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

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

1.- Country has a comprehensive National Wetland Inventory *(if inventory exists, please include the number of sites)*

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- Conducting the *National Inland Wetland Survey Programme* since 2000 (Ministry of Environment)
- Ministry of Environment, ROK, is establishing the *National Wetland Eco-Atlas, the National Wetland Classification System, National Wetland Bibliographic Database System* (Ministry of Environment)
- Establish the *National Coastal Wetland Directory & Distribution Map* (Ministry of Marine & Fisheries)

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

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

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

- Develop the *Water Quality Purification System* by using riverine wetland grass (National Institute of Environmental Research, Ministry of Environment)

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

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

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

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

- Financial support to the local farmer for migratory bird habitat (rice paddy plain) conservation during the winter season (Ministry of Environment)
- Engaged a local people as eco-guide and/or watchman in National Wetland Conservation Area (Ministry of Environment)
- Established the Riverine Low Basin Management Plan for flooding management (Ministry of Construction and Transportation)

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

1. Progress has been made in the development and/or application of methodologies for the valuation of economic, social and environmental benefits and functions of wetlands

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.]

- Evaluated the economic value of coastal Saemangum mud flat in western coast in ROK (Ministry of Marine and Fisheries)

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

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

1. Action has been taken to implement at national level the Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands (Resolution VIII.17)

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

- Designated the 2 high altitude peatlands as a National Wetland Conservation Area, and one of these sites were designated as a new Ramsar site in 30 March 2005 (Jangdo Island high moor,
**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
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2. **Implementation progress since COP8** [Please include additional comments on application of the Guidelines for integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management.]
   - Establishing the Riparian Area Management Basic Plan in 3 river basin (Ministry of Environment)
   - Conducting the Eco-Restoration Project in backswamp area of Han river (Ministry of Environment)

3. The Party has participated in the Ramsar/CBD River Basin Initiative
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4. **Implementation progress since COP8** [Please include additional comments on the participation in the Ramsar/CBD River Basin Initiative.]
   - Participation in Asia Wetland Symposium in India, 2005 (Ministry of Environment)
   - Participation in COP9 Asia Meeting in China, 2005 (Ministry of Environment)
   - Submission of CBD National Report (Ministry of Environment)

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

1. **The 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
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2. **Implementation progress since COP8** [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]
   - Designating the new Riverine Wetland Conservation Area in Youngsan river (Ministry of Environment)

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

1. **The implications of implementation of the Kyoto Protocol for wetland conservation** have been assessed
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2. **Implementation progress since COP8** [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]
   - Surveying and monitoring the CO2 absorption ability of mountainous wetland peatland
   - Monitoring the ecosystem change by micro-climatic change
OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 4. RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION

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

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

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]
- The monitoring activity for a wetland conservation area restoration planning in 2 sites (Moojechi swamp & Yong high moor) was accomplished (Ministry of Environment)

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

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

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

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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

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

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) 1

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

1. Pilot projects have been developed to evaluate different approaches for applying CEPA in promoting the wise use of wetlands

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]
- Produce the video and book for raising awareness about the wetland conservation((Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Marine & Fisheries)

1 The Operational Objectives and Actions listed here are those adopted by Resolution VIII.31 (Annex 1), which fully incorporate and expand upon the 15 Actions as listed in Ramsar’s Strategic Plan 2003-2008 (Resolution VIII.25).
- Hold a International Wetland Symposium (Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Marine & Fisheries)
- Hold a World Wetland Day’s Symposium (Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Marine & Fisheries)

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

1. A National wetland CEPA Task Force has been established

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 10. DESIGNATION OF RAMSAR SITES**

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

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

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

- The new Ramsar site (Jangdo Island high moor) was designated 30 March 2005 (Ministry of Environment)

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

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

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

- Fully revised Ramsar Wetlands Information Sheet was submitted to Ramsar Convention in 2004 (Ministry of Environment)

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 11. MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND MONITORING OF RAMSAR SITES

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

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

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

- Designating the Ramsar site on the basis of public hearing meeting with local people
- Engaged a local people as eco-guide and/or watch man in National Wetland Conservation Area (Ministry of Environment)

MANAGEMENT PLANS AT RAMSAR SITES

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Action 11.2.4.- In fulfilment of Article 3.2 of the Convention, report to the Ramsar Bureau without delay all actual or likely changes in ecological character on Ramsar sites, and include Ramsar sites “where changes in ecological character have occurred, are occurring or are likely to occur” in the Montreux Record as appropriate.
1.- Changes or likely changes (both positive and negative) in ecological character at Ramsar sites have occurred or may occur (Art. 3.2) (if applicable, please include number of sites)

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Nº Ramsar sites

2.- Changes or likely changes in ecological character of Ramsar sites have been reported to the Ramsar Bureau pursuant to Article 3.2

Nº Ramsar sites

3.- Ramsar sites were included in the Montreux Record since COP8 (if applicable, please include number of sites)

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Nº Ramsar sites

4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the changes or likely changes in ecological character, and list the sites affected.]

