



**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*

## OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1. INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1.1:** Describe the extent of wetland resources, especially at global and national (or, where appropriate, provincial) scales, in order to inform and underpin implementation of the convention and in particular the application of the wise use principle

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## COP9 REPORT SECTION

**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.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005:** By COP9, all Parties without completed inventories to have initiated action in line with the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory, and as far as possible to have completed and disseminated comprehensive national wetland inventories.

1.- Country has a comprehensive National Wetland Inventory ( <i>if inventory exists, please include the number of sites</i> )	<b>G</b>	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;	<b>N° wetlands / Ramsar sites</b>
2.- Methodologies recommended in the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory (Resolution VIII.6) were used for National Wetland Inventory	<b>D</b>	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 [*Please include information on the application of inventory methodologies, the status of the inventory - end date or expected timeframe, contents of the inventory - and other additional comments you consider relevant.*]

A national Wetlands database was compiled. This database will be hyper-linked to the Environmental / biodiversity meta-database and should be available to wetland managers and persons early 2005. A preliminary wetland inventory was produced in 2002, funded by the Ramsar grants fund.

**Action 1.1.2.-** Include in national wetland inventories information which identifies: a) potential Ramsar sites; b) wetlands of national, provincial or local importance in the territory of each Contracting Party; and c) wetlands that need restoration and rehabilitation, with a list of priorities, giving particular priority to inventories of karst and caves, intertidal wetlands, coral reefs, peatlands, sites supporting globally threatened species, and other wetland types and features under-represented in the Ramsar List.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005:** All national wetland inventories initiated after COP8 to include information on wetland importance; potential Ramsar sites; wetlands for restoration; location of under-represented wetland types; and values and functions, in particular in relation to poverty eradication strategies.

<i>See actions 3.2.1, 3.3.1, r4.1.1, and Operational Objective 10.1</i>			<b>N° wetlands / Ramsar sites</b>
<i>Note: if available, please indicate the number of sites under each category:</i>			
1. The inventory assesses and documents potential Ramsar Sites	<b>D</b>	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i>	
2. The inventory assesses and documents wetlands of national, provincial or local importance	<b>D</b>	A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;	
3. The inventory assesses and documents wetlands that need restoration and rehabilitation	<b>D</b>	E = In progress;	
4. The inventory assesses and documents wetland types and features under-represented in the Ramsar List	<b>D</b>	F= Being planned; G = Being updated;	
5. The inventory assesses and documents wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of water supply	<b>D</b>	H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	

<i>See actions 3.2.1, 3.3.1, r4.1.1, and Operational Objective 10.1</i>		
<i>Note: if available, please indicate the number of sites under each category:</i>		<b>N° wetlands/ Ramsar sites</b>
6. The inventory assesses and documents wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of coastal protection	<b>D</b>	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> <i>A = Not applicable;</i> <i>B = Yes; C = No;</i> <i>D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress;</i> <i>F= Being planned;</i> <i>G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below);</i> <i>I = No answer</i>
7. The inventory assesses and documents wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of flood defense	<b>D</b>	
8. The inventory assesses and documents wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of food security	<b>D</b>	
9. The inventory assesses and documents wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of poverty alleviation	<b>D</b>	
10. The inventory assesses and documents wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of cultural heritage	<b>D</b>	
11.- The inventory assesses and documents wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of scientific research	<b>D</b>	

12.- Implementation progress since COP8 [*Comments on the information included in the wetland inventory in light of the items indicated above*]

The status of wetlands in terms of the above items will be updated to demonstrate the true value of each wetland.

**Action 1.1.3.-** Ensure that national arrangements for the custodianship, storage and maintenance of wetland inventory data and information, including metadata, are in place and introduce the necessary measures to ensure that this resource is both as comprehensive as possible and readily accessible to the full range of stakeholders.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: All wetland inventories to have full data management, custodianship, and metadata records in place.**

1. National arrangements established for the custodianship, storage and maintenance of wetland inventory data and information, including metadata

**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 additional comments on the implementation of this action.*]

A national database is being updated and will be linked to the environmental / biodiversity data meta-database.

**Action 1.1.4.-** Make available a web-based wetland inventory meta-database and encourage the inclusion of a metadata record for all national (including provincial) wetland inventories.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: By COP9, a Web-based metadatabase in place and populated with information on all national wetland inventories.**

1. National (including provincial) wetland inventory metadata record provided for inclusion in Ramsar's Web-based wetland inventory metadatabase

**C**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

Once the national database is complete and updated, the inclusion of the national database to the RAMSAR metadatabase will be considered.

**Action 1.1.6.-** Encourage the use of relevant information from wetland inventories by decision-makers, wetland managers and wetland users in the development and implementation of national wetland policies and national and local wetland programmes.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: By COP9, all Parties with wetland inventories to have made these available to all stakeholders.**

1. The use of relevant information from wetland inventory has been promoted among decision makers
2. The use of relevant information from wetland inventory has been promoted among wetland managers
3. The use of relevant information from wetland inventory has been promoted among other wetland users
- 4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

**B** *Choose an answer for each indicator*  
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**D**

**D**

Inventory information is used in EIAs and decisions on projects in the the vicinity of wetlands.

**Action 1.1.7.-** Give high priority to developing projects for inventory activities for the *Small Grants Fund*.

1. Wetland inventory project proposals were submitted to the Small Grants Fund and were funded
2. Wetland inventory project proposals were submitted to the Small Grants Fund and were not funded
- 3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

**C** *Choose an answer for each indicator*  
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**A**

No proposals for the funding of Inventory work was submitted.

## OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1. INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1.2: Assess and monitor the condition of wetland resources, both globally and nationally (or, where appropriate, provincially), in order to inform and underpin implementation of the Convention and in particular the application of the wise use principle**

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## COP9 REPORT SECTION

**Action 1.2.1.-** Actively contribute to the work of the *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)* project (<http://www.millenniumassessment.org>) by serving on its Board and Executive Committee and on its various working groups; analyze the MA's methodologies, results and findings at Ramsar COP9, and review the necessary actions, if any, to update and make comprehensive the global assessment of wetland resources and their condition. (Refer also to Action 1.1.5)

1. Contribution made to the work of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment project (MA)

**D** *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 contribution made to the work of the MA.]

Very little input given.

**Action r1.2.i.-** Make available to Contracting Parties and other interested organizations the findings and guidance developed by the *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)* for their use, as appropriate, of the MA guidance and methods for sub-global ecosystem assessments in the assessment of wetland ecosystems at the local, national and regional (supra-national) scale, including through international cooperation on the assessment of transboundary aquatic ecosystems. (Resolution VIII.7).

**1. MA guidance and methods used for ecosystem assessment at national scale**

**D** Choose an answer for each indicator

*A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;*

**2. MA guidance and methods used for ecosystem assessment at regional (supranational) scale**

**D**

*D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress;*

*F= Being planned; G = Being updated;*

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

**3. MA guidance and methods used for ecosystem assessment at local scale**

**D**

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the use of MA guidance and methods.]**

MA guidance and methods used for ecosystem assessment not widely used.

**Action 1.2.2.-** Establish a repository for the contribution by Contracting Parties of summarized national (or, where appropriate, provincial) assessments of changes in the status of wetland resources, as the basis for regular analysis and improved reporting on the status of wetland resources.

