



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

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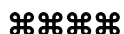
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SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION (OPTIONAL)

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

Ukraine is rich in wetlands, including rivers, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, limans, saline lakes, marshes, peat bogs, floodplains and swamp forest. Approximately 5.3 % of Ukraine is covered by wetlands, 3.8 % of which are wet meadows. There are 63,200 rivers in Ukraine, with total length of approximately 206,400 km - the majority of which (98 %) are in the Black Sea catchment.

Ukraine has been made next steps for improvement of wetlands conservation.

The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Procedure for Receiving of the Status of Wetlands of International Importance" was adopted on 29 August 2002, #1287.

11 new Ramsar sites inside protected areas were designated in 2004.

Financing support of activities in the field of wetlands conservation remained severely limited. The State Programme of Ukraine's National Environmental Network Development for Years 2000-2015 (2000) includes some issues on wetlands conservation but they have to be financed from non-state budget funds. The Black Sea Programme of Wetlands International supports several training courses for creation and strengthening of the Ukrainian River Network of NGOs. We hope that already started GEF/World Bank Project on Biodiversity Conservation in the Azov and Black Seas Ecological Corridor will support designation of new protected areas with inclusion of Ramsar sites as well as elaboration management plans for them.

It will be good if Ramsar Bureau organises translation into Russian of fundamental documents for theirs more simple use.

There is the proposal to COP to determine list of decisions, which should be ensuring on the state level, and after completion of the regular meeting these decisions should be officially sent to the Governments of the countries. It is so because through the national delegates it is difficult to fling mechanism for execution of the decisions.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 1. INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT

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PLANNING TOOL SECTION

PRIORITY:	B	<i>A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer</i>
RESOURCING:	B	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To continue wetland inventory	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To inventory new valuable wetland sites; To update data of the Information sheets of Ramsar wetlands in Ukraine.	

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>)	E	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	N° wetlands / Ramsar sites 49 / incl. 33
2.- Methodologies recommended in the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory (Resolution VIII.6) were used for National Wetland Inventory	B		
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [<i>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.</i>]			
Data of 22 Ramsar sites were updated. 11 new Ramsar sites were designated. 16 valuable wetland sites were described.			

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>			
<i>Note: if available, please indicate the number of sites under each category:</i>			N° wetlands / Ramsar sites
1. Inventory, assess, and document potential Ramsar Sites	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	29 /incl. 11 adopted by the Ramsar Bureau in 2004
2. Inventory, assess, and document wetlands of national, provincial or local importance	B		44 /
3. Inventory, assess, and document wetlands that need restoration and rehabilitation	B		9 / incl. 3
4. Inventory, assess, and document wetland types and features under-represented in the Ramsar List	B		/ 11
5. Inventory, assess, and document wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of water supply	B		/ 3
6. Inventory, assess, and document wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of coastal protection	B		41 / incl.22
7. Inventory, assess, and document wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of flood defense	B		/ 6
8. Inventory, assess, and document wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of food security	B		/ 7
9. Inventory, assess, and document wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of poverty alleviation	I		
10. Inventory, assess, and document wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of cultural heritage	I		
11.- Inventory, assess, and document wetlands which are of special significance for reasons of scientific research	B		49 /incl. 28

See actions 3.2.1, 3.3.1, r4.1.1, and Operational Objective 10.1

Note: if available, please indicate the number of sites under each category:

**N° wetlands/
Ramsar sites**

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

Directory of Azov-Black Sea Coastal Wetlands was published by the Black Sea Program of Wetlands International in 2003. This Directory includes data on 37 Ukrainian valuable wetlands; among them 20 are Ramsar sites and the others – potential Ramsar sites.

11 Ukraine's wetland sites were included into the Ramsar List on 29 July 2004.

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

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.]

General national database has been created.

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

E

Choose an answer

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

National wetland inventory metadata record is in progress. Special informational records on Ramsar wetland sites (the passports of Ramsar wetland sites) were elaborated.

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

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 use of relevant information from wetland inventory has been promoted among wetland managers

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3. The use of relevant information from wetland inventory has been promoted among other wetland users

D

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

Special informational records on Ramsar wetland sites (the passports of Ramsar wetland sites) were elaborated

and distributed among main stakeholders.

In 2004 the seminar on biodiversity and wetlands conservation for hunters was organized in the framework of the GEF/World Bank Project on Biodiversity Conservation in the Azov and Black Seas Ecological Corridor. The special handbook for hunters will be elaborated, published and distributed.

The Office of the Black Sea Program of Wetlands International in Kyiv starts creation of general national database. The Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine and the Interdepartmental Commission for Wetlands Conservation encouraged 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

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	C	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress;
2. Wetland inventory project proposals were submitted to the Small Grants Fund and were not funded	B	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 implementation of this action.*]

2 Ukraine's project proposals with inventory activities to the Small Grants Fund were not supported by the Ramsar Bureau.

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TARGETS (text answer):	To support international initiatives for global and regional biodiversity conservation, including wetland ecosystems	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To cooperate with representatives of neighboring countries in the Tisza Water Forum on Flood Control (Ukraine, Romania, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Serbia-Montenegro); To include these international initiatives into the National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation.	

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	<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
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the contribution made to the work of the MA.]

Ukrainian specialists took part in the project methodology development.

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	<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. MA guidance and methods used for ecosystem assessment at regional (supranational) scale	D	
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.]

Methodology of Millennium Ecosystem Assessment was applied during realization of the GEF/World Bank Ukraine Enabling Activity Project, first of all in elaboration of the issue "Estimation and Directions for Decrease of Threats to Ukraine's Biodiversity" (published in 2003, in Ukrainian).

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	<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
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the repository of assessment of changes in wetland status, its contents and uses.]

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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	D	<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. The assessments include impacts of climate change	D	
3. The assessments include impacts of sea-level rise	C	

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

Published in English "Directory of Azov-Black Sea Coastal Wetlands" (Kyiv, Ukraine: Wetlands International, 2003, 235 pp.) includes some data on threats and current status of 37 coastal wetlands.

Recommendations for wetlands conservation improving were elaborated and distributed to stakeholders in the project on improvement of possibilities for sustainable wetland management and climate change prevention in the Azov-Black Sea Region in 2004 (see Action 3.4.9).

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	<i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the conservation status and trends of coastal wetlands.]		
<p>Review of the Ukrainian Legislation for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use (Kyiv, Ukraine: Wetlands International, 1999; in Ukrainian) includes scientific issues “Threats to wetlands” and “Mechanisms of wetlands conservation and sustainable use”.</p> <p>Current status and main threats to all (7 countries) Black Sea wetlands were identified at the International Workshops “The Importance of the Black Sea Coastal Wetlands, Especially for Migratory Waterbirds” and “Conservation, Restoration and Wise-Use of Wetlands Resources along the Black Sea Coast” published in English (Wetlands International, Kyiv, 2002, 28 pp.) as well as at the book “Estimation and Directions for Decrease of Threats to Ukraine’s Biodiversity” (published in 2003, in Ukrainian) as a result of the GEF/World Bank Ukraine Enabling Activity Project.</p>		
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.]		
<p>Three of these rivers - Danube, Dnipro (Dnieper) and Dniester — are of particular significance for the Black Sea wetlands. There are 14 main limans and estuaries on the Ukrainian Black Sea coast, with a total area of 1,952 km²; their salinity ranges from 0.3 to 296 ‰. There are eight bays with total area of 1,770 km² and salinity of 3.0-18.5 ‰. The Azov-Black Sea wetlands have an extraordinarily rich biodiversity. Here the unique nesting and feeding habitats for waterfowl are concentrated. The Black Sea coastal wetlands of Ukraine have undergone significant modification in recent decades, particularly through drainage, irrigation schemes and water diversion.</p> <p>Main threats to Black Sea wetlands:</p> <p>The main threats to wetlands in the seven countries are almost the same. In particular degradation and loss of habitats due to development of agriculture and urban areas, pollution, excessive use of resources and disturbed water regime and water quality, eutrophication are the main common threats to wetlands.</p>		

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	A	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;</i>
2. Information on conservation status of mangroves has been compiled	A	<i>D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned;</i>
3. Information on levels of use of mangroves has been compiled	A	<i>G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the information compiled related to mangroves.]		
Mangrove forest cover is absent in Ukraine.		

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 (<i>if available, please include number of sites affected</i>)	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned;</i> <i>G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>	N° wetlands / Ramsar sites / 2
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the impacts of dams on wetlands, sites affected, and other additional comments you consider relevant.]			
1) Two overflow dams in canals from two lakes constructed inside Ramsar site “Shatsk Lakes”.			

2) Special dams for winter fishing were taken away in spring 2003 and 2004.

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

1) Constructed overflow dams in canals from two lakes inside Ramsar site “Shatsk Lakes” promoted to stabilize hydrological regime in lakes and adjoining mires.

Consequences of lake and mire restoration processes have been investigated.

2) Previous assessment of dams for winter fishing in Ramsar sites “Stokhid River Floodplains” and “Prypiat River Floodplains” is evidence of:

Negative impacts: i) flooding; ii) loss of fish; iii) silting and obliteration of small rivers.

Positive impacts: Water airing and support of fish populations in small rivers in the middle of peatlands under the ice period.

Special investigations of these threats are needed.

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	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/in some cases;	N° wetlands /Ramsar sites <u>1</u>
2.- Impacts of drought and other natural disasters on the livelihoods of local communities and indigenous peoples dependent on these wetlands have been assessed	C	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.]			
Concerning new Ramsar site “Big Chapelsk Depression” which is located in a core area of the Biosphere Reserve “Askania-Nova” and supports tens-hundreds thousands of birds during their autumn and spring migrations: It is necessary to supply with water from artesian springs during drought.			

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	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below) ;I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the assessment undertaken.]		
The following Ramsar sites are important for fish conservation: Designated in 2004: „Aquatic-cliff Complex of Karadag”, „Aquatic-cliff Complex of Cape Kazantyp”, „Aquatic-coastal Complex of Cape Opuk”, „Bakotska Bay”, „Lower Smotrych River”, „Dnipro-Oril Floodplains”, „Desna River Floodplains”; Designated in 1995: “Stokhid River Floodplains”, “Prypiat River Floodplains”, “Kyliske Mouth”, “Sasyk Lake”, “Dniester-		

Turunchuk Crossrivers Area”, “Northern Part of the Dniester Liman”, “Dnipro River Delta”.		
3. Recommendations on sustainable management practices of fish stocks in wetlands have been transmitted to relevant authorities/stakeholders	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
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the recommendations and their transmission to relevant authorities/stakeholders.]		
To maintain the Rules for Fishing in Ukraine, first of all concerning time and quantity of fishing.		

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	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned;G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the assessment undertaken.]		
Regular water quality assessment on 215 hydrometeorological observation stations and assessment of water quality and quantity in research programmes and projects. The Report “Assessment of Current Condition of Ground Drinking Water Sources of the Dnipro River Basin (Russia, Belarus and Ukraine)” and the Degree of Ground Waters Natural Protection in the Belarusian and Ukrainian Parts” have been prepared in framework of GEF/UNDP Dnipro Basin Environment Programme (2000-2004). Concerning Ramsar sites: Regular assessment of water quality in some Ramsar sites which are located in protected areas (12 sites), including the site “Kyliske Mouth” in connection with construction of navigable waterway across the Danube Delta.		

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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RESOURCING:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
TARGETS (text answer):	To improve national policy for wetlands conservation	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To develop the National wetlands conservation strategy; To elaborate the National action plan for wetlands conservation; To integrate wetland policy into nature protection legislation, and national, regional and local planning.	

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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	E	<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. The National Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) goals are explicit, comprehensive and accessible	E	
3. The National Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) incorporates WSSD targets and actions	E	
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.]		
<p>National Wetland Policy is based on the Laws of Ukraine “On Environmental Protection” (1991), “On Protected Areas Network of Ukraine” (1992), “On the Red Data Book of Ukraine” (2002), “On Flora” (1999), “On Fauna” (1993), “On Ukraine’s Ecological Network” (2004), the Water Resources Code (1995) and the Land Code (2002).</p> <p>The Concept of Conservation of Ukraine’s Biological Diversity was approved by Resolution of the Cabinet Ministers of Ukraine #439 dated May 12, 1997.</p> <p>The Concept on Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation of the Azov and the Black Seas was adopted by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 10 July 1998 (#1057) and the State Programme on Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation of the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea was approved by the Parliament of Ukraine in 2001.</p> <p>The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine “On Procedure for Receiving of the Status of Wetlands of International Importance” was adopted on 29 August 2002, #1287.</p> <p>The State Programme of Ukraine’s National Environmental Network Development for Years 2000-2015 was adopted by the Parliament of Ukraine in 2000.</p> <p>Draft National Wetlands Conservation Strategy and draft National Action Plan for Wetlands Conservation are agreed with national interesting parties as well as some experts of the Wetlands International. These drafts were considered at the International Conference “National Strategy on Wetlands Conservation in Ukraine” (Kyiv, Ukraine, 2-3 December 2003) and have been agreed with experts of Wetlands International.</p>		

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	G	<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. Wetland issues have been incorporated into poverty eradication strategies	I	
3. Wetland issues have been incorporated into water resources management and water efficiency plans	B	
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	

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

The National Program on Water Resources Management Development was adopted by the Ukrainian Parliament in 2002. Draft National Program for Sustainable Development has been agreed by national sectoral authorities.

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.]

We hope that new President of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Government promote fair, transparent and sustainable management in the sphere of wetland tenure systems and user rights.

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

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

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

A

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.]

Ukrainian legislation and policy is in process of development.

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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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To use recommendations of the Ukrainian Legislation for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use in development of national legislation, institutions and practices	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To use the recommendations in development of the National wetlands conservation strategy and the National action plan	

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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	B	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> <i>A = Not applicable;</i> <i>B = Yes; C = No;</i>
2. A review of legislation and institutions to promote the wise use of wetlands has been completed	B	<i>D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i>
3. Legislation and institutional procedures have been modified to preclude unwise use of wetlands	B	<i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the review of legislation and institutions and the amendments made to preclude wise use of wetlands.]</i>		
National review of wetland-related legislation and institutions has been prepared in accordance with Resolution VII.7 in 1999 (in Ukrainian).		

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	<i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress;</i> <i>F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below);</i> <i>I = No answer</i>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
Office workers from different state institutions are members of the Interdepartmental Commission for Wetlands Conservation.		

Experts from interesting ministries and state committees took part in elaboration of the National review of wetland-related legislation and institutions, draft National wetlands conservation strategy and draft National action plan for wetlands conservation.

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

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.]

National system for heritage protection, legal frameworks and policies include both natural and hystorical-cultural issues as well as cooperation of appropriate authorities.

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

B

Choose an answer for each indicator

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

2. A review of legislation, policies and practices that may be impacting negatively on mountain wetlands has been completed

B

3. Actions have been taken for stopping and reversing impacts on mountain wetlands

D

4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on assessment, reviews and other actions taken in relation to mountain wetlands.]

National review of wetland-related legislation and institutions, draft National Wetlands Conservation Strategy and draft National Action Plan for Wetlands Conservation issues for mountain wetlands.

First mountain wetland site "Lake Synevyr" was entered into the Ramsar List in 2004.

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

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

These Guidelines were applied to develop draft National Wetlands Conservation Strategy.

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

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

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

Local communities and indigenous peoples were involved in impact assessment processes in some Ramsar sites, in particular “Kyliiske Mouth” (construction of navigable waterway across the Danube Delta), “Shatsk Lakes” (causes of water pollution), “Sasyk Lake’ (impact of organic pollution to state of local people health), etc.

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	C	<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. A review of policies, programmes, and plans that may impact upon wetlands has been completed	D	<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
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the review of policies, programmes and plans that may impact upon wetlands.]		
A review of policies, programmes, and plans that may impact upon wetlands has been completed partly. Revision practice of existing programmes and plans is not enough effective.		
4. Strategic Environmental Assessment practices have been applied while reviewing policies, programmes and plans that may impact upon wetlands	D	<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
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.]		
Revision practice of existing programmes and plans is not enough effective.		

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 (IALA)*. 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	D	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	N° wetlands /Ramsar sites
2.- EIA is carried out for projects, developments or changes which may impact on wetlands <i>(if available, please include number of sites)</i>	D		
3.- EIAs have included full and appropriate consideration of the environmental, social, economic and cultural impacts	D		
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include comments on Environmental Impact assessment implementation at national level.]			
Legislation on Environmental Impact Assessment needs improvement.			

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

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

Experts from the International Association for Impact assessment have not been involved in EIA processes in the country. But the Ramsar Bureau experts made some recommendations concerning construction of navigable waterway across the Danube Delta (Ramsar site “Kiliiske Mouth”).

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.]

Only separate assessments concerning construction of navigable waterway across the Danube Delta (Ramsar site “Kiliiske Mouth”) have been transmitted for consideration 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

D

Choose an answer for each indicator

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

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

C

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 progress made and contribution to STRP work, if applicable.]

Modern methodologies for the valuation of economic, social and environmental benefits and functions of wetlands are not available.

The Party has not contributed to the STRP work on any methodologies.

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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TARGETS (text answer):	To develop and disseminate modern methodologies to achieve the conservation and wise use of wetlands in draft National action plan for wetlands conservation	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To plan development modern methodologies to achieve the conservation and wise use of wetlands in draft National action plan for wetlands conservation; to continue introduction of sustainable development principles into programme and project planning, and practice.	

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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	D	<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. The Party has contributed to the STRP work to review and update the guidance on the wise use concept, including the ecosystem approach	C	
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the revision of the wise use concept and contribution to STRP work, if applicable.]		
Review of the Ukrainian Legislation for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use (1999) and prepared drafts National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation includes some issues on sustainable development. The Party has not contributed to the STRP work in it.		

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	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F = Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
The Environmental Ministry and its local authorities advice to wetland managers on wise use principles for wetlands.		

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	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
These guidelines have not been adapted and incorporated into national practice. But Resolution VIII.14 was used in development of drafts National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation which have already been agreed by national sectoral authorities.		

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	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
Ramsar guidance on the wise use concept was used in development of drafts National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation which have already been agreed by national sectoral authorities.		

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)

<i>See action r2.2.iii</i>		
1. Actions have been take to improve the awareness and understanding of values and functions of mountain and high altitude wetlands	D	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> <i>A = Not applicable;</i>
2. Information, expertise and experience concerning the study, conservation and wise use of mountain and high altitude wetlands have been shared with other interested Parties	C	<i>B = Yes;</i> <i>C = No;</i> <i>D = Partly/ in some cases;</i>
3. National, regional or local strategies and plans for the conservation and wise use of mountain and high altitude wetlands have been developed	F	<i>E = In progress;</i> <i>F= Being planned;</i> <i>G = Being updated;</i>
4. Ramsar work on mountain wetlands has been coordinated with other environment-related and mountain-related agreements and institutions	F	<i>H = Other status (explain below);</i> <i>I = No answer</i>
5.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on information available and strategies developed concerning mountain and high altitude wetlands.]		
Development of National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation include special issues for mountain wetlands conservation.		

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)

<p>1. Specific work programmes for the wise use of high Andean wetlands and the basins fed by them have been established</p>	<p>A</p>	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</p>		
<p></p>		

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)

<p>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</p>	<p>A</p>	<p><i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i></p>
<p>2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</p>		
<p>There is no mangrove forest cover in Ukraine.</p>		

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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RESOURCING:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
TARGETS (text answer):	To improve peatlands conservation	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To include peatlands conservation and restoration as a priority into drafts National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation; To propose valuable peatlands into the Ramsar List; To find possibilities for restoration of natural peculiarities of peatlands; To take part in development of the Strategy and Action Plan for Mire and Peatland Conservation in Central Europe; To prepare a project on peatlands conservation for financing from international funds.	

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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	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
Ukraine took part in development of the Strategy and Action Plan for Mire and Peatland Conservation in Central Europe.		

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)	F	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
Peatlands conservation issues are entered into the drafts National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation.		

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	F	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
Peatlands conservation issues are entered into the National action plan for wetlands conservation and the National programme on biodiversity conservation. Project on peatlands conservation for financing from international funds “Strengthening of the Management Capacities for Conservation of Peatlands in Ukraine” was prepared with the support of the Wetlands International in 2004.		

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	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- 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.]		
Since the Second World War more than 300,000 ha of peatlands have been dried and converted into pastures, hay meadows, ploughed fields, forestry plantations and fishponds. Drainage of peatlands and use of peat as fuel led to sufficient changes in ecosystems: destruction of natural habitats, and plant and animal communities, erosion and airing of soils, fires (every year on peatlands in the North Ukraine); floods (basins of the Carpathian and North Ukraine Rivers); fall of the subsoil waters level on considerable territories; organic and mineral water pollution of majority of small rivers; changes of microclimate, etc.		

Now there are about 1 million hectares of peaty lands (about 2400 sites) in Ukraine, 420 thousand ha are already exploited or have been exploited, 580 thousand hectares are still natural and only 150 thousand hectares of them are under protection.

Considerable stocks of peat in the Ukrainian mires (nearly 2,165,100,000 tones) accumulate carbon dioxide together with other peatlands of the world. This makes Ukraine’s peatlands very important in climate regulation in general. Moreover the originality of peatlands nature attracts tourists and peatlands resources – hunters, collectors of medical plants and berries, villagers for haymaking.

Publications:

Review of the Ukrainian Legislation for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use. - Kyiv, Ukraine: Wetlands International, 1999, 38 pp.; in Ukrainian.

Strategy and Action Plan for Mire and Peatland Conservation in Central Europe /Compiled and edited by: Olivia Bragg, Richard Lindsay (main editors), Mette Risager, Marcel.Silvius and Henk Zingstra (co-editors). – Wetlands International, 2003, Publication 18. – 93 pp

Darwin Initiative: Peatland Biodiversity Programme “Sharing Expertise for the Conservation of Peatlands in Central and Eastern Europe” (Edited by Olivia Bragg). – Department of Geography, University of Dundee, on behalf of the Peatland Biodiversity Consortium, 2003. – 200 pp.

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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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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To inventory and assess special significance of wetlands for reasons of water supply, coastal protection, flood defense, food security, poverty alleviation, cultural heritage, and/or scientific research	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To propagandize values of wetlands, in particular to the World Wetlands Day on 2 February, which are of special significance for reasons of water supply, coastal protection, flood defense, food security, poverty alleviation, cultural heritage, and/or scientific research; To preserve valuable wetlands.	

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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	B	<i>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</i>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

Annually the News releases, Press conferences, slide presentations and special reports on wetlands conservation to the World Wetlands Day on 2 February are prepared in the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine. Regional (Provincial) authorities are involved into this process.

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

B

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

The social and cultural heritage was taken into account during estimation of values of existing and potential Ramsar wetlands.

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

D

Choose an answer

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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.]

For instance, these aspects are considered in small projects of hydrological regime restoration after melioration of lands in the North Ukraine (Ramsar site “Shatsk Lakes”).

The Report “Assessment of Current Condition of Ground Drinking Water Sources of the Dnipro River Basin (Russia, Belarus and Ukraine) and the Degree of Ground Waters Natural Protection in the Belarusian and Ukrainian Parts” have been prepared in the framework of the GEF/UNDP Dnipro Basin Environment Programme (2000-2004).

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	D	<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. Actions have been taken to promote the appreciation and revitalization of cultural values related to wetlands and water	D	
3. All relevant aspects of cultural heritage have been incorporated in the design and implementation of wetland management	D	
4. Cultural values of wetlands have been used as a tool to strengthen involvement of local stakeholders, particularly in wetland planning and management	D	
5.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the actions made to take into consideration cultural heritage and values of wetlands.]		
More and more people take part in wetland planning and management but transparent decision-making is not common practice yet.		

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	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
As example of involvement of unemployed local people: reed storage in winter for export to Western Europe in Ramsar site "Kiliiske Mouth".		

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.

<i>See action 20.1.8</i>		
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	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
The role of wetlands in water supply, coastal protection, flood defense, food security, poverty alleviation, and cultural heritage is estimated and used during studying in universities, and special meetings (conferences, seminars).		

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	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
<i>As example:</i> Temporary pool “Big Chapelsk Depression” was designated as Ramsar site in 2004. Area of water here fluctuates from 4 to 1300 ha with periodicity of 12 years, depending on precipitation (snow and rain) as well as partly on artificial filling from artesian wells. Tens thousands, and in single years hundreds of thousands of birds stay here during their autumn and spring migrations. Among them there are <i>Anser albifrons</i> (30–500 thousand individuals), <i>Grus grus</i> (10–42 thousand individuals), <i>Rufiberenta ruficolis</i> (150-300 individuals), <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> (500-1 200 individuals). Non-freezing lakes (permanently supplied by fresh water from artesian wells) of the local Zoo provide the wintering opportunities for up to 40 thousand individuals of <i>Anser albifrons</i> and others.		

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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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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To include policies on wetland conservation, wise use and restoration/rehabilitation in general sectoral planning at national, regional (provincial) and local levels	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To encourage for integrating wetland conservation and wise use in river basin management; To elaborate National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation.	

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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 <i>Guidelines for integrating wetland conservation and wise use into river basin management</i> (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 4) have been used/applied	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
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.]		
As results of the GEF/UNDP Dnipro Basin Environment Programme (2000-2004) the special report “Assessment of Current Condition of Ground Drinking Water Sources of the Dnipro River Basin (Russia, Belarus and Ukraine) and the Degree of Ground Waters Natural Protection in the Belarusian and Ukrainian Patrts”, the Dnipro River Basin Transboundary Water Monitoring Programme (Russia, Belarus and Ukraine),		

the Strategic Action Programme for the Dnipro Basin and the Mechanisms for its Implementation, and the Strategy of Biological and Landscape Diversity Conservation in the Dnipro Basin (Russia, Belarus and Ukraine) were elaborated.

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

D

Choose an answer

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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.]

Ukrainian NGOs with support of the Black Sea Wetlands International Programme established the Ukrainian River Network in 2003. Participants realized small projects for study, training, assessment and restoration of small rivers.

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

B

Choose an answer

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

The Ukrainian Party proposes to consider management issues in the Danube Delta taking into account the role of mountain and high altitude wetlands.

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

B

Choose an answer

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

This aspect is actual for transfrontier (Ukraine-Moldova-Ukraine) Dniester River (Ukrainian Ramsar sites "Bakotska Bay" and "Lower Smotrych River" are located above two large dams and Ramsar sites "Dniester-Turunchuk Crossrivers Area" and "Northern Part of the Dniester Liman" as well as Moldovian Ramsar Site "Lower Dniester" - below dams).

Wetland values and functions have been taken into account in decision-making (including anti-flooding management) on large dams in the Danube River too. In the Lower Danube there are Ramsar sites "Kartal Lake", "Kugurlui Lake", "Kyliiske Mouth" (Ukraine) and "Danube Delta" (Romania).

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

I

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.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	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the assessments of environmental flow undertaken in relation to mitigation of impacts of large dams.]			
This aspect is actual for mitigation of impacts of two dams (one dam is located on the territory of Ukraine and other dam – of Moldova) in the lower of transfrontier (Ukraine-Moldova-Ukraine) Dniester River. It is necessary to develop special interstate agreement on environmental flow. But there are many different problems to be considered and solved.			
3.- Centres of expertise on environmental flow assessment and implementation have been encouraged (if available, please include number of centres)	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	N° centres About 12
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.]			
The Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine is responsible for ecological expertise. Research institutes of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Agrarian Academy of Sciences and institutes subordinated to some ministries as well as universities can be involved for assessment (first of all the Institute of Hydrobiology, Universities of Odessa, Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv).			

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

1. The <i>Guidelines for integrating wetlands into integrated coastal zone management</i> (Resolution VIII.4) have been used/applied	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]			
First of all, principles of integrating wetlands into integrated coastal zone management are applied by administrations of protected areas where Ramsar sites are located (Danube Biosphere Reserve – “Kiliiske Mouth”, Chornomorskyi Biosphere Reserve – “Yagorlytska Bay” and “Tendrivska Bay”, Shatsk National Nature Park – “Shatsk Lakes”, Regional Landscape Park “Meotida” – “Bilosaraiska Bay and Bilosaraiska Spit”, “Kryva Bay and Kryva Spit”, etc. But these Guidelines are not applied in the whole for all Ramsar sites.			

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

In 2000 an Integrated Approach to the Management of the Syvash (Ramsar sites “Central Syvash” and “Eastern Syvash”) was elaborated, but it was not agreed by all stakeholders and applied partly (issues on monitoring and investigations).

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

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

First of all, Guidelines for allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions of wetlands were applied in restoration of subsoil waters level of some lakes by means of construction of overflow dams in canals from lakes /inside Ramsar site “Shatsk Lakes”. But these Guidelines are not applied in the whole for all Ramsar sites.

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

B

Choose an answer

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

Three representatives of the State Committee of Water Resources Management of Ukraine took part in the Interdepartmental Commission for Wetlands Conservation including elaboration of drafts National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation.

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

B

Choose an answer

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the relevant projects.]

Small projects inside Ramsar site “Shatsk Lakes” with construction of overflow dams in canals from two lakes

promoted to stabilize hydrological regime in lakes and adjoining mires.

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.]

Restoration of water table in two lakes of Ramsar site “Shatsk Lakes” by construction of overflow dams in canals from lakes demonstrates some benefits for local people: better growth of gramma and herbs for haymaking, and improvement of conditions for fish spawning.

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

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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.25)

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

B

Choose an answer

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

Small projects inside Ramsar site “Shatsk Lakes” with construction of overflow dams in canals from two lakes promoted to stabilize subsoil waters level of lakes and to turn the water on adjoining mires which dried up in summer.

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

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

Special researches were not conducted. But scientists of different disciplines record ecological changes in connection with the use of groundwater.

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

I

Choose an answer

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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.]

Small descriptive project (supported by the UK' Fund "Environment for Europe") on improvement of possibilities for sustainable wetland management and climate change prevention in the Azov-Black Sea Region with participation of representatives from national and local authorities, scientists and NGOs was realized in 2004.

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

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

Nowadays in Ukraine industrial pollution of atmosphere averages about 70% of the level in 1990.

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

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

This information was used in small descriptive project (supported by the UK' Fund "Environment for Europe") with involvement of representatives from national and regional and local authorities.

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	B	<u>Choose an answer</u> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
Small project for restoration of water table in ombrotrophic peatland “Glukhan” was realized in the Carpathians.		

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	<u>Choose an answer</u> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
There is no mangrove forest cover in Ukraine.		

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

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	<u>Choose an answer</u> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
Special investigations were not realized.		

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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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To restore destroyed and degraded wetlands	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To include issues on wetlands restoration into the National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation; To identify wetlands where restoration or rehabilitation would be appropriate; To realize small projects on wetlands restoration/rehabilitation.	

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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	F	<i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases;</i> <i>E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated;</i> <i>H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
Wetland restoration / rehabilitation projects were included into the draft National action plan for wetlands conservation, draft Project on peatlands conservation for financing from international funds "Strengthening of the Management Capacities for Conservation of Peatlands in Ukraine", the GEF/UNDP Project on Polesian Ecological Corridor (Stage PDF B).		

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).

<i>See action 1.1.2</i>		
1.- Actions have been taken to restore / rehabilitate those wetlands defined as priority for restoration (if available, please include number of sites)	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> <i>A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;</i> <i>D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F=</i> <i>Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other</i> <i>status (explain below); I = No answer</i>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
Small restoration projects were realized, namely: in Ramsar site "Shatsk Lakes" (restoration of hydrological regime, see Actions r3.3.ii & r3.4.ix, 3.4.6), Ramsar sites "Stokhid River Floodplains" and "Prypiat River Floodplains" (destruction of small winter dams for fishing), and potential Ramsar sites - ombrotrophic peatland "Glukhan" (restoration of hydrological regime, see Action r3.4.xviii) and "Kirnburnska Spit" (renewal of connection "lake-sea").		

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 <i>Principles and guidelines for wetland restoration</i> (Resolution VIII.16) have been integrated into the National Wetland Policy or equivalent instrument(s)	G	<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
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [*Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.*]

Main state documents concerning wetland restoration and rehabilitation are the following:
The Concept on Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation of the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea, adopted by The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 10 July 1998 (#1057);
The State Programme on Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation of the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea (2001);
The National Programme on Water Resources Management Development (2002) (it is sectoral programme which includes only some issues for water resources restoration).
The Principles for wetland restoration will be integrated into the National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation (their drafts have been prepared and agreed by sectoral authorities).

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

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.*]

This principle is supported but not realized in practice.

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

B

Choose an answer for each indicator
A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;

2. Information on new research and methodologies for wetland restoration/rehabilitation has been compiled and disseminated

D

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.*]

Integrated system for wetlands management, including restoration issues, is realized partly (in accordance with financial possibilities) by administrations of protected areas where valuable wetlands are located.

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
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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.]

This aspect is considered only theoretically.

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

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.]

Special compensation actions have to be designated and realized in the site “Kylliske Mouth” in connection with navigable waterway construction across the Danube Delta.

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

I

Choose an answer

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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

B

Choose an answer for each indicator

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

2. 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 needs are well-known but training opportunities are limited first of all financially.

Wetlands International has supported some training courses, for instance, in the project for Ukrainian NGOs “The Ukrainian River Network”.

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

I

Choose an answer

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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

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

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

D

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.*]

Local communities and indigenous peoples have been involved in small wetland restoration projects (see: **Action r4.1.i.**).

Action r4.1.ix.- Utilise the information and resources of *Ramsar's restoration Web site*, and contribute relevant addition 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

F

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

This action is planned.

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

1. Guidance on compensation for wetland losses has been prepared in response to Resolution VII.24

C

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.]

Guidance on compensation for wetland losses was not elaborated in Ukraine.

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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TARGETS (text answer):	To support development of actions to prevent, control or eradicate invasive alien species in wetland systems	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To encourage implementation of the guidelines relating to the prevention, control and eradication of alien species, To study invasive alien species and their threats to native flora and fauna in protected areas with valuable wetlands	

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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	F	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No;
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	F	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	B	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.]		
Prevention, eradication and control of invasive alien species are incorporated in drafts National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation, and the National programme on biodiversity conservation. The National Programme on Environmental Protection and Restoration in the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea (2001) declared some issues for eradication of alien species as <i>Mnemiopsis leidyi</i> but there are no any tools to do it in seas.		

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	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
Risk to native flora and fauna, including inside wetlands, is estimated in protected areas.		

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 (<u>if applicable, please include number of sites</u>)	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	N° wetlands / Ramsar sites 65/incl.33
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.]			
Some information is available but isn't analyzed and summarized at the moment.			

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	C	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
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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	C	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
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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	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
The impact on wetlands of terrestrial invasions by alien species has been assessed partly and some actions are realized in protected areas with valuable wetlands (for instance, eradication of alien species <i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i> Gray in the Chornomorskyi Biosphere Reserve with Ramsar sites “Yagorlytska Bay” and “Tendravska Bay”).		

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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TARGETS (text answer):	To encourage active and informed participation of local communities and indigenous people, in particular women and youth,	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To inform local communities and indigenous people in the conservation and use of wetlands; To promote public participation in decision-making processes for wetlands use.	

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

Traditional knowledge and management practices in relation to wetlands have been documented partly in different publications.

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

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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the promotion of public participation in decision-making with respect to wetlands.]

Decision-making become more transparent.

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

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

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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.]

Local stakeholders (first of all administrations of protected areas and local authorities where sites are located) have been involved in the selection of new Ramsar sites.

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.]

Water resources management at basin level, as well as local stakeholders involvement, is not developed enough in Ukraine.

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

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

Local communities and NGOs take part more and more in wetland management but their involvement is not enough yet. For instance, many people took part in discussions of different problems on navigable waterway construction across the Danube Delta, but decision-making process was not transparent.

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.]

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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

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.- 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.]

Draft National strategy for wetlands conservation was developed. With participation of many national and local authorities and stakeholders.

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.]

Information on cultural values was entered into the Information Sheets of new Ramsar sites, booklets and publications.

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

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 resource information compiled.]

Information on cultural values has been entered into the Directory of Azov-Black Sea Coastal Wetlands (Kyiv, Ukraine: Wetlands International, 2003).