- The monitoring activity in Mt. Daem high moor (1st Ramsar site in ROK) was accomplished
- Submitting the revised Ramsar Wetland Information Sheet in 2 Ramsar sites (Ministry of Environment)

5.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the steps followed to include sites in the Montreux Record since COP8.]

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

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

1.- All trans-boundary/shared wetland systems have been identified (if applicable, please include number of sites)

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Nº wetlands/wetland systems

2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please list the transboundary wetlands identified and provide any other additional comments you consider relevant.]
**Action 12.3.2.-** Encourage development of regional arrangements under the Convention similar to MedWet, where appropriate, applying the Guidance for the development of regional initiatives in the framework of the Convention on Wetlands (Resolution VIII.30) for example in the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, the Caribbean, South America and the Altaj-Sayansky region.

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

- Attending the COP9 Asia Regional Meeting in Beijing, 2005 (Ministry of Environment)

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 13. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

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

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the MEAs involved and additional comments you consider relevant.]

- Conducting the “Estuary Wetland Survey Programme” for establishing the national Biodiversity management plan (Ministry of Environment)
- Operating the “the salt marsh vegetation conservation & management programme” (Ministry of Environment)

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 14. SHARING OF EXPERTISE AND INFORMATION**

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

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

- Conducting the “Korea-Japan Cooperation Meeting for Migratory Bird Conservation”
- Conducting the North-East Asia migratory bird conservation network and establishing the habitat conservation strategy
- Holding the “International Symposium for East Asia waterfowl flyway conservation” (2004)
3.- Twinning arrangements among wetlands sharing common features have been established for knowledge sharing and training (if applicable, please include number of sites involved)  
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4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the twinning arrangement, the sites involved and other comments you consider relevant.]

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

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

1. (For CPs with development assistance agencies) Funding support has been mobilized from development assistance agency for wetland issues  
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2. Other forms of funding support have been mobilized for wetland issues

C

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

- Supporting the International Fund to UNDP for implementing the “UNDP/GEF Wetland Conservation Project”

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

1. Project proposals related to wetlands have been submitted to development assistance agencies  
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

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

1. Project proposals related to wetlands have been submitted to the Global Environment Facility (GEF)  
B | Choose an answer  
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

- UNDP/GEF National Wetland Conservation Project has been progressed since September 2004  
(Project title: Globally Significant Wetland Conservation in ROK  
Main agency: Ministry of Environment)
**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 17. INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS OF THE CONVENTION**

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

1. The National Focal Point for the work of STRP has been nominated

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2. Implementation progress since COP8

- Dr. Kim, Jin-Han in MOE was nominated as STRP National Focal Point in 2003

**OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 18. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF CONTRACTING PARTIES**

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

a) increase cooperation and synergy among institutions with direct or indirect responsibility for wetland issues, especially those responsible for the management of water resources and for biodiversity and wetland conservation and management;

b) promote enhanced cooperation, and where appropriate integrated approaches, among the national focal points of environment-related conventions, and consider establishing a coordinating committee to ensure that integrated approaches are taken;

c) promote enhanced contact, and where appropriate close coordination, between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and national professional, technical, scientific and educational societies and agencies involved in wetland conservation or management, including those involved in social and cultural heritage issues; and

d) provide appropriately trained staff, in adequate numbers, to enable these institutions to implement the Convention to full effect.

1. A review of national institutions responsible for the conservation and wise use of wetlands has been completed

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2. Implementation progress since COP8

- Review and revised the “Wetland Conservation Act” (Ministry of Environment)

3. A coordinating committee among focal points of environment-related conventions is in place

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4. Implementation progress since COP8

- UNDP/GEF Wetland Conservation Project Steering Committee was organized
5. Mechanisms are in place to ensure cooperation between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and other national institutions directly or indirectly responsible for wetland issues, in particular water and biodiversity

6. Mechanisms are in place to ensure cooperation between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and relevant professional, scientific or educational societies and agencies involved in wetland conservation or management, including social and cultural heritage issues

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7.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the relevant cooperation mechanisms and any other comments you consider relevant.]

- The cooperation between Ramsar Administrative Authority and Global Cooperation Office in MOE
- The cooperation between Ramsar Administrative Authority and UNDP/GEF Wetland Project Management Unit in MOE: Dr. Park, Eui-Joon is on-line focal point with Ramsar
- The cooperation between Ramsar Administrative Authority and Korea Federation for Environmental Movement: conducting the International Symposium

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 20. TRAINING

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 20.1. Identify the training needs of institutions and individuals concerned with the conservation and wise use of wetlands, particularly in developing countries and countries in transition, and implement appropriate responses

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

1.- Support has been provided to the development of regional wetland training and research centres (if applicable, please include number of centres)

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include the list of centres and other additional comments you consider relevant.]
- The Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Marine & Fisheries support for organizing **2 new wetland eco-centers** (Geum river eco-center, Sunchon bay estuary eco-center)