**1. Repository of assessments of changes in wetland status established**

**C**

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 repository of assessment of changes in wetland status, its contents and uses.]**

No repository established

**Action 1.2.5.-** Undertake assessments of the vulnerability of wetlands to change in ecological character, including their vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and sea-level rise.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: SC/Bureau to identify at least 20 Parties willing to undertake vulnerability assessments and report to COP9.**

**1. Assessments of the vulnerability of wetlands to change in ecological character were undertaken**

**F**

Choose an answer for each indicator

*A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;*

**2. The assessments include impacts of climate change**

**F**

*D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress;*

*F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H*

*= Other status (explain below); I = No*

**3. The assessments include impacts of sea-level rise**

**F**

*answer*

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

Assessments are being planned due to coastal development projects, tsunami disaster in Asia and climate change.

**Action r1.2.iv.-** Continue to document the past losses and current status and trends of coastal wetlands, including in national wetland inventories, and report on their conservation status in National Reports to COP9. (Resolution VIII.4)

**1. Past losses and current status and trends of coastal wetlands documented**

**E**

Choose an answer

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

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**2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the conservation status and trends of coastal wetlands.]**

Assessments are in progress, mainly based on wetland bird trends.

**3.- Summary on the conservation status of coastal wetlands [Please provide here a summary on the conservation status of coastal wetlands and provide reference citation to any relevant publication, reports or analysis.]**

Various stakeholders are involved in the conservation of coastal wetlands. Current threads come from pollution of the waters by fish factories, recreational activities and infrastructural development. The following conservation laws apply to the coastal wetlands, with the responsible agency listed in brackets:

- The Seashore Act (Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources).
- The Seashore Ordinance (Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources). Allows for the declaration of high and low water marks and provides for the passing of regulations that control pollution on the seashore or in the sea;
- The Sea Fisheries Act (Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources). This Act provides for the conservation of marine ecology and the orderly exploitation of marine resources.
- Regulation Relating to the Control of the Sea – Shore, the Sea and its Environment within or Adjoining the Area of Jurisdiction of the Municipality of Walvis Bay
- Walvis Bay Integrated Policy (WBM)

**Action r1.2.v.-** Update information on mangrove forest cover and conservation status and levels of use of mangroves, and provide this information to the Bureau and STRP. (Resolution VIII.32).

**1. Information on mangrove forest cover has been compiled**

**N**

*Choose an answer for each indicator*

**2. Information on conservation status of mangroves has been compiled**

**N**

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

**3. Information on levels of use of mangroves has been compiled**

**N**

*E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer*

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the information compiled related to mangroves.]**

No info on mangroves.

**Action r1.2.vi.-** Report on the impacts of dams on wetlands in the territory of each Contracting Party, in National Reports to COP9. (Resolution VIII.2).

**1.- The impacts of dams on wetlands have been assessed (if available, please include number of sites affected)**

**D**

*Choose an answer*

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**N° wetlands / Ramsar sites**

**2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the impacts of dams on wetlands, sites affected, and other additional comments you consider relevant.]**

**3.-Impacts of dams on wetlands [Please provide here a summary of impacts and provide reference citation to any relevant publications, reports or analyses.]**

**Action r1.2.vii.-** Monitor and assess the impacts of drought and other natural disasters on the ecological character of Ramsar sites and other wetlands, and on the livelihoods of local communities and indigenous peoples dependent on these wetlands, and report this information to the Ramsar Bureau and STRP. (Resolution VIII.35).

1.- Impacts of drought and other natural disasters on the ecological character of Ramsar sites and other wetlands have been assessed <i>(if available, please include number of sites assessed)</i>	<b>D</b>	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;	<b>N° wetlands /Ramsar sites</b>
2.- Impacts of drought and other natural disasters on the livelihoods of local communities and indigenous peoples dependent on these wetlands have been assessed	<b>D</b>	E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	

**3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the impacts of drought and other natural disasters on wetlands and people dependent on them, with any other information you consider relevant.]**

Floods in the Caprivi region lead to loss of properties and some lives. A national flood relief operation was launched.

**Action 1.2.6.-** Assess the contribution of Ramsar sites and other wetlands to the maintenance of fisheries, including utilizing information available from the *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)* and other assessment programmes, and recommend sustainable management practices which can contribute to the WSSD target of, where possible by 2015, maintaining or restoring depleted fish stocks to levels that can produce the maximum sustainable yield.

**1. The contribution of Ramsar sites and other wetlands to the maintenance of fisheries has been assessed**

**D**

*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.]**

Due to the increased interest in aquaculture, the potential of some sites for aquaculture was assessed.

**3. Recommendations on sustainable management practices of fish stocks in wetlands have been transmitted to relevant authorities/stakeholders**

**D**

*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

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the recommendations and their transmission to relevant authorities/stakeholders.]**

**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.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: At least 50 CPs to have undertaken water quality and quantity assessments.**

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

**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

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

Will be assessed soon.

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

### OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 2.1. Specify the most appropriate policy instrument(s) to be used in each country to ensure the wise use of wetlands

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**Action 2.1.1.-** If not yet done, develop and implement a National Wetland Policy using the guidelines adopted by COP7 for this purpose (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 2), and ensure that policy goals are explicit, comprehensive and accessible.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005:** National Wetland Policy or equivalent instrument initiated by all Parties not having it, incorporating WSSD targets and actions, as appropriate.

1. A National Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) is in place
2. The National Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) goals are explicit, comprehensive and accessible
3. The National Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) incorporates WSSD targets and actions

<b>E</b>	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i>
<b>B</b>	<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</i>
<b>B</b>	

- 4- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the status of the National Wetland Policy or equivalent instrument, its contents, and any other information you consider relevant.]*

The wetland policy underwent extensive external review and will be an official policy soon.

**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.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005:** National Wetland Policy or equivalent instrument fully integrated into other strategic and planning processes by all Parties, including poverty eradication strategies and water resources management and water efficiency plans and national strategies for sustainable development in line with WSSD targets.

1. Wetland issues have been incorporated into national strategies for sustainable development called for by WSSD
2. Wetland issues have been incorporated into poverty eradication strategies
3. Wetland issues have been incorporated into water resources management and water efficiency plans
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>B</b>	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i>
<b>B</b>	<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</i>
<b>B</b>	
<b>D</b>	

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

Since Namibia is a very dry country most legislation have water and wetland-related content.

**Action r2.1.i.-** When reviewing land tenure policies consider, where appropriate, wetland tenure systems and user rights in a manner that promotes fair, transparent and sustainable management of wetlands and their resources. (Resolution VIII.34).

**1. Wetland tenure systems and user rights have been considered in order to promote fair, transparent and sustainable management**

**D** *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 consideration of wetland tenure systems and user rights in order to promote fair, transparent and sustainable management.]**

**Action r2.1.ii.-** Give priority to reviewing legislation, policies and incentives directly or indirectly related to high Andean wetlands and prepare additional national strategies designed to ensure their wise use and conservation, duly integrated into National Wetland Policies, National Biodiversity Strategies, National Development Plans, and other similar instruments. (Resolution VIII.39)

**1. A review of legislation, policies and incentives directly or indirectly related to high Andean wetlands has been completed**

**2. The conservation and wise use of high Andean wetlands has been incorporated into relevant national strategies / processes**

**C** *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

**3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the actions taken in relation to high Andean wetlands.]**

**Action 2.1.3.-** Ensure best practice examples of integration and harmonization of policies and legislation are made available to the Ramsar Bureau and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, so as to contribute to the development of good practice guidance to assist Contracting Parties.