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

D

Choose an answer

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

Specialists in sphere of cultural heritage protection were involved in development of National strategy and National action plan for wetlands conservation.

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

B

Choose an answer

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

Cultural values of wetlands and adjacent areas were used to improve local stakeholders' involvement in wetland planning and management.

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

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

Project of the Black Sea Wetlands International Programme for Ukrainian NGOs "The Ukrainian River Network" (created in 2003) included cultural aspects in training courses also.

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

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

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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 (if available, please include number of sites)

D

Choose an answer

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**N° wetlands / Ramsar sites
64/incl.33**

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.]

Cultural values of wetlands have been incorporated into the management planning of Ramsar sites and other

wetlands, but special management plans for wetlands conservation are not available.

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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RESOURCING:	D	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To encourage involvement of the private sector into wetlands conservation process and wetland-related decision-making	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To study possibilities for involvement of the private sector into wetlands conservation process; To seek opportunities for involvement of the private sector into wetland-related decision-making	

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

The private sector was informed about the Ramsar Convention principles for wetlands conservation and wise use.

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	D	<i>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</i>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

The private sector, academia and specialized institutions took part in decision-making related to wetlands, for instance concerning navigable waterway construction across the Danube Delta and Ramsar site “Kylisike Mouth”.

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	C	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]</i>		
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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	C	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> <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>
2. Legal, institutional and administrative measures are being implemented to ensure sustainable harvesting of wetland products	B	<i>Choose an answer for each indicator</i> <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>
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 <i>[Please include additional comments on the measures taken to ensure sustainable harvesting and trade of wetland products.]</i>		
Natural resources of wetlands are used according to special permits of state authorities.		

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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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To promote incentive measures for wise use of wetlands	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To include into drafts National strategy and National action plan for wetlands incentive measures; To identify perverse incentives for removal; To promote incentive measures for wise use of wetlands in practice.	

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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	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. Actions have been taken to promote incentive measures which encourage conservation and wise use of wetlands	F	
3. Actions have been taken to remove perverse incentive measures which discourage conservation and wise use of wetlands	F	
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the promotion and implementation of incentive measures and removal of perverse ones.]		
Developed National strategy and National action plan for wetlands include incentive measures and the removal of perverse incentives.		

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	D	<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. Actions have been taken to remove or replace agriculture subsidies or incentives having negative impacts on water resources and in wetlands in particular	F	
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on agriculture subsidies and incentives and their impacts on water resources and wetlands.]		
Developed National strategy and National action plan for wetlands include mentioned measures.		

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	I	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
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OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) ²

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

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PRIORITY:	B	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
RESOURCING:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
TARGETS (text answer):	To include aspects of wetland CEPA into sectoral policy	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To study opportunities and to include aspects of wetland CEPA into sectoral policy	

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

Prepared sectoral (water resources management, forestry, fishery and hunting) policies, strategies, plans and programmes include some aspects of wetland CEPA.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) ³

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE R9.II. Demonstrate that CEPA processes are effective in achieving Ramsar's wetland wise use objectives at the global, national and local levels
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PRIORITY:	B	A= High; B= Medium; C= Low; D= Not relevant; E= No answer
RESOURCING:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
TARGETS (text answer):	To stimulate application of aspects of wetland CEPA at the global, national and local levels	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To apply aspects of wetland CEPA in projects	

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

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Action r9.ii.ii.- Review existing CEPA programmes and case studies and document the lessons learned regarding effective approaches from these experiences.

1. A review of existing CEPA programmes has been completed	D	<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. Lessons learnt in implementing CEPA programmes have been documented	D	
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on implementation of CEPA programmes and information available.]		
Aspects of wetland CEPA have been applied in training courses of the Wetlands International project for Ukrainian NGOs "The Ukrainian River Network" (created in 2003).		

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) ⁴

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE R9.III. Provide national leadership, networks and cohesive frameworks to support and catalyse CEPA for the wise use of wetlands

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RESOURCING:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
TARGETS (text answer):	To provide pioneer steps to support and catalyse CEPA for the wise use of wetlands	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To seek opportunities to provide pioneer steps to support and catalyse CEPA for the wise use of wetlands	

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Action r9.iii.i.- Contracting Parties (as requested by Resolution VII.9) are urged as a matter of priority to appoint suitably qualified persons to fulfil the roles of national government and non-government Focal Points for wetland CEPA, and to advise the Ramsar Bureau of the persons fulfilling these roles and their contact details.

1. A National Government Focal Point for wetland CEPA has been appointed	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. A National NGO Focal Point for wetland CEPA has been appointed	B	
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information about Government CEPA and NGO CEPA Focal Points].		
The Division for Further Development and Science Maintenance of the State Agency for Protected Areas, the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine (administrative authority) has been appointed as the National Government Focal Point for wetland CEPA. And the National Ecological Centre of Ukraine (NGO) has been appointed as the National NGO Focal Point for wetland CEPA.		

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.

⁴ 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).

1. A National wetland CEPA Task Force has been established	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

The State Agency for Protected Areas at the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine, the National Ecological Centre of Ukraine, the Office of the Black Sea Program of Wetlands International in Kyiv and the Ukrainian Bird Society as a partner of BirdLife International in Ukraine take part in consultations on CEPA aspects.

The National Ecological Centre of Ukraine has established special task force “The Ukrainian River Network” for NGOs.

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

1. A National Action Plan for wetland CEPA has been developed	F	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

Draft National plan for wetlands conservation includes special CEPA issues.

The National Ecological Centre of Ukraine has established “The Ukrainian River Network” for NGOs with special action plan.

Action r9.iii.iv.- Review and, where appropriate, integrate wetland CEPA into the business of national wetland, biodiversity, forestry, agriculture, irrigation, power generation, mining, tourism, and fisheries committees, and other relevant policy and planning committees where they exist.

1. Wetland CEPA has been incorporated into the business of sectoral policy and planning committees	F	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

Draft National plan for wetlands conservation with CEPA issues will be incorporated into the business of sectoral policy and planning committees after its official adoption.

Action r9.iii.v.- As part of undertaking actions r9.iii.ii, r9.iii.iii and r9.iii.iv, ensure that attention is given to the efficiency and effectiveness of communication and information-sharing systems between relevant government ministries, departments and agencies, and where necessary develop mechanisms to address any shortcomings.

1. Actions have been taken in relation to communication and information-sharing on wetland issues between relevant ministries, departments and agencies	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> <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>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

Information-sharing on wetland issues was presented on Web-site of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine (www.menr.gov.ua), including in New releases to World Wetlands Day on 2 February 2005.

Action r9.iii.vi.- Collaborate globally and nationally to encourage synergy with the CEPA activities under other international conventions and programmes, including the *Convention on Biological Diversity*, the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*, and the *UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme*.

1. Actions have been taken to encourage synergies on CEPA activities among international conventions and programmes

F

Choose an answer

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

Draft National programme on biodiversity conservation and draft National action plan for wetlands conservation are synergic.

Representatives of the Ramsar Convention, the Bern Convention, UNESCO, the European Union, the Aarhus Convention, ESPOO Convention and the ICPDR have proposed some recommendations concerning navigable waterway construction across the Ukrainian Danube Delta where there located Ramsar site “Kiliiske Mouth” and the Danube Biosphere Reserve. We hope that an international monitoring programme for the whole Danube Delta (Ukraine-Romania) will be elaborated.

Action r9.iii.vii.- Establish and maintain an on-line searchable listing of expertise in CEPA and of the CEPA Focal Points, one which can be accessed to assist CEPA activities at national and international levels, and promote this service to assist CEPA programmes and activities.

1. A roster (or equivalent tool) on wetland CEPA expertise in the country is available

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.]

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OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) ⁵

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE R9.IV. Transfer, exchange and share CEPA information and expertise that promotes and results in the wise use of wetlands

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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To use centres of learning (universities, museums, aquaria, botanic gardens, zoos, some NGOs, etc.) in promoting enhanced awareness and understanding of the importance of wetlands	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To encourage the use of centres of learning in promoting enhanced awareness and understanding of the importance of wetlands	

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Action r9.iv.iii.- Continue to produce, distribute and share resource materials to support wetland CEPA actions

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1. Materials to support wetland CEPA have been produced and distributed	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
<p>In 2003 Directory of Azov-Black Sea Coastal Wetlands was published by the Black Sea Program of Wetlands International and distributed among universities, local and regional authorities, NGOs.</p> <p>Published in 2003 the school-book for university's students "Reserve Affairs in Ukraine" included information on Ramsar Convention goals and data on wetland sites of international importance in Ukraine.</p> <p>Created by the State Agency for Protected Areas in 2003 CD-R "Reserve Affairs" included directory "Ramsar Convention" with files on the Convention, its criteria, Ramsar List, format of Information Sheet, national legislation in this sphere, data about Ramsar wetlands in Ukraine, etc. This edition is renewed and distributed among administrations of protected areas, universities and NGOs.</p>		

Action r9.iv.iv.- Maintain, and seek to expand, the Ramsar global e-mail networks to include Ramsar Administrative Authorities, Ramsar national wetland CEPA Focal Points, CEPA professionals, Ramsar site managers, those facilities dedicated to environmental education and awareness raising, and local stakeholders. Establish and support similar national e-groups and the linking of these with the global network.

1. A national email network on wetland CEPA has been established	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
There are email lists of national and local authorities, administrations of protected areas, institutions and persons interested in wetlands conservation.		

Action r9.iv.v.- Promote and seek to resource the coordination of the *Wetland Link International* programme of the *Wildfowl & Wetland Trust*, UK, in order to allow it to assist wetland education centres to create a global network and national centres of excellence for promoting CEPA, and to facilitate information exchange between centres in developed and developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

1.- National wetland centres (or equivalent facilities) are part of the Wetland Link International Programme of the Wildfowl & Wetland Trust, UK (if available, please include number of centres or facilities)	I	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	N° centres -
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional information on the centres or facilities that are part of the Wetland Link International Programme, and any other comments you consider relevant.]			
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Action r9.iv.vi.- Promote and seek to resource the twinning of wetland education centres to encourage the exchange and transfer of information and expertise between centres in developed countries and those in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

1.- National wetland centres (or equivalent facilities) are twinned with similar facilities in other countries (if available, please include number of centres or facilities)	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer	N° centres 2
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional information on the centres or facilities that are twinned with similar ones in other countries, and further comments you consider relevant.]			

The Danube Biosphere Reserve (Ramsar site “Kiliiske Mouth”) as an Ukrainian part of the transboundary (Ukraine-Romania) Biosphere Reserve “Danube Delta”.

In the framework of the GEF/UNDP Dnipro Basin Environment Programme (2000-2004) the Pollution Monitoring Regional Activity Centre at the Ukrainian Environment Research Institute (c.Kharkiv), the Information Management Regional Activity Centre at the Ukrainian Hydro-Meteorological Research Institute (Kyiv), and the Pollution Prevention and Control Regional Activity Centre at the Central Research Institute of Water resources Complex of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation of the Republic of Belarus (Minsk), and the Biodiversity Regional Activity Centre in the Smolensk Oblast of the Russian Federation have been created.

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) ⁶

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE R9.V. Improve the individual and collective capacity and opportunities of people to participate in and contribute to using wetlands wisely, through the recognition of the values of wetland resources

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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To improve to participate in and contribute to using wetlands wisely, through the recognition of the values of wetland resources	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To use any ways for improving of the individual and collective capacity and opportunities of people for wise use of wetland resources	

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Action r9.v.i.- Review the current national needs and capacities in the areas of wetland CEPA, including in relation to the establishment and operations of wetland education centres (see Operational Objective r9.viii) and use this to define capacity-building priorities within the national wetland CEPA action plan (see Action r9.iii.iii)

1. A review of needs and capacities in the areas of wetland CEPA has been completed	I	<i>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</i>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
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Action r9.v.ii.- In collaboration with Ramsar’s International Organization Partners, identify sources of expert information and training opportunities in wetland CEPA in order to facilitate the sharing of expertise and knowledge at the local, national, regional and global levels.

1. Sources of expert information and training opportunities in wetland CEPA have been identified	D	<i>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</i>
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		

Sources of expert information and training opportunities in wetland CEPA the Wetlands International Project

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“The Ukrainian River Network” for NGOs have been identified. Proceedings of All-Ukrainian Seminar and First Workshop of the Ukrainian River Network as “Public Participation in Conservation of Small Rivers in Ukraine” were published in 2003 (Wetlands International, Kyiv, Ukraine, 136 pp.; in Ukrainian).

Action r9.v.iii.- Seek resources through appropriate mechanisms to support the capacity building identified as priorities through Action r9.v.i, ensuring that key groups such as women and indigenous and rural communities are not overlooked.

1. Resources for capacity building in wetland CEPA have been sought	D	<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. Progress in obtaining resources for capacity building in wetland CEPA has been made	D	
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the activities for resourcing capacity building in wetland CEPA.]		
Wetlands International has supported special project for designation of “The Ukrainian River Network” for NGOs (created in 2003).		

Action r9.v.iv.- Review formal educational curricula to ensure that they are incorporating information on the ecosystem services provided by wetlands, promoting the wise use principle, and recognizing the importance of CEPA in pursuing the objective of wise use.

1. A review of formal educational curricula in relation to wetland services and wise use has been carried out	C	<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. Changes in the formal educational curricula to incorporate wetland-related issues have been effected	C	
3.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the consideration of wetland services and wise use in the formal educational curricula.]		
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OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA)⁷

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE R9.VI. Foster sustained national campaigns, programmes and projects to raise community awareness of the important ecosystem services provided by wetlands as well as their social, economic and cultural values

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RESOURCING:	C	A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer
TARGETS (text answer):	To include aspects of wetland CEPA into different programmes and projects, workshops	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To propose wetland CEPA issues into different programmes and projects, workshops and informational presentations; To take part in different programmes and projects, workshops for popularizing principles of conservation and wise use of wetlands.	

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Action r9.vi.i.- Undertake national campaigns, programmes or projects to raise awareness, build community support, and promote stewardship approaches and attitudes towards wetlands.

1. National campaigns, programmes or projects to increase awareness on wetland issues have been launched

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.]

The following programmes or projects included wetland conservation issues for public awareness:

GEF/UNDP Dnipro Basin Environment Programme (2000-2004);

Wetlands International Project “The Ukrainian River Network” for NGOs started in 2003;

Wetlands International Black Sea Programme;

the GEF/World Bank Project on Biodiversity Conservation in the Azov and Black Seas Ecological Corridor, etc.

Action r9.vi.ii.- Celebrate *World Wetlands Day* with appropriate national and local events and promotions and the distribution of resource materials, in order to raise awareness of wetland values and functions

1. World Wetlands Day activities have been carried out

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 information on the WWD activities that have taken place, if any, at national and local levels.]

Yearly the News releases, Press conferences, slide presentations and special reports on wetlands conservation to the World Wetlands Day on 2 February are prepared in the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine. Regional (Provincial) authorities are involved into this process.

Action r9.vi.iii.- Collaborate with the media to inform decision-makers and the broader society about the values and benefits of wetlands.

1. Collaboration with the media has been systematically used to convey the wetland message

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;

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

Yearly the press is invited to take part at the Press conferences to the World Wetlands Day on 2 February.

Action r9.vi.iv.- Promote appropriate *Wetlands of International Importance* as ‘demonstration sites’ for Ramsar’s wise use principle and ensure that they are suitably equipped in terms of capacity, signage, and interpretive materials.

1.- Actions have been taken to promote and equip Ramsar site(s) as demonstration sites for the wise use principle (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

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**N°
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the actions taken, the Ramsar site(s) equipped, and any other additional comments you consider relevant.]

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OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE 9. COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA)⁸

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE R9.VII. Support and develop mechanisms to ensure that CEPA processes are incorporated into participatory, multi-stakeholder wetland management

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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To support any mechanisms to ensure that CEPA processes are incorporated into participatory, multi-stakeholder wetland management	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To promote CEPA principles into integrated wetland management	

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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	D	<i>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</i>
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]

As example, Stakeholders (national, regional and local authorities, administration of the Danube Biosphere Reserve, local enterprises, NGOs and people) were included in discussions concerning construction of navigable waterway across the Danube Delta (Ramsar site “Kiliiske Mouth”).

Action r9.vii.v.- Where they do not already exist, introduce into site management plans the appropriate strategies and actions for complementary communication, education and public awareness

1.- CEPA strategies and actions have been incorporated into the management plans of Ramsar sites (if available, please include number of sites)	D	<i>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</i>	N° Ramsar sites
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2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the actions taken, the Ramsar site(s) involved, and other additional comments you consider relevant.]

Management plans for protected areas/Ramsar sites include issues on communication, education and public awareness.

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

OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE R9.VIII. Promote and support the role of wetland and other education centres as focal points for global, national and local CEPA efforts

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RESOURCING:	C	<i>A= Good; B= Adequate; C= Limiting; D= Severely limiting; E= No answer</i>
TARGETS (text answer):	To promote and support the role of education centres as focal points for global, national and local CEPA efforts for wetlands conservation	
PLANNED ACTIVITIES (text answer):	To seek opportunities for promotion and support the role of education centres as focal points for global, national and local CEPA efforts for wetlands conservation	

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Action r9.viii.i.- Seek to establish education centres at Ramsar and other wetland sites to provide focal points for local and national CEPA activities.

1.- Education centres have been established at Ramsar sites and other wetlands (<i>if available, please include number of centres and sites</i>)	B	<i>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</i>	N° centres 57 N° wetlands/ Ramsar sites
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the centres established and the Ramsar site(s) involved, and other additional comments you consider relevant.]			
<p>All administrations of 4 Biosphere Reserves, 14 strict Nature Reserves, 15 National Nature Parks and 21 Regional Landscape Parks with valuable wetlands have ecological-educational centers. Some of them include Ramsar sites, namely:</p> <p>Shatsk National Nature Park – Ramsar site “Shatsk Lakes” Prypiat-Stokhid Regional Landscape Park – “Prypiat River Floodplains”, “Stokhid River Floodplains” Danube Biosphere Reserve – “Kyliske Mouth”, “Sasyk Lake” (partly) Tyligulskyi Regional Landscape Park – “Tyligulskyi Liman” Chornomorskyi (Black-Sea) Biosphere Reserve – “Tendrivska Bay”, “Yagorlytska Bay” Crimean Nature Reserve – “Karkinitzka and Dzharylgatska Bays” Azovo-Syvaskyi National Nature Park – “Central Syvash” Regional Landscape Park “Meotyda” – “Bilosaraiska Bay and Bilosaraiska Spit”, “Kryva Bay and Kryva Spit” Karadag’s Nature Reserve – “Aquatic-cliff Complex of Karadag” Nature Reserve “Kazantypskyi” – “Aquatic-cliff Complex of Cape Kazantyp” Nature Reserve “Opukskyi” – “Aquatic-coastal Complex of Cape Opuk” National Nature Park “Podilski Tovtry” – “Bakotska Bay”, “Lower Smotrych River” Rivnenskyi Nature Reserve – “Perebrody Peatlands” Poliskyi Nature Reserve – “Polissia Mires” Biosphere Reserve “Askania-Nova” – “Big Chapelsk Depression” Dniprovsko-Orilskyi Nature Reserve – “Dnipro-Oril Floodplains” National Nature Park „Desnyansko-Starogutskyi” – “Desna River Floodplains” National Nature Park “Synevyr” – “Lake Synevyr”</p>			

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More and more universities include into their programme issues on wetlands conservation.		
3.- Additional education centres are planned for Ramsar sites and other wetlands (<u>if available, please include number of centres and sites</u>)	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
		N° centres 3 N° wetlands/ Ramsar sites 8/incl.6
4.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the centres planned and the Ramsar site(s) involved, and other additional comments you consider relevant.]		
New protected areas with administrations are planned to be designated on areas of Ramsar sites, namely: Nyznyodnistrovskiyi (Lower Dniester) National Nature Park – “Dniester-Turunchuk Crossrivers Area”, “Northern Part of the Dniester Liman” Skhidnosyvaskeyi (Eastern Syvash) National Nature Park – “Eastern Syvash” Pryazovskyy National Nature Park – “Molochnyi Liman”, “Obytochna Spit and Obytocnna Bay”, “Berda River Mouth” and “Berdianska Spit and Berdianska Bay”		

Action r9.viii.ii.- Where wetland education centres exist, review the information they present and ensure that it is serving to promote in suitable ways the *Ramsar Convention* and its wise use principle, and also that the centres are helping to foster communication and, where appropriate, participation, among the local wetland management ‘actors’ and stakeholders

1. The information provided at wetland education centres has been reviewed to ensure that it is in line with the Convention’s principles and goals	B	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include additional comments on the implementation of this action.]		
All administrations of protected areas, where Ramsar sites are located, yearly execute the Chronicle of Nature according to special programme.		

Action r9.viii.iv.- Seek to involve suitable places of learning, education and training (museums, zoos, aquaria, botanic gardens and related institutions) in national CEPA efforts; encourage the development of wetland-related interpretative exhibits and programmes at such venues, and facilitate linkages with wetland-based centres. (see also Operational Objective R9.v).

1.- Places of learning, education and training (museums, zoos, aquaria, botanic gardens, etc.) are involved in national CEPA efforts and activities (<u>if available, please include number of facilities</u>)	D	<i>Choose an answer</i> A = Not applicable; B = Yes; C = No; D = Partly/ in some cases; E = In progress; F= Being planned; G = Being updated; H = Other status (explain below); I = No answer
		N° facilities 3
2.- Implementation progress since COP8 [Please include information on the facilities involved in national CEPA efforts and activities, and any other additional comments you consider relevant.]		
Only 3 zoos of national importance (in cities of Odesa, Mykolaiv and Kyiv) were involved in national CEPA efforts.		



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