

Status of Projects Managed by the Convention Bureau					
Report for the year 2003					
Project Number	Project Title / Description	Income		Total Expenditures	Project Balance
				2003	15 November 2003
7002-000	Ramsar Advisory Missions (RAMs) Technical missions, at the request of the countries concerned, to Ramsar sites included in the Montreux Record in order to prepare recommendations on how to address the problems involved. <i>Activities in 2003:</i> RAM No. 52 Mare d'Oursi, Burkina Faso in March 2003. RAM No. 53 Kyliiske Mouth [Danube Delta] (joint mission with UNESCO MAB), Ukraine in October 2003.	Balance Carried Forward at 31.12.02	CHF	CHF	CHF
		Balance carried forward	44,351	9,682	34,669
7056-000 7056-030	Wetlands for the Future. An initiative to promote training in the management of wetlands in Latin America and the Caribbean Support for wetland training and education in the Neotropics in the context of the agreement between the Government of the United States and the Bureau concerning the partnership for effective implementation of the Convention in the Western Hemisphere in honour of the Convention's 25th Anniversary. Projects are jointly approved by the US Department of State, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau. Expenditures up to 2001 funded 171 projects in the Neotropics in the field of training and capacity building. Balance is committed for on-going projects	Balance carried forward	313,345	26,162	287,183
7056-040	In 2002, in the first cycle 34 proposals were submitted and 21 were approved; and for the second phase 21 were submitted and 16 were approved.	USA - Dep't of State - 2002	218,751	181,031	37,720
7056-050	In 2003, in the first phase 16 proposals were submitted, of which 7 were approved. In the second cycle 12 proposals have so far been submitted.	USA - Dep't of State - 2003	290,301	26,813	263,488
7056-041	Conservacion Altoandinos - Chile In 2002, Minera Escondida Ltda generously gave US\$30,800 towards a project in Chile entitled: "Action plan for the conservation and development of the High Andean wetlands". The remaining funds will be used for a site visit in 2004.	Minera Escondida Ltda	11,427	7,525	3,901
7066-000	25th Anniversary Pledges In honour of the Convention's 25th Anniversary, pledges from a number of Contracting Parties have been earmarked for support of goals listed in the Ramsar Strategic Plan 1997-2002. Certain Contracting Parties pledged funds to be used in their own countries. A donation of non-earmarked funds from Switzerland (CHF 500,000) continues to sustain this project.	Balance carried forward	17,285	10,000	7,285
7070-000	Special Requests Project The funds in this project are designed to be made available at short notice to governments, NGOs, and other bodies (normally within Ramsar Contracting Party States, though exceptionally in non-Party countries) for activities related to the Convention and Strategic Plan which only require limited funds. Expenditure to date has funded sixteen projects. <i>Examples:</i> The fund helped pay for the printing of the WCMC Seagrass Atlas. 200 Video copies were made for EcoCienca in Ecuador. Belgium provided funding for the airfare of a participant from Senegal to the RIZA course in the Netherlands.	Balance carried forward	9,522	13,898	2,956
		MKI Algonquin	7,331		

