



**NATIONAL PLANNING TOOL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS**

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SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION (OPTIONAL)

Please, include a summary on the implementation of Ramsar Convention in your country during the last triennium

During the last triennium Department of the environment has been actively implementing the Ramsar Convention in the country. Some of these activities include:

- Comprehensive study on Iranian wetlands and updated the information sheet for Ramsar convention
- Preparing a book entitled Directory of Iranian Wetlands Designated Under the Ramsar

Convention (under publish)

- Celebrating the world wetlands day. On this event in 2005 the department of environment created a new environment with participation of the NGOs, local people and students where they held attractive exhibitions. On this event, NGOs demonstrated their activities related to wetlands and local people showed their wetland products to the public.
- With Regards to the Ramsar Regional Center for Training and Research on Wetlands in Western and Central Asia in Ramsar city, in Islamic Republic of Iran, which was adopted by the Resolution VIII.41, COP8, in Valencia Spain. Islamic Republic of Iran held a meeting for adopting the Draft Terms of Reference of Ramsar Regional Center in Feb. 2005 with participation of Secretary General, regional countries and interested donor countries.

Some Objectives of this center include:

Working to support the implementation activities of contracting parties for the effective management and conservation of wetlands, the objectives of the Center are to:

- Build human capacity and engage in outreach
- Promote scientific and technical cooperation and exchange of knowledge, including traditional knowledge,
- Promote wise use of wetlands through research and sustainable management
- Encourage accession of non contacting parties in the region.

This center has a plan to hold a workshop in October 2005 on training on birds Census

- There is also some projects on wetlands which are being implemented in the country with participation of international organization such as UNDP/ GEF (Conservation of Iranian wetlands project) and JICA (the study on integrated management for Ecosystem conservation of the Anzali wetland)
- Preparation of management plan for 5 Ramsar sites in Iran (Miankaleh, Bakhtegan, Hamoon, Hara, Uromieh)
- Establishment of a joint committee between DOE and Ministry of energy for defining the allocated water for wetlands that are located downstream
- Improvement of the protection level for 12 Ramsar sites in the country

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1. INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT

Action 1.1.1.- Promote and encourage the use of standard wetland inventory methodologies following the *Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory (Resolution VIII.6)*, to undertake, update and disseminate national (or, where appropriate, provincial) scientific inventories of wetlands.

1.- Country has a comprehensive National Wetland Inventory (<i>if inventory exists, please include the number of sites</i>)	B 181	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	N° wetlands / Ramsar sites

There are more than 1000 wetlands in the country, out of this number the DoE has conducted some studies on 181 of them and 76 of these wetlands were recognized to meet the Ramsar convention's criteria and to be listed under Ramsar sites. Till now, Iran has designated 33 wetlands in 22 Ramsar sites and hopefully in near future the DoE plans to designate more wetlands.

Action 1.2.7.- Undertake assessments of water quality and quantity available to, and required by, wetlands, to support the implementation of the *Guidelines for the allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands* (Resolution VIII.1), as a contribution to the WSSD Plan of Implementation.

1. The water quality and quantity available to, and required by, wetlands has been assessed

B

Choose an answer

A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;

E = In progress; F= Being planned;G = Being updated;

H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer

2.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the assessment undertaken.]*

Since COP8 the Network for monitoring water resources quality in Iran has been established. Some case studies have been conducted for some of the national rivers.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 2. POLICIES AND LEGISLATION, INCLUDING IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND VALUATION

Action 2.1.2.- Ensure that wetland policies are fully integrated into and harmonized with other strategic or planning processes and documents, in particular those related to biodiversity, desertification, climate change, agriculture, trade in endangered species, water resource management, integrated coastal zone management and environmental planning in general including national strategies for sustainable development called for by the WSSD. When these other documents include chapters or sections on different ecosystems, ensure that one of them is devoted to wetlands.