**1. Examples of best practice related to the integration and harmonisation of policies and legislation have been transmitted to the Ramsar Bureau/STRP**

**C** *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 implementation of this action.]**

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

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 2.2. Develop, review, amend when necessary, and implement national or supra-national policies, legislation, institutions and practices, including impact assessment and valuation, in all Contracting Parties, to ensure that the Convention, and especially the wise use principle, is being fully applied**

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**Action 2.2.1.-** Apply the *Guidelines for Reviewing laws and institutions to promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands* (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 3) to carry out a review of legislation and institutions and, as necessary, amend or modify legislation and institutional procedures to preclude unwise use of wetlands.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: SC/Bureau to identify at least 100 Parties to initiate and if possible complete by COP9 comprehensive reviews of their laws and institutions.**

**1. The Party is one of the 100 CPs identified by the Ramsar Bureau to initiate and if possible complete by COP9 a comprehensive review of wetland-related legislation and institutions**

**2. A review of legislation and institutions to promote the wise use of wetlands has been completed**

**3. Legislation and institutional procedures have been modified to preclude unwise use of wetlands**

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the review of legislation and institutions and the amendments made to preclude unwise use of wetlands.]**

*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*

**C**

**F**

**Action r2.2.i.-** Where not already undertaken, initiate intra- and inter-ministerial dialogues including, as appropriate, institutions represented in Ramsar/ National Wetland Committees where these have been established, with a view to enhanced integration of relevant policies related to the conservation of water resources, wetlands and biodiversity. (Resolution VIII.34)

**1. Intra- and/or inter-ministerial dialogues have been established**

**B**

*Choose an answer*

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*I = No answer*

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

Wetlands Working Group consists of members of various Ministries as well as NGOs. National, Bilateral and Tri-lateal committees exist to discuss issues concerning shared wetlands.

**Action r2.2.ii.-** Recognize cultural and heritage values relating to wetlands in existing heritage protection, legal frameworks and policies. (Resolution VIII.19)

*See action r3.3.iii*

**1. Cultural and heritage values related to wetlands have been incorporated into existing heritage protection, legal frameworks and policies**

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r2.2.iii.-** Give priority to assessing the conservation status of mountain wetlands, to reviewing the legislation, policies and practices that may be impacting negatively on these important ecosystems, and to taking the necessary actions for stopping and reversing such impacts. (Resolution VIII.12)

*See action r3.1.i*

1. The conservation status of mountain wetlands has been assessed
2. A review of legislation, policies and practices that may be impacting negatively on mountain wetlands has been completed
3. Actions have been taken for stopping and reversing impacts on mountain wetlands
- 4.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on assessment, reviews and other actions taken in relation to mountain wetlands.]*

**A** *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*

**Action r2.2.iv.-** Make use, as appropriate, of the *Guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental impact assessment legislation and/ or processes and in strategic environmental assessment*, as adopted by Decision VI/7 of CBD COP6, with the assistance of the guidance prepared by the STRP and embedded in the text of the CBD Guidelines (Resolution VIII.9); and encourage full participation of local communities and indigenous peoples in impact assessments. (Resolution VIII.9)

1. The Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment annexed to Resolution VIII.9 are being applied

**D** *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 application of the Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment (annex to Resolution VIII.9).]*

3. Local communities and indigenous peoples have been involved in impact assessment processes

**D** *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*

- 4.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the involvement of local communities and indigenous peoples in impact assessment processes.]*

**Action 2.2.2.-** Apply Strategic Environmental Assessment practices when reviewing national and provincial policies, programmes, and plans that may impact upon wetlands.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005:** SC/Bureau to identify at least 50 Parties to have in place Strategic Environmental Assessment for policies, programmes and plans impacting on wetlands.

1. The Party has been identified by the Ramsar Bureau as one having in place Strategic Environmental Assessment in relation to wetlands
2. A review of policies, programmes, and plans that may impact upon wetlands has been completed

**D** *Choose an answer for each indicator*  
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- 3.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the review of policies, programmes and plans that may impact upon wetlands.]*

Wetland policy almost finalized. National biodiversity strategy developed with wetlands as one of the components.

4. Strategic Environmental Assessment practices have been applied while reviewing policies, programmes and plans that may impact upon wetlands

**D** *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*

**5.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the way Strategic Environmental Assessment practices have been applied while reviewing policies, programmes and plans that may impact upon wetlands.]**

**Action 2.2.3.-** If not yet in place, develop and implement Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) legislation so as to ensure that an EIA is carried out, as appropriate, in wetlands, including Ramsar sites, where adverse impacts may occur due to a proposed development, change in land/water use, invasive species, etc., in line with additional guidance adopted by Resolution VIII.9 and enlisting the collaboration, if required, of the *International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA)*. Ensure that these impact assessments include full and appropriate consideration of the environmental, social, economic and cultural impacts.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: All CPs to have required EIA, as appropriate, for proposed projects, developments or changes which may impact on wetlands.**

1.- Legislation on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) applicable to wetlands is in place	<b>B</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.- EIA is carried out for projects, developments or changes which may impact on wetlands (if available, please include number of sites)	<b>B</b>		<b>N° wetlands / Ramsar sites</b>
3.- EIAs have included full and appropriate consideration of the environmental, social, economic and cultural impacts	<b>B</b>		

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include comments on Environmental Impact Assessment implementation at national level.]**

EIAs are required for all projects with potential negative impact on the environment.

**Action r2.2.vi.-** Establish contact with the relevant national contact points from within the networks of the *International Association for Impact Assessment* with a view to identifying sources of expertise and advice for assisting with wetland-related impact assessment. (Resolution VIII.9)

**1. Experts from the International Association for Impact assessment have been involved in EIA processes in the country**

**D**

*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 involvement of IAIA experts in EIA processes in the country.]**

**Action r2.2.vii.-** Provide impact assessment materials relevant to wetlands, including case studies indicating lessons learned, guidelines, sources of advice, and other relevant materials, to the Bureau for incorporation into the *IUCN Biodiversity Economics Web site*. (Resolution VIII.9)

**1. EIA materials, including case studies, have been transmitted to the Ramsar Bureau for loading in the EIA-dedicated Web site**

**C**

*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 EIA materials.]**

Not yet transmitted to the RAMSAR Bureau.

**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.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: STRP to have made progress on methodologies for economic, social and environmental valuation, and all CPs with experience in this area to have engaged in the STRP work.**

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

2. The Party has contributed to the STRP work on methodologies for economic, social and environmental valuation of wetland benefits and functions

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

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

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

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 3.1. Develop and disseminate methodologies to achieve the conservation and wise use of wetlands**

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**Action 3.1.1.-** Review the wise use concept, its applicability, and its consistency with the objectives of sustainable development.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: STRP to spearhead process of reviewing and updating guidance on the wise use concept, including the ecosystem approach, in particular in line with the outcomes of WSSD.**

1. Work has been done to review the wise use concept, its applicability and its consistency with the objectives of sustainable development

2. The Party has contributed to the STRP work to review and update the guidance on the wise use concept, including the ecosystem approach

3.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the revision of the wise use concept and contribution to STRP work, if applicable.]*

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

**Action 3.1.2.-** Compile advice, methods and best practice studies for the wise use of wetlands, including the application of the ecosystem approach, and disseminate these to wetland managers

1. Advice, methods and best practice studies on the wise use of wetlands, including the application of the ecosystem approach, have been compiled and distributed to wetland managers

**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*

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

Not distributed yet.

**Action 3.1.3.-** Ensure that the principles embodied in the *Convention's new management planning guidelines* adopted by Resolution VIII.14 are applied to decision-making about, and the wise use of, all wetlands.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005:** All CPs to consider how to adapt and to incorporate, as necessary, into national practice the new management planning guidelines to the wise use of all wetlands.

