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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 implementation 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,

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**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***

- estuaries
- coastal lagoons
- intertidal flats & marshes
  
- sandy & rocky shores
- mangrove shores & swamps
- seagrass beds
- coral reefs

***inland wetlands***

- rivers & streams
- seasonally flooded grasslands
- seasonally flooded riparian forests
  
- lowland freshwater lakes & marshes
- saline/brackish lakes & marshes
- freshwater swamp forests
- montane freshwater lakes
- alpine & tundra wetlands
- peatlands
- freshwater springs
- geothermal wetlands
- karst and caves
- oases

***man-made wetlands***

- urban wetlands
- artificial/constructed wetlands
- irrigated & seasonally flooded farmlands (e.g. rice paddies)
- salt pans
- water storage areas (e.g. dams)
- aquaculture ponds
- mining & excavation pools
- fish-ponds

**3. Please indicate in which of the following geographical regions you have specific expertise and experience (tick box/es as appropriate)**

***Europe***

- Western Europe
- Southern Europe
- Eastern Europe
- Northern Europe

***Africa***

- North Africa
- West Africa
- East Africa
- Central Africa
- Southern Africa

***Asia & Oceania***

- West Asia
- Central Asia
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia
- Oceania

***Americas***

- North America
- Central America
- South America
- Caribbean

**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
- Wetlands and water resources
- Wetlands and agriculture
- Communication, education & public awareness (CEPA)

**5. Do you have experience of working with other wetland professionals at local, national or international levels? (tick appropriate box and explain in words)**

- yes                       no                       partly

**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

**7. Please list the wetland organizations, institutions, scientific societies and networks of which you are a member or participate in your country/region** (use 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 capacity**

**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)

- no  
 Ramsar Administrative Authority Focal Point/daily contact  
 Ramsar CEPA Government Focal Point  
 Ramsar CEPA NGO Focal Point  
 Other(s), namely: