? {3.4.9}	C - Partly

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 1.4.1 – 1.4.4 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “1.4.3: [.. additional information ...]”

[1.4.1. Decision No. 81/2006/QD-TTg on the approval of the National Strategy on Water Resources to 2020]
 [1.4.2. CEPA’s knowledge and tools were incorporated in the Master Plan for landscape environment protection and development of the Cau River Basin in 2008-2011 period]
 [1.4.3. Integrated Coastal Management Strategies were developed for several coastal provinces such as Nam Dinh, Quang Nam and Ba Ria-Vung Tau]
 [1.4.4. Mangrove ecosystems have been conserved and developed for Carbon absorption purposes as require by Kyoto Protocol]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 1.4 national implementation:

Develop a national coastal mangrove restoration plan to cope with the global climate change situation

STRATEGY 1.5: *Identify priority wetlands where restoration or rehabilitation would be beneficial and yield long-term environmental, social or economic benefits, and implement the necessary measures to recover these sites.*

Indicator questions:

<p>1.5.1 Have wetland restoration/rehabilitation programmes or projects been implemented? {4.1.2} [If “Yes”, please identify any major programmes or projects in Additional implementation information]</p>	<p>A - Yes</p>
<p>1.5.2 Has the Convention’s guidance on wetland restoration (Annex to Resolution VIII.16; Wise Use Handbook 15, 3rd edition) been used/applied in designing and implementing wetland restoration/rehabilitation programmes or projects? {4.1.2}</p>	<p>C - Partly</p>

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 1.5.1 – 1.5.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “1.5.2: [.. additional information ...]”

[1.5.1. Wetland restoration at the O Lau River Mouth of Thua Thien-Hue province under the Dutch Government-funded Wetland Support Programme.
The mangrove restoration activities were also conducted in many coastal areas with 78,503 hectares of mangroves planted from 1995 to 2005 in 22 coastal provinces.
Several national projects and programmes such as Mangrove Plantation and Natural Disaster Prevention at the Red River Delta, Northern Vietnam (1994-2005, funded by Danish Red Cross); the Five million hectares project (661 Program coordinated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) and WorldBank/Danida-funded Coastal Wetland Protection and Development Project (2000-2005) etc. The effective utilisation of the 327 Programme in the past and 661 Programme-Plantation of new 5 million hectares of forests are important resources for strengthening of forest management, protection and fire prevention]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 1.5 national implementation:

STRATEGY 1.6: *Develop guidance and promote protocols and actions to prevent, control or eradicate invasive alien species in wetland systems.*

Indicator questions:

<p>1.6.1 Have national policies, strategies and management responses to threats from invasive species, particularly in wetlands, been developed and implemented? {r5.1.ii}</p>	<p>A - Yes</p>
<p>1.6.2 Have such policies, strategies and management responses been carried out in cooperation with the focal points of other conventions and international organisations/processes? {r5.1.ii}</p>	<p>A - Yes</p>

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 1.6.1 – 1.6.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “1.6.2: [.. additional information ...]”

1.6.1 [One of specific objectives to 2020 set by the Decision No. 79/2007/QĐ-TTg dated 31 May 2007 on the approval of the Biodiversity Action Plan to 2010 and orientations for 2020 is to assess, control and eradicate the invasive alien species. This objective require to conduct surveys, studies and production of an inventory list of invasive alien species, and base on that to propose a strategy for prevention and control of invasive alien species, as well as, coping with the invasive alien species-related disasters]

1.6.2 [The Decision No. 79/2007/QĐ-TTg dated 31 May 2007 on the approval of the Biodiversity Action Plan to 2010 and orientations for 2020 provides clearly on the coordination of related agencies in dealing with invasive alien species issues. Those agencies may include Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Investment and Planning, Ministry of Finance and other relevant ministries and sectors; Biological Diversity Convention, Ramsar Convention and their focal points etc.]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 1.6 national implementation:

Vietnam's Environment Protection Agencies is preparing a Plan for Prevention and Control of Invasive Alien Species

GOAL 2. WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

STRATEGY 2.1 *Apply the Strategic Framework and guidelines for the future development of the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Handbook 7, 2nd edition; Handbook 14, 3rd edition).*