**1. Ramsar's new management planning guidelines (Resolution VIII.14) have been adapted and incorporated into national practice**

**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*

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

**Action 3.1.4.-** Disseminate and encourage the use of the Convention's guidance on the wise use concept to governments, responsible agencies and bilateral and multilateral donor organizations, in order to assist their development and implementation of sustainable development funding policies that fully address the conservation and wise use of wetlands.

**1. Ramsar guidance on the wise use concept and its application has been made available to appropriate decision-makers, institutions and processes**

**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 additional comments on the implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.1.i.-** Share information, expertise and experience concerning the study, conservation and wise use of mountain and high altitude wetlands, and develop, as appropriate, national, regional or local strategies and plans for their conservation and wise use, particularly with a view to strengthening coordination of Ramsar implementation with work underway in the framework of bilateral and multilateral environmental agreements, especially the *Convention on Biological Diversity* and the *UN Framework Convention on Climate Change*, and those agreements dealing specifically with mountains, as well as with the initiatives of international organizations, including the *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*, with the Bureau to report on progress to COP9. (Resolution VIII.12)

*See action r2.2.iii*

1. Actions have been taken to improve the awareness and understanding of values and functions of mountain and high altitude wetlands

**A** *Choose an answer for each indicator*

*A = Not applicable;*

*B = Yes;*

*C = No;*

*D = Partly/ in some cases;*

*E = In progress;*

*F= Being planned;*

**A** *G = Being updated;*

*H = Other status (explain below);*

**A** *I = No answer*

4. Ramsar work on mountain wetlands has been coordinated with other environment-related and mountain-related agreements and institutions

5.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on information available and strategies developed concerning mountain and high altitude wetlands.]*

**Action r3.1.iii.-** Establish, with the support of IOPs and other partners and collaborators of the Convention, specific work programmes for high Andean wetlands and the basins fed by them, in order to preserve their valuable biodiversity, their function as regulators of water, and as living space of many local and peasant communities and indigenous peoples. (Resolution VIII.39)

1. Specific work programmes for the wise use of high Andean wetlands and the basins fed by them have been established

**A** *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 implementation of this action.]*

**Action r3.1.v.-** Exchange information relating to the conservation, integrated management and sustainable use of mangrove ecosystems, especially where this involves the full participation of local communities and indigenous peoples. (Resolution VIII.32)

1. Information relating to the conservation, integrated management and sustainable use of mangrove ecosystems, especially in relation to the participation of local communities and indigenous people, has been exchanged with other Parties and institutions

**C** *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 implementation of this action.]*

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

### **OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 3.2. Ensure the conservation and wise use of peatlands as a demonstration of the ecosystem-based approach under the Convention**

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**Action r3.2.i.-** Establish a Coordinating Committee for Global Action on Peatlands and prepare an implementation plan for global action on peatlands. (Resolution VIII.17)

**1. The Party has participated in the Ramsar Bureau-led process to establish a Coordinating Committee for Global Action on Peatlands**

**A** 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 implementation of this action.]**

**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)**

**A** 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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.2.ii.-** Identify and make available sources of funds in order that the activities identified in the implementation plan for global action on peatlands can be undertaken. (Resolution VIII.17)

**1. Funds have been made available at national level for the implementation of the Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands**

**A** 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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.2.iii.-** Include information on the status and trends in national peatland resources in National Reports to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the *Ramsar Convention*, and other conventions, as appropriate. (Resolution VIII.17)

**1. Summary of the status and trends in national peatland resources is available**

**A** 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.- Status and trends in national peatland resources [Please include information on the conservation status and trends of peatland resources and provide reference citation to any relevant publications, reports or analyses.]**

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

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 3.3. Increase recognition of the significance of wetlands for reasons of water supply, coastal protection, flood defense, food security, poverty alleviation, cultural heritage, and scientific research**

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**Action 3.3.1.-** As part of national (or, as appropriate, provincial) wetland inventories, assess and document wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of water supply, coastal protection, flood defense, food security, poverty alleviation, cultural heritage, and/or scientific research, and, where appropriate, seek to have these sites protected in recognition of these values.

*See action 1.1.2*

**1. Measures have been taken to protect wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of water supply, coastal protection, flood defense, food security, poverty alleviation, cultural heritage, and/or scientific research**

**A**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action 3.3.3.-** Consider using the guiding principles in Annex I of Resolution VIII.19 to promote full recognition of the social and cultural heritage of wetlands, and ensure that this is fully appreciated and taken into account in their wise use and management.

*See actions r2.2.ii, 6.1.6*

**1. Actions have been taken to promote the recognition of the social and cultural heritage of wetlands**

**D**

*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. The social and cultural heritage of wetlands is being taken into account in their wise use and management**

**D**

**3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the on recognition of social and cultural heritage of wetlands.]**

The involvement of local leaders and communities in planning minimizes over-exploitation of certain wetland products. For example, local fisherman are involved in aquaculture planning as well as sustainable fishing planning for the nearby rivers.

**Action r3.3.ii.-** Urge public institutions to ensure that a more decisive effort be made with regard to groundwater, placing emphasis on the hydro-geological, social, economic and environmental aspects within the framework of communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) regarding wetlands. (Resolution VIII.40)

1. Actions have been taken to ensure that public institutions place emphasis on the hydrogeological, social, economic and environmental aspects of groundwater

**C** 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 implementation of this action.]

**Action r3.3.iii.-** Within national and legal frameworks and available resources and capacity, consider *inter alia* the compilation and assessment of both material and non-material cultural elements related to wetlands and water, taking into account, as appropriate, intellectual property rights, customary law, and the principle of prior informed consent, in accordance with CBD and WIPO rules; promoting the appreciation and revitalization of these cultural values among populations close to wetlands, and in general among the wider public; including all relevant aspects of cultural heritage in the design and implementation of wetland management, carrying out such efforts with active participation of indigenous peoples, local communities and other stakeholders; and consider using the cultural values of wetlands as a tool to strengthen this involvement, particularly in wetland planning and management. (Resolution VIII.19)

1. Compilation(s) and assessment(s) of both material and non-material cultural elements related to wetlands and water have been undertaken

2. Actions have been taken to promote the appreciation and revitalization of cultural values related to wetlands and water

3. All relevant aspects of cultural heritage have been incorporated in the design and implementation of wetland management

4. Cultural values of wetlands have been used as a tool to strengthen involvement of local stakeholders, particularly in wetland planning and management

5.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the actions made to take into consideration cultural heritage and values of wetlands.]

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

**Action 3.3.4.-** Develop and implement wise use wetland programmes and projects that contribute to poverty alleviation objectives and food and water security plans at local, national and regional levels.

1. Wise use wetland programmes and/or projects that contribute to poverty alleviation objectives and food and water security plans have been developed

**D** 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 implementation of this action.]

Aquaculture is being promoted for poverty alleviation.

**Action 3.3.5.-** Promote research, including through the establishment of national and regional research and training centres, into the role of wetlands in water supply, coastal protection, flood defense, food security, poverty alleviation, and cultural heritage.

*See action 20.1.8*

**1. Research has been promoted on the role of wetlands in any of the following areas: water supply, coastal protection, flood defense, food security, poverty alleviation, and cultural heritage**

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

Surveys of selected wetlands, such as, the Kunene River, Ugab River, Pans in Odjozondjupa, and State impoundments have been conducted annually.