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7071-000	<p>Swiss Grant for Africa 1997 The 1997 grant for work in Africa was used for the assessment of potential Ramsar sites in The Gambia; for initial studies on populations of water birds in a Ramsar site in Gabon; for the preparation of a management plan for a national park in Niger; for an emergency rehabilitation plan in a biosphere reserve in Senegal; for Wetlands International's 1997 African Waterfowl Census Report; and for seed funding for a project to evaluate wetland systems in the Southern African Development Community (SADC).</p> <p>* The Balance is committed</p>	Balance Carried Forward at 31.12.02	CHF	CHF	CHF
		Balance carried forward	8,000	0	8,000
		Switzerland			
7072-000	<p>MedWet 2 Co-ordination The Mediterranean Programme was originally funded in 1997-1999 by WWF, and subsequently the MAVA Foundation in 1999 and 2000 supported the MedWet activities. The Greek Government has helped to establish and support the MedWet Unit.</p>	Balance carried forward	-65	50,000	55,100
		MedWet 2003	105,165		
7072-100	<p>5th MedWet Committee, Izmir, Turkey on 12-15 June 2003 Nine sponsored delegates from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Israel, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia and Sri Lanka attended this meeting. The significant developments and progress in projects and activities of MedWet included: Inventory, Prespa Park, The Neretva River Delta, the MedWet/Regions network & related project; the development of the North African Wetland Network, the establishment of the Portuguese Wetland Centre, the collaboration with the Mediterranean Action Plan and the MedWet/Coast project.</p>	Sweden, Sida	33,787	33,787	0
					Closed
7076-000	<p>Austrian-Kenyan Twinning Project on Studies on White Stork in their Wintering Grounds Support from the Austrian Federal Ministry for Environment for Ramsar to coordinate with the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife of the Kenya Wildlife Service to start on Phase II of the project on the European White Stork in their wintering grounds. Sub-projects include a mini-poster on the distribution and ecology of the White Stork, a twinning programme between schools, communities & national park administrators and providing equipment for site managers. Funds are being sought to continue the project.</p>	Balance carried forward	3,176	3,176	0
					Closed
7079-010 to 080	<p>Evian Project 2001 - 2002 Danone has committed to continuing the Evian project and has provided funding for a total of FFR 2,000,000 over a period of two years. The 2002 programme included: A report on the 2001 symposium on Mountain Living Waters; various Communications projects; a Workshop through EACN Japan; The Evian Award 2002 (presented at COP8 Valencia); and an Evaluation Report of the whole project prepared by a consultant.</p>	Balance carried forward was transferred to 2003 Evian - Communications	-186,053	186,053	0
					Closed
7079-100-170	<p>Evian Project 2003 Danone will be supporting the Evian project for a four-year period, with a donation of EUR 250,000 per year. The programme for 2003 includes the World Wetland Days, and the Prize for Education; a meeting of Crossboundary/Ramsar site managers in North-East Asia; a meeting of Eurosite/Ramsar site managers of the Carpathian Mountain range to be held in 2004, and a project for clean water in Cambodia.</p>	Danone Evian - 2003	384,650	280,909	103,741
7081-000	<p>Swiss Grant for Africa 1998 The 1998 grant for work in Africa covered the balance of seed funding for a project to evaluate wetland systems in the Southern African Development Community (SADC); development of an integrated management plan at a Ramsar site in Botswana; support for the development of a common approach to shared water catchment areas in Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Togo; support for a public awareness campaign on invasive species in wetlands; completion of the national wetland policy in Zambia; and Wetland International's 1998 African Waterfowl Census Report.</p>	Balance carried forward	7,900	0	7,900

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7086-000	Ramsar Promotional Book Funded by Switzerland and Spain, this book depicts significant Ramsar sites around the world. A consultant co-ordinated the call for photographs to all Parties, the production of a Screen Saver and the final printing of the book. The book was distributed at COP8, and copies will be given to dignitaries on special occasions.	Balance Carried Forward at 31.12.02	CHF	CHF	CHF
		Balance carried forward	10,612	10,612	0
					Closed
7087-000	Japan Voluntary Additional Contribution Voluntary contributions from Japan in the years 1997, 1998 and 1999 specifically targeted for projects in the Asian region. In 2003 CHF 50,000 was approved for the Small Grants Fund.	Balance carried forward	146,144	50,000	96,144
7088-000	Swiss Grant for Africa 1999 Six projects were funded in Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Nigeria. A combined implementation of environment-related conventions in CAR, Benin, Cameroon and Tanzania was established. A wetlands Inventory Training program was initiated in Cameroon and Kenya.	Balance carried forward	6,008	5,316	691
7090-000	Convention Outreach Programme The 24th Standing Committee approved the use of the excess in the Reserve fund to initiate the "Voluntary Fund for the Convention's Outreach Programme". A consultant has prepared a report on implementing the Convention's Outreach Programme 1999-2002: Reviewing and Action Planning for Wetland Communication, Education and Public Awareness. The report has been translated into French and Spanish. A consultant was engaged to prepare an information document entitled 'Agenda 21 and the Ramsar Convention' on Ramsar's activities, for the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, for the information of those involved in the preparation of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. In 2003 a sites leaflet was produced in three languages, along with a poster and an exhibition panel.	Balance carried forward	26,976	29,263	-2,287
7093-000	Swiss Grant for Africa 2000 The Swiss Grant has provided funding for six projects in: Botswana: Development of a management plan for the Okavango Delta. Guinea: Implementing the Convention. Sierra Leone: Assistance to ratify Ramsar sites. Madagascar: Management plan for Manambolomaty site. As well, a public awareness & education programme has been started in Ghana and Kenya, an emergency plan against <i>Salvinia molesta</i> was funded in Senegal, and a workshop was held in Mauritius. * Remaining funds have been committed	Switzerland	10,742	3,085	7,658
7094-000	STRP Working Groups In 2002 a consultant prepared additional text on wetland management planning concerning the relationship between site-based management planning and wider basin scale planning and mosaic wetland systems.	Balance carried forward	18,267	18,267	0
		Transferred to 7094-100			Closed
7094-100	STRP Work Plan Implementation COP8 Resolution VIII.28 established eleven topics of high priority tasks in the STRP Work Plan 2003-2005, which encompasses substantive work on preparation of guidelines and other reports to be considered by COP9.	Balance carried forward	18,267		18,267
		Sweden, Sida pledged	85,800		

