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Evaluation questionnaire of the expertise, skills, capacity and networks of the Ramsar Convention's STRP National Focal Points

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Dear STRP National Focal Points of the Ramsar Convention.

As you may be aware, the Ramsar Convention's Contracting Parties together with the Ramsar Secretariat have in recent time been emphasizing the need to better engage and fully activate the network of National Focal Points (NFPs) of the Convention's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP). In September 2007, this has led to a first European STRP NFP networking and communications meeting in Mittersill, hosted by Austria, and more such events are planned for in the future.

It is our sincere wish that the Ramsar Convention can benefit from your and your country's and region's networks, expertise and concerns regarding wetland and water issues, and we strongly welcome you to join and support these networking activities and the STRP work, which is currently organized in nine different working groups, as much as possible.

To better assist you in this endeavour, we have prepared this short questionnaire for STRP NFPs which shall enable us to learn more about the specific expertise, skills and capacity you have, as well as the national and regional scientific networks you are part of. It will not take more than 15-20 minutes of your time to complete it, and your replies will be invaluable to us for better making use of the huge potential that STRP NFPs can have in contributing to the implemention of the Ramsar Convention. As the STRP currently works only in English, and a requirement of STRP NFPs is that they are proficient in English, this questionnaire is not available in the other Convention languages.

We hope that you are as keen to provide this information to us as we are to obtain it from you, and that this evaluation will be the starting point of a close working relationship in the near future.

The information you provide will only be available to the Ramsar Secretariat and to the STRP. As the STRP begins development of its work for the next triennium, once this is mandated by COP10 in October/November 2008, STRP lead members may contact you to invite your participation in the development and undertaking of aspects of its work to which your experience and expertise is relevant.

With my best regards,

Dr Edgar Kaeslin

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A. Your general information						
Given name(s):	Family name:					
Title:	Gender:					
Degree (highest):	In / from:					
Degree (second highest):	In / from:					
Organization or Institution:	Namely:					
Position:						
Address:						
Telephone: E-mail(s):	Fax:					
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P. Vour expertise and experience	in relation to STDD's work					
B. Your expertise and experience						
1. Please indicate in which of the f specific expertise and experience	following wetland-related technical ard ce (tick box/es as appropriate)	<u>eas</u> you have				
matural resource management wetland ecology wetland site management water resource management water supply & sanitation hydrology & groundwater water quality & pollution wetland restoration climate change mitigation & adaptation biodiversity/wildlife conservation fisheries limnology	inventory, assessment & monitoring baseline wetland inventory ecological surveys & studies status & trends assessment ecosystem health assessment management effectiveness assessment demographic change earth observation techniques GIS mapping legal & policy issues environmental impact assessment	wetland fauna & flora				
land-use planning agriculture land-use planning & management inland waters management coastal zone management river basin management protected area management communication & awareness community participation networking & communications negotiation & conflict resolution	strategic environmental assessment environmental water requirements/flows nat./reg. environmental legislation & policy international environmental conventions education & training environmental education organising meetings/workshops/trainings facilitating meetings/workshops/trainings capacity building ecotourism	☐ fungi ☐ lichens				

B. Your expertise and experience in relation to STRP's work cont. 2. Please indicate in which of the following wetland types you have specific expertise and experience (tick box/es as appropriate) coastal & marine wetlands inland wetlands man-made wetlands estuaries rivers & streams urban wetlands coastal lagoons seasonally flooded grasslands artificial/constructed wetlands ☐ intertidal flats & marshes seasonally flooded riparian forests irrigated & seasonally flooded farmlands (e.g. rice paddies) ☐ sandy & rocky shores lowland freshwater lakes & marshes salt pans mangrove shores & swamps saline/brackish lakes & marshes water storage areas (e.g. dams) seagrass beds freshwater swamp forests aquaculture ponds mining & excavation pools coral reefs montane freshwater lakes alpine & tundra wetlands fish-ponds peatlands freshwater springs geothermal wetlands karst and caves oases 3. Please indicate in which of the following geographical regions you have specific expertise and experience (tick box/es as appropriate) **Europe** Africa Asia & Oceania Americas Western Europe North Africa West Asia North America West Africa Southern Europe Central Asia Central America East Africa South Asia South America Fastern Furone Central Africa Northern Europe Southeast Asia Caribbean Southern Africa Oceania 4. Please indicate if you have specific expertise and experience in any of the following anticipated STRP priority work areas for 2009-2011 (tick box/es as appropriate) Wetland inventory, assessment and indicators Ramsar site designation Wetland restoration and management Wetlands and climate change Wetlands and human health

5.	Do you	have experi	ience of	working v	with other	wetland	d profes	ssional	s at	local	, nationa	l or
	internat	ional levels	? (tick a	ppropriate	box and e	xplain in	words))				

no

partly

Wetlands and water resources Wetlands and agriculture

yes

Communication, education & public awareness (CEPA)

C. Your networking skills and other qualifications							
6. Do you have skills and experience in coordinating scientific networks and the work of colleagues with different backgrounds? (e.g. scientists, government, NGO, private sector) (tick appropriate box and explain in words)							
	yes		no		partly		
which	you are a member o	or participa	ate in your count	ry/region (us	eties and networks of se separate line for each)		
8. Are you fully fluent in understanding, reading and writing English (the working language of the STRP)? (tick appropriate box and explain in words, if necessary)							
	yes		no		partly		

D. Your ca	apacity							
9. Do you have the support, including time and resources, of your organization or institution to undertake the work required of an STRP NFP? (tick appropriate box and explain in words)								
	yes		no			partly		
10. Do you have full access to, and the ability to use, electronic communication systems (e.g., e-mail, internet) through which the intersessional work of the STRP takes place? (tick appropriate box and explain in words, if necessary)								
	yes		no			partly		
11. Besides being the Ramsar Convention's STRP NFP, do you have any other liaison roles/functions within Ramsar processes or for any other multilateral environmental conventions or intergovernmental processes? (tick appropriate box and explain in words, if necessary)								
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