**Action r3.3.v.-** Secure the wise use of temporary pools through ensuring, as a high priority, that their management is sustainable, respecting their specific characteristics and addressing root causes of their loss and degradation, taking into consideration the guidance in Resolution VIII.33, and including by:

- i) undertaking, as far as possible, baseline inventory of temporary pools;
- ii) raising awareness of their presence and their specific values and functions;
- iii) ensuring the maintenance of their specific hydrological functioning;
- iv) ensuring that their natural resources are sustainably used and not overexploited;
- v) recognizing the commitment to, and importance of, temporary pools to local communities and indigenous peoples, and supporting their management and protection; and
- vi) undertaking regular surveillance of temporary pools so as to identify and avert any threat to their values and functions, always considering the traditional uses and management. (Resolution VIII.33)

**1. Actions have been taken to secure the wise use of temporary pools**

**D** *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 implementation of this action.]**

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

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 3.4. 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**

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**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 *Guidelines for integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management* (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 4) have been used/applied**

**D** *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 application of the Guidelines for integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management.]**

**3. The Party has participated in the Ramsar/CBD River Basin Initiative**

**D** 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

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the participation in the Ramsar/CBD River Basin Initiative.]**

**Action r3.4.i.-** Ensure that due attention is given to the role of mountain and high-altitude wetlands, and the importance of their conservation and wise use, in the preparation and implementation of river basin management plans. (Resolution VIII.12)

**1. Due attention has been promoted / given to the role of mountain and high altitude wetlands in the preparation and implementation of river basin management plans**

**A** 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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.ii.-** Use, where appropriate, in managing or assessing the impact of dams on sensitive riverine and wetland ecosystems, all available information, including information provided by the World Commission on Dams (WCD), in association with the guidance adopted by the Ramsar Convention, to inform and guide local and national processes for allocation of water resources and decision-making, in order to ensure that wetlands and their values and functions are fully taken into account in decision-making on large dams. (Resolution VIII.2)

**1. Wetland values and functions have been taken into account in decision-making on large dams**

**D** 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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.iii.-** Take the necessary steps, wherever possible and appropriate, in order to maintain the migration access for indigenous fish and other species past dams. (Resolution VIII.2)

**1. Steps have been taken to ensure that dams are not impeding the migration of indigenous fish and other species**

**D** 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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.iv.-** Undertake the systematic implementation of environmental flow assessments, where appropriate, to mitigate socio-economic and ecological impacts of large dams on wetlands, and encourage the development of appropriate centres of expertise on environmental flow assessment and implementation, and in doing so apply the *Guidelines on water allocation and management for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands* (Resolutions VIII.1, VIII.2)

1. Assessments of environmental flow have been undertaken in relation to mitigation of impacts of large dams

**D**

*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 assessments of environmental flow undertaken in relation to mitigation of impacts of large dams.]*

3.- Centres of expertise on environmental flow assessment and implementation have been encouraged *(if available, please include number of centres)*

**C**

*Choose an answer*

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**N° centres**

4.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[If applicable, please include information on the centres of expertise on environmental flow assessment and implementation that have been encouraged.]*

**Action 3.4.5.-** Apply the *Guidelines for integrating wetlands into integrated coastal zone management (ICZM)* as adopted by Resolution VIII.4.

1. The *Guidelines for integrating wetlands into integrated coastal zone management* (Resolution VIII.4) have been used/applied

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]*

**Action r3.4.vi.-** Document case studies of good practice in the integration of wetlands into ICZM and make these available to the Convention for review by the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) as the basis for preparing further guidance on wetlands and ICZM under the Convention. (Resolution VIII. 4)

1. Case studies of good practice examples on the integration of wetlands into Integrated Coastal Zone Management have been transmitted to the Ramsar Bureau

**C**

*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 implementation of this action.]*

**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.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005:** All CPs to have made available the guidance on water allocation and management for ecosystems to support decision-making on water resource management in all CPs, as a contribution to achieve the WSSD target on water resources management and water efficiency plans.

1. The *Guidelines for allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions of wetlands* (Resolution VIII.1) have been used/applied in decision-making related to freshwater

**D** *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 implementation of this action.]*

**Action r3.4.viii.-** Bring the *Guidelines for allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands* and the additional guidance on tools and methodologies to the attention of national ministries and/or agencies (at different levels of territorial organization) responsible for water resource management; encourage these bodies to apply the guidance in order to ensure appropriate allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands in their territory; ensure that the principles contained in the Ramsar Guidelines are incorporated into national policies on water and on wetlands; and include representatives of national water management ministries and/or agencies in the membership of National Ramsar/Wetland Committees. (Resolution VIII.1)

*See action 18.1.2*

1. Representatives of national water management ministries and/or agencies are included in National Ramsar/Wetland Committee

**C** *Choose an answer*  
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H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer

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

The Wetland Working Group consists of Government and NGO members.

**Action r3.4.ix.-** Develop projects and other activities that promote and demonstrate good practice in water allocation and management for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands, make such good practice examples available to others through the information exchange mechanisms of the *Ramsar/CBD River Basin Initiative*, and report to COP9 on the successes achieved and lessons learned from these activities. (Resolution VIII.1)

1. Projects that promote and demonstrate good practice in water allocation and management for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands have been developed

**C** *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 relevant projects.]*

3.- Summary on successes achieved and lessons learned in developing this type of projects *[Please provide a summary on the relevant projects, successes achieved, and lessons learned in their development.]*

**Action r3.4.x.-** Develop mechanisms to better plan and manage for the wise use of water in the Andean region. (Resolution VIII.39)

**1. Mechanisms to better plan and manage the wise use of water in the Andean Region have been developed**

**A** *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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.xi.-** Seek to maintain, as far as practicable in countries affected by drought, the continued allocation of water to Ramsar sites and other wetlands, so as to ensure that they can continue to provide their full range of values and functions for people and biological diversity. (Resolution VIII.35)

**1. Efforts have been made to maintain continued allocation of water to Ramsar sites and other wetlands in situations of drought**

**D** *Choose an answer*  
*A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;*  
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*H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer*

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

Irrigation projects along the Orange River are carefully discussed and appropriate decision take based on the volumes of wwater to be extracted and other factors. In e.g. the Etosha Pan, there is little to be done during prolonged droughts since the system is fed by ephemeral rivers and rain.

**Action r3.4.xiv.-** Study, from an interdisciplinary point of view and with the participation of civil society, the impact of the use of groundwater on the conservation of the wetlands in those territories where these impacts exist. (Resolution VIII.40)

**1. Interdisciplinary studies on the impact of the use of groundwater on the conservation of wetlands have been undertaken**

**D** *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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.xv.-** Promote proposals for the participation of civil society, both public and private, related to the management of groundwater within the framework of integrated management of water resources. (Resolution VIII.40)

**1. The participation of civil society in the management of groundwater resources has been promoted**

**D** *Choose an answer*  
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*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 implementation of this action.]**

**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.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: All relevant CPs to have assessed implications of *Kyoto Protocol* implementation on wetlands (including applying COP8 restoration guidelines).**

*See action 4.1.4*

**1. The implications of implementation of the Kyoto Protocol for wetland conservation have been assessed**

**D**

*Choose an answer*

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

**Action r3.4.xvi.-** Make every effort, when implementing UNFCCC and, where appropriate, its *Kyoto Protocol*, including revegetation and forest management, afforestation and reforestation, that this implementation does not lead to serious damage to the ecological character of their wetlands, using, where appropriate, strategic and other forms of environmental impact assessment and risk assessment, taking account Resolutions VII.10, VII.16 and VIII.9, as well as Article 4.1 of the UNFCCC and Article 2.1 of the Kyoto Protocol, as appropriate. (Resolution VIII.3)

**1. Efforts have been made to avoid serious damage to the ecological character of wetlands due to the implementation of UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol**

**D**

*Choose an answer*

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

**Action r3.4.xvii.-** Consider, and use as appropriate, the information on climate change and wetlands in the background papers Ramsar COP8 DOC. 11 and COP8 DOC. 40 when integrating climate change considerations into national policy pertaining to the conservation and wise use of wetlands. (Resolution VIII.3)

**1. The information provided in COP8 documents related to climate change has been considered and used in national policies pertaining to wetlands**

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.xviii.-** Take action to minimize the degradation, as well as to promote restoration, and improve management practices of those peatlands and other wetland types that are significant carbon stores, or have the ability to sequester carbon and are considered as mitigation factors, as well as to increase the adaptive capacity of society to respond to the changes in these ecosystems due to climate change. (Resolution VIII.3)

**1. Actions have been taken to minimize degradation, restore and improve management of peatlands and other wetland types that are significant carbon stores, or have the ability to sequester carbon**

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.xix.-** Recognize the important role of mangrove ecosystems in mitigating climate change and sea-level rise, especially in low-lying areas and Small Island Developing States, and plan their management, including required adaptation measures, so as to ensure that mangrove ecosystems may respond to impacts caused by climate change and sea-level rise. (Resolution VIII.32)

**1. Management planning measures have been taken to preserve the role of mangrove ecosystems in mitigating climate change and sea-level rise**

**A** *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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.xx.-** Undertake, where possible, studies of the role of wetlands in carbon storage and sequestration and in mitigating the impacts of sea-level rise and make their findings available to the Convention. (Resolution VIII.3)

**1. Studies on the role of wetlands in carbon storage and sequestration and in mitigating the impacts of sea-level rise have been undertaken**

**C** *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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r3.4.xxiv.-** Contribute information on wetlands and agriculture to the *Wise Use Resource Centre* maintained by the Ramsar Bureau, to the *River Basin Initiative* and to the *Dialogue on Water, Food and Environment*, and future meetings of the *World Water Forum*. (Resolution VIII.34)

**1. Information on wetlands and agriculture has been transmitted to the Ramsar Bureau and others**

**C** *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 implementation of this action.]**

## OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 4. RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 4.1. 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**

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**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.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: All CPs with lost or degraded wetlands to have identified priority sites for restoration; restoration projects underway or completed in at least 100 CPs.**

**Action 4.1.2.-** Établir, lorsque c'est possible, des programmes de restauration/remise en état des zones humides détruites ou dégradées, en particulier dans les grands bassins hydrographiques ou les régions très importantes pour la conservation de la nature, conformément à la Recommandation 4.1 et aux Résolutions VII.17 et VII.20.

**1. Wetland restoration / rehabilitation programmes or projects have been developed**

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r4.1.i.-** Report on progress in implementation of Actions 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 in triennial National Reports to the COP (Resolution VIII.16).

*See action 1.1.2*

**1.- Actions have been taken to restore / rehabilitate those wetlands defined as priority for restoration (if available, please include number of sites)**

**C**

*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**

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

**Action r4.1.ii.-** Integrate fully the *Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration* (Resolution VIII.16) into National Wetland Policies and plans, paying particular attention to issues of legislation, impact assessment, incentive measures, and the mitigation of impacts of climate change and sea-level rise. (Resolution VIII.16).

**1. The *Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration* (Resolution VIII.16) have been integrated into the National Wetland Policy or equivalent instrument(s)**

**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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r4.1.iii.-** Pay particular attention to the role of wetland restoration in management at the catchment and river basin level in relation to the allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions (Resolution VIII.1), integrating the conservation and wise use of wetlands into river basin management (Resolution VII.18), and transboundary action (Resolution VII.19). (Resolution VIII.16).

**1. The role of wetland restoration has been taken into account in river basin management**

**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 implementation of this action.]**

Poluter-pay principle and the precautionary principle are promoted.

**Action 4.1.3.-** Compile information on new research and methodologies for the restoration and rehabilitation of lost or degraded wetlands and disseminate this information.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005:** Continue to add new case studies and methods to Ramsar wetland restoration Web site.

1. Information and/or case studies on wetland restoration and rehabilitation is available
2. Information on new research and methodologies for wetland restoration/rehabilitation has been compiled and disseminated

**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*

3.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the information on restoration/rehabilitation of wetlands and its dissemination.]*

**Action 4.1.4.-** Apply the guidelines on wetland restoration adopted by Resolution VIII.16 to 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.

*See action 3.4.9*

1. The *Principles and guidelines on wetland restoration (Resolution VIII.16)* have been used in the assessment of the implications of the implementation of the *Kyoto Protocol* for wetland conservation

**D** *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 implementation of this action.]*

**Action r4.1.iv.-** Apply the *Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration* when considering the provision of compensation under Article 4.2 of the Convention, using the guidelines for such provision of compensation adopted by Resolution VIII.20. (Resolution VIII.16)

1. The *Principles and guidelines on wetland restoration (Resolution VIII.16)* have been applied in relation to the provision of compensation under Article 4.2 of the Convention

**D** *Choose an answer*  
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*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 implementation of this action.]*

**Action r4.1.v.-** Ensure, when implementing the *Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration*, that the cultural and archaeological heritage significance of wetlands being considered for restoration is fully recognized so as to ensure that this significance is maintained, taking into account the *Guiding principles for taking into account the cultural values of wetlands for the effective management of sites*, annexed to Resolution VIII.19. (Resolution VIII.16).

*See action r3.3.iii*

**1. Cultural and archaeological heritage significance of wetlands has been considered in restoration actions**

**B**

*Choose an answer*

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

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

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

**Action r4.1.vi.-** Identify, as part of national training needs assessments, training needs in wetland restoration, identify training opportunities and expertise in wetland restoration, and create relevant training modules as part of the *Ramsar Wetland Training Initiative*, once established. (Resolution VIII.16). (Refer also to Action 20.1.5)

*See action 20.1.5*

**1. Training needs in relation to wetland restoration have been assessed**

**D**

*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. Training opportunities and expertise in relation to wetland restoration have been identified**

**D**

**3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on training needs and opportunities in relation to wetland restoration.]**

Training attended: Watershed Management (Sweden, Tanzania); Wetlands Management (Malawi)

(USA), Coastal Wetlands Management (Tanzania)

**Action r4.1.vii.-** Investigate opportunities to link poverty relief to wetland restoration, by incorporating the provision of work, skills and opportunities into restoration projects and by focusing on the restoration of ecosystem goods and services upon which communities depend. (Resolution VIII.16).

**1. Restoration projects linked to poverty relief have been developed and implemented**

**C**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r4.1.viii.-** Disseminate the *Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration* (Resolution VIII.16) to community stakeholders who have an interest in wetland restoration; and involve local communities and indigenous peoples in restoring and maintaining wetlands, in line with the guidance in Resolution VII.8 concerning establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous peoples' participation in the management of wetlands. (Resolution VIII.16).