Indicator questions:

2.1.1 Have a strategy and priorities been established for any further designation of Ramsar sites, using the Strategic Framework for the Ramsar List? {10.1.1}

[If further Ramsar site designations are planned, please indicate in Additional implementation information, the number of sites and anticipated year of designation]

A - Yes

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicator 2.1.1

One site in 2008

One site in 2009

One site in 2010

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 2.1 national implementation:

STRATEGY 2.2 *Maintain the Ramsar Sites Information Service and constantly update it with the best available information, and use the Ramsar Sites Database as a tool for guiding the further designation of wetlands for the List of Wetlands of International Importance.*

Indicator questions:

2.2.1 Have all required updates of the Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands been submitted to the Ramsar Secretariat? {10.2.3}

A - Yes

2.2.2 Are the Ramsar Sites Information Service and its database used in national implementation of the Convention concerning Ramsar site issues?

C - Partly

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 2.2.1 – 2.2.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “2.2.1: [.. additional information ...]”

[2.2.1. Ramsar Information Sheet for Xuan Thuy Ramsar Site was updated in 2005]

[2.2.2. See the website: <http://nea.gov.vn>]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 2.2 national implementation:

STRATEGY 2.3 *Maintain the ecological character of all Ramsar sites.*

Indicator questions:

2.3.1 Have the measures required to maintain the ecological character of all Ramsar sites been defined and applied? {11.1.1}	A - Yes
2.3.2 Have management plans/strategies been developed and implemented at all Ramsar sites? {11.1.2} [If “Yes” or “Some sites”, please indicate, in Additional implementation information below, for how many sites have plans/strategies been developed but not implemented; for how many are plans/strategies in preparation; and for how many are plans/strategies being reviewed or revised]	A - Yes
2.3.3 Have cross-sectoral site management committees been established at Ramsar sites? {11.1.5} [If “Yes” or “Some sites”, please name the sites in Additional implementation information]	A - Yes
2.3.4 Has any assessment of Ramsar site management effectiveness been carried out? [if “Yes” or “Some sites”, please indicate in Additional implementation information below the year of assessment and from whom, or from where, the information is available]	A - Yes

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 2.3.1 – 2.3.4 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “2.3.3: [.. additional information ...]”

[2.3.1. There are a number of measures taken in Xuan Thuy National Park (the first Ramsar Site of Vietnam) including the mangrove rehabilitation and protection programmes; community awareness programmes; application of different integrated cultivation models for creating up sustainable livelihoods; establishment of a mangrove nursery centre to store the seed plants for rehabilitation of the coastal mangrove ecosystems; the communication programmes were conducted in both core and buffer zones of the park that involve by a wide-range of stakeholders, especially the social organisations such as Farmer Union, Woman Union, Youth Union, Veteran Union etc.. Step by step take part in the conservation initiatives led by international and national organisation.]

[2.3.2. Decision No. 1892/2006/QD-UB dated 11 August 2006 of the Nam Dinh Provincial People's Committee issuing the regulation for coordination in management, protection and development of the Xuan Thuy National Park; Decision No. 218/2006/QD-UB dated 06 November 2006 on the protection of biodiversity values of the Xuan Thuy National Park; and Decision No. 2065/2006/QD-UB dated 07 September 2006 on the approval of a Management Plan to 2010 of the Xuan Thuy National Park.]

[2.3.3. A management board is in place. However, as a special-use forest management board, it only holds the management jurisdiction of the core zone of the park. There is no an inter-sectoral management board for the Ramsar Sit in place.]

[2.3.4. There is a set of reports, although not yet comprehensive, on an assessment of the management effectiveness of the park (reports prepared by Centre for Marine Conservation and Community Development]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 2.3 national implementation:

STRATEGY 2.4 *Monitor the condition of Ramsar sites, notify the Ramsar Secretariat without delay of changes affecting Ramsar sites as required by Article 3.2, and apply the Montreux Record and Ramsar Advisory Mission as tools to address problems.*

Indicator questions:

2.4.1 Are arrangements in place for the Administrative Authority to be informed of changes or likely changes in the ecological character of Ramsar sites, pursuant to Article 3.2? {r11.2.iv} [If “Yes” or “Some sites”, please summarise the mechanism(s) established in Additional implementation information]	B - No
2.4.2 Have all cases of change or likely change in the ecological character of Ramsar sites been reported to the Ramsar Secretariat, pursuant to Article 3.2,? {11.2.4} [If “Yes” or “Some sites”, please indicate in Additional implementation information below for which Ramsar sites Article 3.2 reports have been made by the Administrative Authority to the Secretariat, and for which sites such reports of change or likely change have not yet been made]	A - Yes
2.4.3 If applicable, have actions been taken to address the issues for which Ramsar sites have been listed on the Montreux Record? {r11.2.viii} [If “Yes” or “Partly”, please provide in Additional implementation information information about the actions taken]	A - Yes

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 2.4.1 – 2.4.3 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “2.4.3: [.. additional information ...]”

[2.4.1. Decree No. 109/2003/ND-CP dated 23 September 2003 on conservation and sustainable use of the wetlands clearly provides: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment shall be responsible as a focal point for implementation of wetland-related policies and legislations; other ministers/sectors and provincial people’s committees are responsible for management of the wetland protected areas under their jurisdiction.]
[2.4.2. Updated Ramsar Information Sheets.]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 2.4 national implementation:

STRATEGY 2.5 *Promote inventory and integrated management of shared wetlands and hydrological basins, including cooperative monitoring and management of shared wetland-dependent species.*

Indicator questions:

2.5.1 Have all transboundary/shared wetland systems been identified? {12.1.1}	C - Planned
2.5.2 Is effective cooperative management in place for shared wetland systems (including regional site and waterbird flyway networks)? {12.1.2; 12.2.2} [If “Yes” or “Partly”, please indicate in Additional implementation information below for which wetland systems such management is in place]	B - No

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 2.5.1 – 2.5.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “2.5.1: [.. additional information ...]”

Vietnam is a member of Mekong River Commission
A national water resource strategy was prepared

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 2.5 national implementation:

Conduction of activities under Asian Waterbird Census (AWC)

STRATEGY 2.6 *Support existing regional arrangements under the Convention and promote additional arrangements.*

Indicator questions:

2.6.1 Has the Contracting Party been involved in the development of a regional initiative under the framework of the Convention? {12.3.2}

[If "Yes" or "Planned", please indicate in Additional implementation information below the name(s) and collaborating countries of each regional initiative]

A - Yes

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicator 2.6.1

Vietnam has participated and proposes an initiative on the "avian influenza and wetland conservation"

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 2.6 national implementation:

Vietnam proposed a "Wetlands and Basin Management" initiative in the Asian Working Group meeting.

GOAL 3. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

STRATEGY 3.1 *Collaboration with other institutions: Work as partners with international and regional multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) and other agencies.*

Indicator questions:

3.1.1 Are mechanisms in place at the national level for collaboration between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the focal points of other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)? {13.1.1}	A - Yes
3.1.2 Are the national focal points of other MEAs invited to participate in the National Ramsar/Wetland Committee? {13.1.iii}	B - No
3.1.3 [For African Contracting Parties only] Has the Contracting Party participated in the implementation of the wetland programme under NEPAD? {13.1.6}	---

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 3.1.1 – 3.1.3 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “3.1.3: [.. additional information ...]”

[3.1.1. Ramsar Administrative Authority has collaboration with focal points of other multilateral environmental agreements such as Convention on Climate Change and Convention on Desertisation Prevention etc.]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 3.1 national implementation:

STRATEGY 3.2 *Sharing of expertise and information: Promote the sharing of expertise and information.*

Indicator questions:

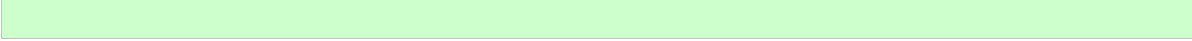
3.2.1 Have networks, including twinning arrangements, been established, nationally or internationally, for knowledge sharing and training for wetlands that share common features? {14.1.3} <small>[If “Yes” or “Partly”, please indicate in Additional implementation information below the networks and wetlands involved]</small>	C - Partly
3.2.2 Has information about the country’s wetlands and/or Ramsar sites and their status been made publicly available (e.g., through publications or a Web site)? {14.1.1}	A - Yes