1. Wetland issues have been incorporated into national strategies for sustainable development called for by WSSD

B

Choose an answer for each indicator

2. Wetland issues have been incorporated into poverty eradication strategies

F

A = Not applicable;

B = Yes;

C = No;

3. Wetland issues have been incorporated into water resources management and water efficiency plans

B

D = Partly/ in some cases;

E = In progress;

4. Wetland issues (conservation, wise use, restoration/rehabilitation) have been integrated into other sectoral strategic or planning processes and documents at any of the following levels: national, regional, provincial, and local

B

F= Being planned;

G = Being updated;

H = Other status

(explain below);

I = No answer

5.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the incorporation of wetland issues into other sectoral strategic or planning processes.]*

For ensuring that wetland policies are fully integrated into and harmonized with other strategic or planning processes and documents, all decisions are made by a national committee on Ramsar convention which consists of fully authorized representatives from related ministries and organization. Every issue will then be reviewed by an upper national committee for sustainable development before going to the environmental high council for final approval.

There are also some legislations that have been achieved since cop8, including:

- Article 67 of the 4th development plan with the subject of developing plans for integrated ecosystem management in sensitive ecosystems.
- EIA regulation for aquaculture and eco-tourism project on wetlands

For incorporation of wetlands issues into other sectoral strategic or planning progresses department of environment has a plan

- To develop a wetland national policy
- To apply the Ramsar guidelines for reviewing laws and institutions to promote the convention and wise use of wetlands (Handbook 3)

Action 2.2.4.- Promote the continuing development, wide dissemination - primarily through the Internet-based resource kit (<http://www.biodiversityeconomics.org/assessment/ramsar-503-01.htm>) and application of methodologies to undertake valuations of the economic, social and environmental benefits and functions of wetlands, in collaboration with the *International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA)*, Ramsar's International Organization Partners, and interested Parties and organizations.

1. Progress has been made in the development and/or application of methodologies for the valuation of economic, social and environmental benefits and functions of wetlands	E	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;</i> <i>D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned;</i> <i>G = Being updated; H = Other status</i> <i>(explain below); I = No answer</i>
2. The Party has contributed to the STRP work on methodologies for economic, social and environmental valuation of wetland benefits and functions	F	

3.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on progress made and contribution to STRP work, if applicable.]*

Since COP8 the DOE has made a progress on undertaking a new stage in all project processes, which is accomplishing Socio-economic evaluation study. Socio-economic evaluation has been done for all wetland projects. A case study was implemented on economical benefits and functions of wetlands. Regarding to contribution to STRP, Department of the environment has a plan to become more active in this regard.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 3. INTEGRATION OF WETLAND WISE USE INTO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Action 3.2.1.- Implement the *Guidelines for global action on peatlands* as adopted by Resolution VIII.17, noting the priority sought therein for inventories of peatlands, the protection and possible designation of peatlands as Ramsar sites, the transfer of peatland restoration technology, and the maintenance of the cultural significance of peatlands, and implement those actions identified as national priorities.

1. Action has been taken to implement at national level the Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands (Resolution VIII.17)	C	<i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]*

There is no peatlands in Iran

Action 3.4.2.- Apply the Guidelines in *Integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management* (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 4) and, where appropriate and feasible, participate in the related CBD/Ramsar project entitled the "*River Basin Initiative*" so as to support the WSSD agreement to increase understanding of the sustainable use, protection and management of water resources.

1. The <i>Guidelines for integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management</i> (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 4) have been used/applied	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on application of the Guidelines for integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management.]*

Watershed management organization prepared main river basin management plan in country with the aim of erosion and sedimentation reduction. In some cases this guideline has been applied for some project according to the national priorities. To achieve the aims of this guideline DOE has a plan to translate and disseminate the guideline to related organization, hold workshops and receive feedbacks.

