

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

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RESOLUTION VI.21: ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF WETLANDS

1. NOTING the various presentations during the present Conference concerning the difficulties associated with measuring and reporting on the state of wetland resources by Contracting Parties, and consistent with Action 6.1.3 of the Strategic Plan 1997-2002;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

2. REQUESTS that, over the next triennium, the Bureau, in consultation with Contracting Parties:
 - a) establish a review process that would revise, if necessary and appropriate, the guidelines on preparing National Reports in time for the next Conference of Parties, with a view to examining the structure of the information presented in these regular reports to maximize their contribution to the ongoing assessment of wetlands; and
 - b) establish an agreed scientific process for assessing the state of wetland resources nationally, regionally and globally; and
3. RECOGNIZES the role that community groups and local NGOs can play in the process of the implementation of the Convention, and invites Parties to develop mechanisms by which NGOs may assist governments in achieving the Convention's mission.