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 3.2.1-3.2.2

[3.2.1. A wetland expert network was established and maintained by the Vietnam’s Environment Protection Agency; Vietnam participated in an ASEAN wetland training network]
[3.2.2. Information about the country’s wetlands and/or Ramsar sites and their status has been made publicly available (e.g., through publications, radio, and television etc.)]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 3.2 national implementation:



GOAL 4. IMPLEMENTATION CAPACITY

STRATEGY 4.1 *Local communities, indigenous people, and cultural values: Encourage active and informed participation of local communities and indigenous people, including women and youth, in the conservation and wise use of wetlands, including in relation to understanding the dynamics of cultural values.*

Indicator questions:

4.1.1 Has resource information been compiled on local communities' and indigenous people's participation in wetland management? {6.1.5}	C - Partly
4.1.2 Have traditional knowledge and management practices in relation to wetlands been documented and their application encouraged? {6.1.2}	C - Partly
4.1.3 Does the Contracting Party promote public participation in decision-making (with respect to wetlands), especially with local stakeholder involvement in the selection of new Ramsar sites and in Ramsar site management? {6.1.4}	C - Partly
4.1.4 Have educational and training activities been developed concerning cultural aspects of wetlands? {r6.1.vii}	C - Partly
4.1.5 Have cultural values of wetlands been included in the management planning of Ramsar sites and other wetlands? {r.6.1.vi} [if "Yes" or "Partly", please indicate, if known, how many Ramsar sites and their names in Additional implementation information below]	C - Partly

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.1.1 – 4.1.5 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. "4.1.3: [.. additional information ...]"

[4.1.1; 4.1.2. In 2007, Vietnam's Environment Protection Agency compile a guideline for community-based management and sustainable use of the mangroves; precaution principles in biodiversity conservation and natural resource management]
 [4.1.3. Establishment of a series of models for participatory wetland conservation and sustainable management]
 [4.1.4. Many training courses, study-tours and workshops on wetland issues were held in 2005-2008 period that attended by managers as all levels. In those activities, the cultural values of wetland were highlighted]
 [4.1.5. Establishment of a cultural value-based ecotourism model in the Xuan Thuy Ramsar Site]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.1 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.2 *Promote the involvement of the private sector in the conservation and wise use of wetlands.*

Indicator questions:

4.2.1 Is the private sector encouraged to apply the wise use principle in activities and investments concerning wetlands? {7.1.1}	C - Partly
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<p>4.2.2 Have private-sector “Friends of Wetlands” fora or similar mechanisms been established? {7.1.4}</p> <p>[If “Yes” or “Partly”, please indicate in Additional implementation information below the private sector companies involved]</p>	<p>B - No</p>
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Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.2.1 – 4.2.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “4.2.2: [.. additional information ...]”

[4.2.1. Private sector is encouraged to participate in wetland conservation and utilisation through ecotourism development and other sustainable use of wetland resources (marine, coastal and mangrove products etc.)]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.2 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.3 *Promote measures which encourage the application of the wise use principle.*

Indicator questions:

<p>4.3.1 Have actions been taken to promote incentive measures which encourage the conservation and wise use of wetlands? {8.1.1}</p>	<p>C - Partly</p>
<p>4.3.2 Have actions been taken to remove perverse incentive measures which discourage conservation and wise use of wetlands? {8.1.1}</p>	<p>C - Partly</p>

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.3.1 – 4.3.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “4.3.2: [.. additional information ...]”

[4.3.1. All the development projects have to pass the EIA procedures before their implementation; the wise-use of wetlands by individuals or organisations are encouraged]

[4.3.2. Some wetland area are gazetted as Species and Habitat Conservation Areas to extend the management area. For instance, Van Long Wetland Nature Reserve in Ninh Binh Province and Xuan Lac Species and Habitat Conservation Area in Bac Kan Province]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.3 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.4 *Support, and assist in implementing at all levels, the Convention’s Communication, Education, and Public Awareness Programme (Resolution VIII.31) for promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands through public participation and communication, education, and public awareness (CEPA).*

Indicator questions:

<p>4.4.1 Has a mechanism for planning and implementing wetland CEPA (National Ramsar/Wetland Committee or other mechanism) been established with both CEPA Government and NGO National Focal Point (NFP) involvement? {r9.iii.ii}</p> <p>[If “Yes” or “Partly”, please describe in Additional implementation information below the mechanism]</p>	C - Partly
<p>4.4.2 Has a National Action Plan (or plans at the subnational, catchment or local level) for wetland CEPA been developed? {r.9.iii.iii}</p> <p>[Even if a National Action Plan has not yet been developed, if broad CEPA objectives for national CEPA actions have been established please indicate this in the Additional implementation information section for Strategy 4.4]</p>	C - Partly
<p>4.4.3 Have actions been taken to communicate and share information cross-sectorally on wetland issues amongst relevant ministries, departments and agencies? {r9.iii.v}</p>	A - Yes
<p>4.4.4 Have national campaigns, programmes, and projects been carried out to raise community awareness of the ecosystem benefits/services provided by wetlands? {r9.vi.i}</p> <p>[If:</p> <p>a) support has been provided for the delivery of these and other CEPA activities by other organisations; and/or</p> <p>b) these have included awareness-raising for social, economic and/or cultural values,</p> <p>please indicate this in the Additional implementation information section for Strategy 4.4 below]</p>	A - Yes
<p>4.4.5 Have World Wetlands Day activities in the country, either government and NGO-led or both, been carried out? {r9.vi.ii}</p>	A - Yes
<p>4.4.6 Have education centres been established at Ramsar sites and other wetlands? {r9.viii.i}</p> <p>[If any such centres are part of the Wetland Link International (WLI) Programme of the Wildfowl & Wetland Trust, UK, please indicate this in the Additional implementation information section for Strategy 4.4 below]</p>	A - Yes

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.4.1 – 4.4.6 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “4.4.3: [.. additional information ...]”

[4.4.1. National Wetland Action Plan 2004-2010 proposed a project entitle Awareness Raising on the Wetland Conservation and Sustainable Development]

[4.4.2. National Biodiversity Action Plan contains a section on the CEPA in wetland conservation and sustainable development]

[4.4.3. Workshops and training courses on wetland communication and information sharing were held with the participation of relevant ministries/sectors and organisations]

[4.4.4. Awareness activities on the ecosystem values and services are incorporate in the wetland conservation and sustainable development projects/programmes/initiatives]

[4.4.5. In 2 February of every recent year, MoNRE in collaboration with international organisation and provinces to organisations the activities for celebration of the World Wetland Day]

[4.4.6. Some environment education centres were established in specific wetland protected areas such as Xuan Thuy or Bai Tu Long National Parks]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.4 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.5 *Promote international assistance to support the conservation and wise use of wetlands, while ensuring that environmental safeguards and assessments are an integral component of all development projects that affect wetlands, including foreign and domestic investments.*

Indicator questions:

<p>4.5.1 [For Contracting Parties with development assistance agencies only] Has funding support been provided from the development assistance agency for wetland conservation and management in other countries? {15.1.1} [If “Yes” or “Some countries”, please indicate in Additional implementation the countries supported since COP9]</p>	<p>B - No</p>
<p>4.5.2 [For Contracting Parties in receipt of development assistance only] Has funding support been mobilized from development assistance agencies specifically for in-country wetland conservation and management? {15.1.8} [If “Yes” or “Some countries”, please indicate in Additional implementation the agencies from which support has been received since COP9]</p>	<p>A - Yes</p>

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.5.1 – 4.5.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “4.5.2: [.. additional information ...]”

[4.5.2. Vietnam received development aids through international wetland project funded by different donors such as Danida, Jica, Dutch Government, GEF, UNDP etc.]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.5 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.6 *Provide the financial resources required for the Convention’s governance, mechanisms and programmes to achieve the expectations of the Conference of the Contracting Parties.*

Indicator questions:

<p>4.6.1 {16.1.1} a) For the last triennium have Ramsar contributions been paid in full and in a timely manner (by 31 March of calendar year)?</p>	<p>A - Yes</p>
<p>b) If “No” in 4.6.1 a), please clarify what plan is in place to ensure future prompt payment:</p>	

4.6.2 {16.1.2}	B - No
a) Has any additional financial support been provided through voluntary contributions to the Ramsar Small Grants Fund or other non-core funded Convention activity?	
b) If yes, please state the amounts:	

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.6.1 – 4.6.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “4.6.2: [.. additional information ...]”