3. The Party has participated in the Ramsar/CBD River Basin Initiative	C	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the participation in the Ramsar/CBD River Basin Initiative.]</i>		

Action 3.4.6.- In decision-making processes related to freshwater resources, apply the *Guidelines for the allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands*, as adopted by Resolution VIII.1.

1. The <i>Guidelines for allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions of wetlands</i> (Resolution VIII.1) have been used/applied in decision-making related to freshwater	B	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned;</i> <i>G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below);</i> <i>I = No answer</i></p>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
There are several agreements between Department of the Environment and Ministry of Energy on Environment and Water issue. One of these agreements is allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions of wetlands that prepared base on the Ramsar convention guideline.		

Action 3.4.9.- Ensure that national policy responses to the implementation of the *Kyoto Protocol*, including revegetation and management, afforestation and reforestation do not lead to damage to the ecological character of wetlands.

1. The implications of implementation of the Kyoto Protocol for wetland conservation have been assessed	C	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 4. RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION

Action 4.1.2.- Establish wetland restoration/rehabilitation programmes, where feasible, at destroyed or degraded wetlands, especially in those associated with major river systems or areas of high nature conservation value, in line with Recommendation 4.1 and Resolutions VII.17 and VII.20.

1. Wetland restoration / rehabilitation programmes or projects have been developed	B	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
<p>Anzali Wastewater Management, releasing water from Hirmand river to Hammon wetlands are two example of wetland restoration and rehabilitation activity in Iran.</p> <p>Also DOE has implemented a Comprehensive study on Iranian wetlands and through this project has recognized some of threats on wetlands, also it has a plan to develop wetland restoration and rehabilitation programmes. For achieving this goal, the DOE will send experts for on training programs to learn restoration approaches; develop close contact and relation with research centers for exchange of information. To reach the above mentioned goal there also has been some case studies with the participation of international organizations. Fortunately country can delisted some Montreux Record wetlands in country in near future.</p>		

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 6. LOCAL COMMUNITIES, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND CULTURAL VALUES

Action 6.1.6.- Consider using the *Guiding principles for taking into account the cultural values of wetlands for the effective management of sites* (Resolution VIII.19), and continue to document case studies on social and cultural values of wetlands and how they can be incorporated into the effort to conserve and sustainably use wetland resources.

1. The guiding principles on cultural values (Resolution VIII.19) have been used or applied	E	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the application of the Guiding Principles on cultural values.]</p>		
<p>In recent years the government has noticed the role of local communities, indigenous people in natural resource management and has realized that without the support and participation of local communities management plans can't be successful. Considerate cultural values of wetlands lead to integrated wetland management practices. Presently in some sites the conservation and wise use of wetlands with local communities' participation and consultation have been done. The decision makers understood that traditional knowledge is a helpful tool for conservation and wise use of wetlands. Some of the wetlands in the country are being managed by the Islamic Rural councils. There are two WB projects with the participation of indigenous people for conservation of wetlands in Iran. In addition, there is a UNEP/GEF project being executed by the DoE on Development of a Wetland Site and Flyway Network for Conservation of the Siberian Crane and Other Migratory Waterbirds in Asia, that the local community have a major role in developing a management plan for the wetland site.</p>		
3. Resource information and case studies on cultural aspects of wetlands have been compiled	F	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p>4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the resource information compiled.]</p>		
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OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA)¹

Action r9.ii.i.- Develop pilot projects to evaluate a range of approaches for applying CEPA in promoting the wise use of wetlands, in particular involving those who make a direct use of wetland resources

1. Pilot projects have been developed to evaluate different approaches for applying CEPA in promoting the wise use of wetlands	B	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</p>		
<p>In most of the wetland projects that are being developed and implemented in the country, communication, education and public awareness is recognized as one of the main aspect of the project and the activities related to this part have been undertaken. In some projects, especially the international, there is a plan to establish educational or visitor centers for promoting wise use of</p>		

¹ The Operational Objectives and Actions listed here are those adopted by Resolution VIII.31 (Annex 1), which fully incorporate and expand upon the 15 Actions as listed in Ramsar's Strategic Plan 2003-2008 (Resolution VIII.25).

wetlands. There is also a plan to develop a network among these centers.
Producing information to better knowledge of wetlands through printed and electronic means is another project that has been done in country for raising public awareness.

Action r9.iii.ii.- Establish a national *Wetland CEPA Task Force* (if no other mechanisms exist for this purpose), ensuring suitable stakeholder and NGO representation, to undertake a review of needs, skills, expertise and options, and to set priorities for the implementation of this programme of work.

1. A National wetland CEPA Task Force has been established

E

Choose an answer

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

NGOs are playing important role for achieving CEPA objectives especially at local levels. A Network of NGOs has been established across the country to facilitate information exchange and raising public awareness.

Action r9.iii.iii.- Formulate, drawing upon the *Additional Guidance on reviewing and action planning for wetland communication, education and public awareness (CEPA)* developed for this purpose, a national (and, where appropriate, sub-national, catchment or local) action plan for wetland CEPA which incorporates the conclusions to emerge from Action r9.iii.ii above, and provide a copy of this to the Ramsar Convention Bureau so that it can be made available to other Parties and interested organizations and individuals. (The Additional Guidance document is available in hard copy from the Bureau and in html at http://ramsar.org/outreach_reviewsactionplansI.htm)

1. A National Action Plan for wetland CEPA has been developed

F

Choose an answer

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

Action r9.vii.iii.- Ensure that multi-stakeholder bodies are in place to guide and inform catchment/river basin and local wetland-related planning and management, and that these bodies include appropriate expertise in CEPA.

1. CEPA expertise has been incorporated into catchment/river basin planning and management tools

F

Choose an answer

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 10. DESIGNATION OF RAMSAR SITES

Action 10.1.1.- Renew efforts to apply the *Strategic Framework and guidelines for the future development of the Ramsar List* (Resolution VII.11) including, as a matter of priority the establishment of a strategy and priorities for the further designation of Ramsar sites so as to achieve, as soon as possible, the coherent national networks called for in the Vision for the List. (Resolution VIII.10).

1. A strategy and priorities have been established for further designation of Ramsar sites, in application of the Strategic Framework for the Ramsar List

B

Choose an answer

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]*

As mentioned in 1.1.1 there is near 76 wetlands in country that can designated as Ramsar sites and Islamic republic of Iran has a plan to designate some new Ramsar sites according to the systematic approach and give priority to the designation of wetlands which are unique in country as coral reefs, sea grass beds, and wetlands which host endangered species.

Action 10.2.4.- Fully update and submit revised *Ramsar Information Sheets* as frequently as necessary to record changes in the status of sites, and at least at intervals of not more than six years, so that they can be used for reviewing change in ecological character and progress in achieving the Vision and Objectives of the *Strategic Framework and guidelines for the future development of the List of Wetlands of International Importance* (Ramsar Handbook 7) at each COP.

1. All required updates of the Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands have been submitted to the Ramsar Bureau

B

Choose an answer

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]*

Recently the updated Ramsar information sheet was sent to the secretariat.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 11. MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND MONITORING OF RAMSAR SITES

Action 11.1.2.- Apply the Convention's *New Guidelines for management planning for Ramsar sites and other wetlands* (Resolution VIII.14) to develop management plans or strategies for all Ramsar sites.

1. The *New Guidelines for management planning* have been used in the development of management plans or strategies

F

Choose an answer

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the way the guidelines have been used.]*

There is a plan to translate the guidelines into Farsi and distribute the translated guidelines among related stakeholders. Also to hold an evaluation workshop for receiving some feedback.