**1. The *Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration* have been disseminated to community stakeholders**

**D**

*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. Local communities and indigenous peoples have been involved in wetland restoration activities**

**C**

**3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the dissemination of the *Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration and the involvement of local communities and indigenous peoples in wetland restoration.*]**

**Action r4.1.ix.-** Utilise the information and resources of *Ramsar's restoration Web site*, and contribute relevant additional information on wetland restoration projects and experience to this Web site, so as to increase the wide availability of such information, and particularly to provide demonstration projects that illustrate the application of the principles and guidelines adopted by Resolution VIII.16. (Resolution VIII.16)

**1. The Ramsar Web site on wetland restoration has been used and materials have been provided to it**

**D** *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 use of Ramsar web site on wetland restoration and the materials provided to it, if applicable.]**

**Action r4.1.xi.-** Prepare guidance on compensation for wetland losses in response to Resolution VII.24, and report on these matters to COP9. (Resolution VIII.16)

**1. Contribution has been made to preparation of guidance on compensation for wetland losses, in response to Resolution VII.24**

**C** *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 implementation of this action.]**

## OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 5. INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

### OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 5.1. Develop guidance and promote protocols and actions to prevent, control or eradicate invasive alien species in wetland systems

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**Action r5.1.ii.-** Work closely with counterpart national focal points for the *Convention on Biological Diversity*, the *UN Convention to Combat Desertification*, the *UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB)*, the *International Maritime Organization (IMO)*, and others in the development and implementation of national policies, strategies and management responses to threats from invasive alien species, and ensure that prevention, eradication and control of such species are fully incorporated in national legislation and national wetland and biodiversity policies, strategies and action plans, applying the *Ramsar Guidelines for reviewing laws and institutions to promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands* (Ramsar Handbook 3) and *Guidelines for developing and implementing National Wetland Policies* (Ramsar Handbook 2). (Resolution VIII.18)

**1. National policy, strategy and management responses to threats from invasive species have been developed and implemented**

**D** *Choose an answer for each indicator*

*A = Not applicable;*

**2. Prevention, eradication and control of invasive alien species have been fully incorporated in national legislation and national wetland and biodiversity policies, strategies and action plans**

**B**

*B = Yes;*

*C = No;*

*D = Partly/ in some cases;*

*E = In progress;*

*F= Being planned;*

**3. Actions related to invasive species have been carried out in cooperation with the focal points of other conventions and international organizations/processes**

**D**

*G = Being updated;*

*H = Other status (explain below);*

*I = No answer*

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on incorporation of invasive species matters in national legislation and policies, actions taken, and cooperation in this field.]**

**Action r5.1.iii.-** Undertake risk assessments of alien species which may pose a threat to the ecological character of wetlands, taking into account the potential changes to ecosystems from the effects of global climate change, and applying the guidance available in Ramsar's *Wetland Risk Assessment Framework* (Resolution VII.10). (Resolution VIII.18)

**1. Risk assessments of alien species that pose a threat to wetlands have been undertaken**

**D** 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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r5.1.iv.-** Identify the presence of invasive alien species in Ramsar sites and other wetlands in the Party's territory, the threats they pose to the ecological character of these wetlands (including the risk of invasions by such species not yet present within each site), and the actions underway or planned for their prevention, eradication or control; for Ramsar sites, report on this to the Ramsar Bureau without delay in line with Article 3.2 of the Convention, so that this information may be included in the *Ramsar Sites Database* (refer also to Operational Objective 11.2); and make information provided by Contracting Parties available to the *Convention on Biological Diversity* and others in support of the implementation of the *CBD-Ramsar Joint Work Plan 2002-2006*. (Resolution VIII.18)

**1.- Problems of invasion by alien species in Ramsar sites have been assessed and communicated to the Ramsar Bureau pursuant Article 3.2 of the Convention (if applicable, please include number of sites)**

**C** 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**

**2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the problems of invasion by alien species, sites affected and other additional comments you consider relevant.]**

**Action r5.1.v.-** Cooperate fully in the prevention, early warning in transboundary wetlands, eradication and control of invasive species concerning invasive species in shared wetlands, river systems, and coastal/marine zones, including examining carefully, prior to moving water between river basins, the potential environmental impacts due to invasive species, and applying the *Guidelines for international cooperation under the Ramsar Convention* (Ramsar Handbook 9) in recognition that many aquatic invasive species, both inland and coastal and marine species, can spread rapidly and repeatedly throughout entire wetland ecosystems, river basins and coastal and marine zones, such that eradication in one place may not prove effective at preventing further invasions. (Resolution VIII.18)

**1. International cooperation related to invasive species in transboundary/shared wetlands and water systems has been agreed and implemented**

**D** 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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action 5.1.2.-** In collaboration with the *Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP)*, the *Convention on Biological Diversity*, Ramsar's International Organization Partners, and interested Parties, continue to develop and disseminate practical guidance for the prevention, control and eradication of invasive species, based on case studies and documented experiences from around the world.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: Guidance for invasives' management prepared.**

**1. Practical guidance for the prevention, control and eradication of invasive species has been developed and disseminated**

**D** *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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r5.1.ix.-** In the development and implementation of national strategies and responses to invasive alien species, recognize that terrestrial invasions by alien species can threaten and affect the ecological character of wetlands, including through the lowering of water tables and alteration of water flow patterns, and ensure that appropriate measures to prevent or control such invasions are in place. (Resolution VIII.18)

**1. The impact on wetlands of terrestrial invasions by alien species has been assessed**

**C** *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 implementation of this action.]**

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

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 6.1. Encourage active and informed participation of local communities and indigenous people, in particular women and youth, in the conservation and wise use of wetlands**

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**Action 6.1.1.-** Apply the *Guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous people's participation in the management of wetlands* (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 5), giving particular attention to the importance of incentive measures (refer to Operational Objective 8.1), the building of trust, the need for flexible approaches, the exchange of knowledge, capacity building and the continuity of resources and efforts.

**1. The guidance for the participation of local communities and indigenous people in wetland management has been applied**

**D** *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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action 6.1.2.-** In consultation with and with the full support of indigenous people, document and encourage the application of appropriate traditional knowledge and management practices of indigenous people and local communities in the conservation and wise use of wetlands, particularly where wetlands are under the traditional ownership of local communities and indigenous people.

**1. Traditional knowledge and management practices in relation to wetlands has been documented and its application encouraged**

**D** *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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action 6.1.4.-** Promote public participation in decision-making processes with respect to wetlands and their conservation and ensure that there is full sharing with the stakeholders of technical and other information related to the selection of Ramsar sites and management of all wetlands.

**1.- Public participation in decision-making with respect to wetlands has been promoted**

**D** *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 promotion of public participation in decision-making with respect to wetlands.]**

**3.- Local stakeholders have been involved in the selection of new Ramsar sites (if applicable, please include number of sites)**

**D** *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°  
Ramsar  
sites**

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the participation of local stakeholders in Ramsar site selection, the sites involved (if applicable), and any other additional comments you consider relevant.]**

**Action r6.1.i.-** Implement, where appropriate, Resolution VII.8 on *Guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous people's participation in the management of wetlands* with respect to the planning and operation phases of dams, and extend this principle of participation to wider issues related to water resources management at basin level, utilising Resolution VII.18 on *Guidelines for integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management*, and Resolution VIII.14 on *New Guidelines for management planning for Ramsar sites and other wetlands*. (Resolution VIII.2)

**1. Local stakeholders have been involved in wider issues related to water resources management at basin level**

**D** *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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action 6.1.5.-** Elaborate for consideration by COP9 further guidance on the application of the *Guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous people's participation in the management of wetlands* (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 5), based on experiences gained at the field level, and in particular the experience of Pacific Island States and other Small Island Developing States, and working with the CBD and others in line with the *CBD-Ramsar 3rd Joint Work Plan*.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: Elaborated guidelines, developed jointly with CBD, available to COP9.**