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.6 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.7 *Ensure that the Conference of the Contracting Parties, Standing Committee, Scientific and Technical Review Panel, and Ramsar Secretariat are operating at a high level of efficiency and effectiveness to support implementation of this Framework.*

Indicator questions:

4.7.1 Has the Contracting Party used its previous Ramsar National Reports in monitoring its implementation of the Convention? [If “Yes” or “Partly”, please indicate in Additional implementation information how the Reports have been used for monitoring]	A - Yes
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Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicator 4.7.1

Resolutions approved during COP9 are used to monitor the implementation of Ramsar Convention in Vietnam

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.7 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.8 *Develop the capacity within, and promote cooperation among, institutions in Contracting Parties to achieve conservation and wise use of wetlands.*

Indicator questions:

4.8.1 Has a review of national institutions responsible for the conservation and wise use of wetlands been completed? {18.1.1} [If “Yes” or “Partly”, please indicate in Additional implementation information if this has led to proposals for, or implementation of, any changes in institutional responsibilities]	D - In progress
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<p>4.8.2 Is a National Ramsar/Wetlands cross-sectoral Committee (or equivalent body) in place and operational? {18.1.2}</p> <p>[If “Yes”, please summarise in Additional implementation information its membership and frequency of meetings]</p>	<p>B - No</p>
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Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.8.1 – 4.8.2 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “4.8.2: [.. additional information ...]”

[4.8.1. MoNRE is responsible for wetland conservation and management, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is responsible for sectoral wetland management; Provincial People’s Committees are responsible for management of wetlands within the jurisdiction]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.8 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.9 *Maximize the benefits of working with the Convention’s International Organization Partners (IOPs*) and others.*

Indicator question:

<p>4.9.1 Has your country received assistance from one or more of the Convention’s IOPs* in its implementation of the Convention?</p> <p>[If “Yes”, please provide in Additional implementation information the name(s) of the IOP(s) and the type of assistance provided]</p>	<p>A - Yes</p>
<p>4.9.2 Has your country provided assistance to one or more of the Convention’s IOPs*?</p> <p>[If “Yes”, please provide in Additional implementation information the name(s) of the IOP(s) and the type of assistance provided]</p>	<p>B - No</p>

* The IOPs are: BirdLife International, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Wetlands International, The World Conservation Union (IUCN), and WWF International.

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.9.1-4.9.2

[4.9.1 National Administrative Authorities collaborated with IOP (especially IUCN and Birdlife International) in preparation of technical guidelines and organisation of on-the-ground activities for wetland conservation and sustainable utilisation]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.9 national implementation:

STRATEGY 4.10 *Identify the training needs of institutions and individuals concerned with the conservation and wise use of wetlands, particularly in developing countries and countries in transition, and implement appropriate responses.*

Indicator questions:

<p>4.10.1 Has your country provided support to, or participated in, the development of regional (i.e., covering more than one country) wetland training and research centres?</p> <p>[If “Yes”, please indicate in Additional implementation information the name(s) of the centre(s)]</p>	<p>C - Partly</p>
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4.10.2 Has an assessment of national and local training needs for the implementation of the Convention, including in the use of the Wise Use Handbooks, been made? {20.1.2}	A - Yes
4.10.3 Have opportunities for wetland site manager training in the country been provided? {20.1.6}	A - Yes

Additional implementation information:

A): on Indicators 4.10.1 – 4.10.3 For each piece of additional information text, please clearly identify to which indicator number it refers – e.g. “4.10.3: [.. additional information ...]”

[4.10.1. Provides support through the collaboration in implementation of wetland projects and networks]
 [4.10.2. Under a Dutch Government-funded National Wetland Programme, the awareness raising needs assessment on the wetland conservation and sustainable utilisation for Vietnam was conducted]
 [4.10.3. Some wetland protected area managers were nominated for attending the wetland management-related workshops, training courses and study-tours, for example, Xuan Thuy National Park staff etc.]

B): on any other aspects of Strategy 4.10 national implementation:

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