MANAGEMENT PLANS AT RAMSAR SITES

N° Ramsar sites

3.- Ramsar sites with management plans or strategies in place

5

4.- Ramsar sites with management plans or strategies in place and being fully applied

0

5.- Ramsar sites with management plans or strategies being prepared

10

6.- Ramsar sites with management plans or strategies being revised or updated

0

7.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include the list of Ramsar sites whose management plans fall under each category, and any additional comments you consider relevant.]*

Management plans for 5 Ramsar sites in Iran (Miankaleh, Bakhtegan, Hamoon, Hara, Uromieh) have been prepared.

Management plan for 10 Ramsar site is being prepared: Ajigol, Almagol, Alagol, Amirkelayeh, Hasanlo, Yadergalo, Ghorigol, Gavkhoni, Shadegan, Bojagh

Action 11.2.4.- In fulfilment of Article 3.2 of the Convention, report to the Ramsar Bureau without delay all actual or likely changes in ecological character on Ramsar sites, and include Ramsar sites "where changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring or are likely to occur" in the *Montreux Record* as appropriate.

1.- Changes or likely changes (both positive and negative) in ecological character at Ramsar sites have occurred or may occur (Art. 3.2) <i>(if applicable, please include number of sites)</i>	B 6	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	N° Ramsar sites
2.- Changes or likely changes in ecological character of Ramsar sites have been reported to the Ramsar Bureau pursuant to Article 3.2	B 3		
3.- Ramsar sites were included in the Montreux Record since COP8 <i>(if applicable, please include number of sites)</i>	C		N° Ramsar sites
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the changes or likely changes in ecological character, and list the sites affected.]			
<p>As you are well aware Iran located in semi arid to arid zone and many of Iranian wetlands placed in these area. Iran was facing with drought for several years. Fortunately since COP8 rainfall has been increased across country and changes in ecological character at Ramsar site have occurred. The most important wetlands that this change happened are: Miankaleh, Hamoon (with regard to Hamoon wetlands after several counselling with afghan Government they agreed to discharge water to Hamoon), Anzali,Uromieh and Shadegan.(ecological changes in shadegan is negative because of oil pollutions). Shadegan , Hamoon and Hourolazim were the wetlands that changes in ecological character of them have been reported to secretariat.</p>			
5.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the steps followed to include sites in the Montreux Record since COP8.]			

Action r11.2.viii.- For sites included in the *Montreux Record*, regularly provide the Ramsar Bureau with an update on progress on taking action to address the issues for which these Ramsar sites were listed on the Record, including reporting fully on these matters in National Reports to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Resolution VIII.8)

			N° Ramsar sites
1.- Actions have been taken to address the issues for which Ramsar sites were listed in the Montreux Record <i>(if applicable, please include number of sites)</i>	B 7	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	
2.- Actions taken to address issues at Montreux Record Ramsar sites have been communicated to the Ramsar Bureau	C		
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include the list of Ramsar sites concerned and results of the actions taken.]			
<p>There are 7 Ramsar sites in Iran that are listed as Montreux Record, fortunately the DOE has a plan to delisted some of these site. In early future, The secretariat will be requested by the DoE of the delisting some of sites.</p>			

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 12. MANAGEMENT OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES, WETLANDS AND WETLA

ND SPECIES

Action 12.1.1.- Identify all wetland systems in each Contracting Party shared with other Parties and with non-parties and promote cooperation in their management with the adjoining jurisdiction(s), applying, where appropriate, the *Guidelines on integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management* (Ramsar Handbook 4, Section A1 of the Guidelines), and the *Principles and Guidelines for integrating wetlands into Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)* (Resolution VIII.4).

1.- All transboundary/shared wetland systems have been identified <i>(if applicable, please include number of sites)</i>	B 2	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	N° wetlands/ wetland systems
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please list the transboundary wetlands identified and provide any other additional comments you consider relevant.]</i>			
Iran has two main trans-boundary wetlands on the border with Iraq (Hour-al-Azim) and Afghanistan (Hamoon). Unfortunately these countries are non contracting parties and because of the war and problem that these two countries have faced during last few years , also low consideration of environmental issue, these main trans-boundary wetlands face a lot of threats. The DOE has a plan with the help of Ramsar regional center to encourage accession of these two countries in the region.			