**1. Resource information on local communities' and indigenous people's participation in wetland management has been compiled**

**C**

*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 information on the resources compiled about local communities' and indigenous people's participation in wetland management.]**

**3. The Party has contributed with case studies and other materials to the elaboration of further guidance on the participation of local communities and indigenous people in wetland management**

**C**

*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*

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the contribution to the elaboration of the guidance indicated above.]**

**Action r6.1.iii.-** Report on progress and successful experiences in applying Participatory Environmental Management strategies, in National Reports to COP9. (Resolution VIII.36)

**1. Participatory Environmental Management strategies have been applied**

**D**

*Choose an answer*

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**2.- Summary on progress and successes in relation to Participatory Environmental Management strategies [Please provide here a summary on progress and successes and other additional comments you consider relevant.]**

**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.

*See action r3.3.iii*

**1. The guiding principles on cultural values (Resolution VIII.19) have been used or applied**

**D**

*Choose an answer*

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**2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the application of the Guiding Principles on cultural values.]**

**3. Resource information and case studies on cultural aspects of wetlands have been compiled**

**C**

*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*

**4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the resource information compiled.]**

**Action r6.1.v.-** Establish appropriate consultation mechanisms at regional or national levels, in order to consider how the list of Guiding Principles included in the Annex to Resolution VIII.19 might be applied in developing and promoting cultural values of wetlands. (Resolution VIII.19)

**1. Consultation mechanisms on the application of the guiding principles on cultural values have been established**

**C**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r6.1.vi.-** Consider using the cultural values of wetlands as a tool to strengthen active participation of indigenous peoples, local communities and other stakeholders in wetland conservation and wise use, particularly in wetland planning and management. (Resolution VIII.19)

**1. Cultural values of wetlands are being used to improve local stakeholders' involvement in wetland planning and management**

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action r6.1.vii.-** Consider conducting appropriate joint educational and training activities with regard to the cultural values of wetlands and developing pilot projects for testing on a local, regional and national scale further improvement of the application of and/or integration of the Guiding Principles included in the Annex to Resolution VIII.19 in wetland conservation and wise use. (Resolution VIII.19)

**1. Educational and training activities have been developed in relation to cultural aspects of wetlands**

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

A book on wetlands, covering various issues is being written for use in secondary schools.

**Action r6.1.ix.-** Undertake the necessary measures to retrieve, assess and document for current use all ancestral practices of indigenous peoples that are compatible with the environment in the Andean region. (Resolution VIII.39)

**1. The ancestral practices of indigenous people in the Andean region that are compatible with environment protection have been retrieved, assessed, and documented**

**A**

*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 implementation of this action.]**

**Action 6.1.7.-** Apply the *New guidelines on management planning for Ramsar sites and other wetlands* (Resolution VIII.14) in such a way as to ensure the full incorporation of the cultural features of wetlands in their sustainable use.

1.- Cultural values of wetlands have been incorporated into the management planning of Ramsar sites and other wetlands <i>(if available, please include number of sites)</i>	<b>D</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	<b>N° wetlands / Ramsar sites</b>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include information on the incorporation of cultural values into management planning, sites involved, and other comments you consider relevant.]*

## OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 7. PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

### OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 7.1. Promote the involvement of the private sector in the conservation and wise use of wetlands

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**Action 7.1.1.-** Encourage the private sector to apply the wise use principle (Ramsar Handbooks 1 to 6) in their activities and investments affecting wetlands.

1. The private sector has been encouraged to apply the wise use principle in activities and investments concerning wetlands

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]*

**Action 7.1.2.-** Seek opportunities to involve the private sector, national science academies, universities and other professional, scientific, and technical societies of recognized merit in wetland-related decision-making, through vehicles such as National Ramsar/Wetlands Committees, site or river basin management authorities/committees, and outreach activities.

1. The private sector, academia and specialized institutions have been brought into decision-making related to wetlands

**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 implementation of this action.]*

**Action 7.1.4.-** Establish, where appropriate, national and local private-sector “Friends of Wetlands” forums where companies can seek advice on applying wise use practices in their businesses, and can also identify opportunities for supporting the activities of the Convention.

1. A private-sector “Friends of Wetlands” forum or equivalent mechanism has been established

**D**

*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 implementation of this action.]*

An NGO is involved with coastal wetlands.

**Action 7.1.5.-** Review, in cooperation with the private sector, domestic and international trade in wetland-derived plant and animal products, both exports and imports, and as appropriate implement the necessary legal, institutional and administrative measures to ensure that harvesting is sustainable and in accordance with the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)*.

1. A review of domestic and international trade in wetland-derived plant and animal products has been carried out
2. Legal, institutional and administrative measures are being implemented to ensure sustainable harvesting of wetland products

**D** *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*

3.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the measures taken to ensure sustainable harvesting and trade of wetland products.]*

## OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 8. INCENTIVES

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 8.1. Promote incentive measures that encourage the application of the wise use principle, and the removal of perverse incentives**

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**Action 8.1.1.-** Continue to review existing, or evolving, policy, legal and institutional frameworks to identify and promote those measures which encourage conservation and wise use of wetlands and to identify and remove measures which discourage conservation and wise use.

**GLOBAL TARGET 2003-2005: SC/Bureau to have identified at least 50 CPs to have reviewed policy and legal and institutional frameworks and sought to remove measures adversely affecting wetland conservation and wise use.**

1. A review of positive and perverse incentive measures in relation to the conservation and wise use of wetlands has been completed
2. Actions have been taken to promote incentive measures which encourage conservation and wise use of wetlands
3. Actions have been taken to remove perverse incentive measures which discourage conservation and wise use of wetlands

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

4.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on the promotion and implementation of incentive measures and removal of perverse ones.]*

**Action r8.1.ii.-** When reviewing agricultural policies, identify possible subsidies or incentives that may be having negative impacts, on water resources in general and on wetlands in particular, in the territory of a Contracting Party and/or elsewhere in the world consistent with their other international rights and obligations, and remove or replace them by incentives that would contribute to wetland conservation, ensuring that these activities and support measures should not support agricultural policies that are inconsistent with trade-related agreements. (Resolution VIII.34)

1. Agriculture subsidies or incentives having negative impacts on water resources and in wetlands in particular have been identified

A

*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;

2. Actions have been taken to remove or replace agriculture subsidies or incentives having negative impacts on water resources and in wetlands in particular

A

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

3.- Implementation progress since COP8 *[Please include additional comments on agriculture subsidies and incentives and their impacts on water resources and wetlands.]*

**Action r8.1.iii.-** Review programmes of subsidies concerning the use of groundwater in order to guarantee that those programmes do not lead to negative consequences for the conservation of wetlands. (Resolution VIII.40)

1. The programmes of subsidies concerning the use of groundwater have been reviewed in relation to the negative consequences that they may have on wetland conservation

A

*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 implementation of this action.]*

## OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) <sup>2</sup>

### OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE R9.I. Integrate CEPA processes into all levels of policy development, planning and implementation of the Convention

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**Action r9.i.ii.-** Integrate wetland CEPA into all relevant regional (where applicable), national, catchment and local wetland and other appropriate sectoral policies, strategies, plans and programmes, such as those for biodiversity conservation, water management, fisheries, poverty reduction, etc.

1. Wetland CEPA has been incorporated into sectoral policies, strategies, plans and programmes

D

*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 implementation of this action.]*

CEPA is currently not a strong component of the draft Wetlands Policy

<sup>2</sup> 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).