Action 12.3.2.- Encourage development of regional arrangements under the Convention similar to *MedWet*, where appropriate, applying the *Guidance for the development of regional initiatives in the framework of the Convention on Wetlands* (Resolution VIII.30) for example in the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, the Caribbean, South America and the Altaj-Sayansky region.

1. Party has been involved in the development of a regional initiative in the framework of the Convention	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
Ramsar regional center for training and research in western and central Asia in Iran launched in Feb. 2005		

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 13. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Action 13.1.1.- Continue to strengthen cooperation and synergy with the *Convention on Biological Diversity*, the *Convention to Combat Desertification*, the *Convention on Migratory Species* and its Agreements, the *World Heritage Convention*, and the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*, in particular through the vehicles of Joint Work Plans and collaboration among the respective subsidiary scientific bodies of the conventions and the secretariats, and at national level among the Ramsar Administrative Authorities and Focal Points of the different MEAs.

1. Mechanisms are in place at the national level for collaboration between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the focal points of other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include information on the MEAs involved and additional comments you consider relevant.]</i>		

MEAs that Islamic Republic of Iran involved are: Convention of biodiversity, IUCN, MAB, Convention on Climate Change, Ramsar convention, CITIES convention, Montreal Protocol, Vein convention, Basel Convention, ROPMI convention, UNDP, CMS, Bio safety Protocol

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 14. SHARING OF EXPERTISE AND INFORMATION

Action 14.1.3.- Develop twinning and/or networks of transboundary wetlands and wetlands sharing common features, as an important mechanism for sharing knowledge and providing training opportunities.

1.- Networks among wetlands sharing common features have been established for knowledge sharing and training

E

Choose an answer

A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer

2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the wetland networks established and other comments you consider relevant.]

Ramsar regional center on education and research that launched in Feb 2005 has a main role to promote public awareness, education, exchange information, traditional knowledge and new technologies at national and regional level.

3.- Twinning arrangements among wetlands sharing common features have been established for knowledge sharing and training (if applicable, please include number of sites involved)

F

Choose an answer

A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer

N° wetlands / Ramsar sites

4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the twinning arrangement, the sites involved and other comments you consider relevant.]

Department of the Environment have a plan to establish training center in some ramsar sites in different provinces to create a network among these center for exchanging information in near future. One of these centers established in anzali wetlands and used by student and schools.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 15. FINANCING THE CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF WETLANDS

Action 15.1.1.- Mobilize direct funding support from multilateral and bilateral development assistance agencies in order to assist developing countries and countries whose economies are in transition in the conservation and wise use of wetlands and in implementation of the present Strategic Plan. (Based on Section E1 of the Guidelines).

1. (For CPs with development assistance agencies) Funding support has been mobilized from development assistance agency for wetland issues

B

Choose an answer for each indicator

A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer

2. Other forms of funding support have been mobilized for wetland issues

C

3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

UNDP/GEF, JICA, UNEP funding for projects in Iran that directly or indirectly related to wetlands, e.g. Conservation of Iranian wetlands is one of these projects.

Action 15.1.8.- For those Parties eligible for development assistance, include projects for conservation and wise use of wetlands in national portfolios and plans for consideration by development assistance agencies, and give priority among these for projects to build institutional capacity. (Based on Sections E8 and E12 of the Guidelines)

1. Project proposals related to wetlands have been submitted to development assistance agencies	B	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		

Action 15.1.9.- For eligible Contracting Parties of both the *Ramsar Convention* and the *Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)*, develop wetland conservation and wise use projects suitable for consideration by the *Global Environment Facility (GEF)*, as part of the implementation of the Joint Work Plan with the CBD and in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of Decision IV/4 of CBD’s COP4 relating to inland water ecosystems.

1. Project proposals related to wetlands have been submitted to the Global Environment Facility (GEF)	C	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 17. INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS OF THE CONVENTION

Action 17.1.6.- Ensure that each Contracting Party has nominated a national focal point for the work of the STRP (as called for by Resolutions VII.2 and VIII.28) and two focal points (one government, one non-government) for the *Communication, Education and Public Awareness Programme* (as called for by Resolutions VII.9 and VIII.31)

1. The National Focal Point for the work of STRP has been nominated	B	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include information on the STRP National Focal Point and other comments you consider relevant.]</i>		
Iranian STRP focal point is senior expert of wetlands in Department of the Environment.		

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 18. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF CONTRACTING PARTIES

Action 18.1.1.- Encourage the review of existing national institutions responsible for the conservation and wise use of wetlands, and on the basis of such a review, identify and implement measures to:

- a) increase cooperation and synergy among institutions with direct or indirect responsibility for wetland issues, especially those responsible for the management of water resources and for biodiversity and wetland conservation and management;
- b) promote enhanced cooperation, and where appropriate integrated approaches, among the national focal points of environment-related conventions, and consider establishing a coordinating committee to ensure that integrated approaches are taken;
- c) promote enhanced contact, and where appropriate close coordination, between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and national professional, technical, scientific and educational societies and agencies involved in wetland conservation or management, including those involved in social and cultural heritage issues; and
- d) provide appropriately trained staff, in adequate numbers, to enable these institutions to implement the Convention to full effect.

1. A review of national institutions responsible for the conservation and wise use of wetlands has been completed	E	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include information on the review and other comments you consider relevant.]</i>		
3. A coordinating committee among focal points of environment-related conventions is in place	F	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include information on the coordinating committee and other comments you consider relevant.]</i>		
National committee on Ramsar convention, which consists of fully, authorized representatives from related ministries and organization. Each convention in country has their national committee or steering committee that work under national committee for sustainable development. But there is no coordination committee among focal points of environment- related convention yet but its being planned.		
5. Mechanisms are in place to ensure cooperation between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and other national institutions directly or indirectly responsible for wetland issues, in particular water and biodiversity	F	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
6. Mechanisms are in place to ensure cooperation between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and relevant professional, scientific or educational societies and agencies involved in wetland conservation or management, including social and cultural heritage issues	F	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
7.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include information on the relevant cooperation mechanisms and any other comments you consider relevant.]</i>		

Action 18.1.2.- Establish National Ramsar/Wetlands Committees to provide the opportunity for input from, and representation of, relevant government agencies, including national water management ministries and/or agencies, where appropriate, and non-governmental organizations, STRP and CEPA National Focal Points, key stakeholders, indigenous people and local communities, the private sector and interest groups, and land use planning and management authorities (Recommendation 5.13). When in place, ensure the proper functioning of these Committees.

1. A National Ramsar / Wetlands Committee (or equivalent body) is in place	B	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2. If a Ramsar Committee exists, it is cross-sectoral (relevant ministries and agencies, NGOs, key stakeholders, local communities, private sector, etc.)	B	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the National Ramsar Committee].</i>		
This committee has already established and members participated in the meeting every month and measures are taken to develop its activity		

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 20. TRAINING

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 20.1. 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

Action 20.1.8.- Encourage further development and use of regional wetland training and research centres, including a Regional Ramsar Centre for Training and and Research on Wetlands in the Western Hemisphere (Resolution VII.26) and a Regional Ramsar Centre for Training and Research on Wetlands in Western and Central Asia (Resolution VIII.41).

<p>1.- Support has been provided to the development of regional wetland training and research centres <i>(if applicable, please include number of centres)</i></p>	<p>B 2</p>	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;</i> <i>D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress;</i> <i>F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>	<p>N° centres</p>
<p>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include the list of centres and other additional comments you consider relevant.]</p>			
<p>Ramsar regional center for western and central Asia Anzali training center</p>			