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7095-010	CoP8 - Valencia, Spain 2002 - Administration Expenditures relating to the Conference of the Parties held 18-26 November 2002. The funding covered the translation of documents before and during the COP; hiring of consultants and experts; reproduction and distribution of documents; interpreters and translators; and per diems and travel for Bureau staff.	Balance Carried Forward at 31.12.02	CHF	CHF	CHF
		Balance carried forward	561	5,707	-5,146
7095-020	CoP8 - Sponsored Delegates A total of 196 delegates from developing countries and countries whose economy is in transition were funded to attend the Conference of the Parties in Valencia, Spain on 18-26 November 2002. Sponsored delegates included 185 from Contracting Parties, and 11 from non-Contracting Parties	Balance carried forward	(98,437)	11,447	-27,696
		Australia re Oceania delegates	13,954		
		Denmark, Dancee	30,074		
		Netherlands - 2nd pmt	6,160		
		Switzerland - 2nd pmt	12,000		
		Switzerland supported NEPAD delegates	20,000		
		TOTAL	82,188		
		Pledged UNESCO	29,900		
7095-030	CoP8 - Secondee Mr Carlos Villalba was seconded from Spain as the Bureau's "CoP8 Technical Support Officer" until December 2003. Part of Mr Villalba's time was devoted to working with the MedWet Coordination Unit.	Balance carried forward	4,402	137,034	-132,632
		Supported by:			
		Spain, Ministry of Environment			
7095-040	Sustainable Trade Workshop A workshop held during the CoP for "Side event and publication of awareness material for COP8 and beyond". 369 CDs were produced entitled "Mobilizing Funding for Biodiversity Conservation Training Guide".	Balance carried forward	6,866	20,440	0
		Wetlands Int'l - 2nd pmt	13,574		Closed
7095-050	CoP8 Proceedings Production of Manuals and Proceedings of the 8th Conference of the Parties in Valencia, Spain.	Spain, Ministry of Environment	20,702	20,702	0
					Closed
7095-120	NEPAD Meeting prior to CoP8 - 17 November The Swiss government sponsored 61 delegates from African countries to attend this one-day meeting entitled: "Developing Further the Plan of Action to Implement Africa's Wetland Management Strategy under the Environmental Initiative of NEPAD".	Balance carried forward	7,317	7,317	0
					Closed
7099-000	South American Regional Meeting - Buenos Aires, Argentina, 10-12 September 2001	Argentina (bal. to be returned)	1,912	688	1,224
7099-010	Pan American Meeting - Guayaquil, Ecuador 1-5 July 2002 (balance to be approved for transfer)	US Dept of State			
7099-020	Americas Regional Mission to non-CP States 15-22 September 2002 (balance to be approved for transfer).	(balance to be transferred)	73,835		73,835

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7100-010	Swiss Grant for Africa 2002 Seven initiatives were undertaken for 2002 : Implementation of recommendations for a joint initiative on invasive species in Africa. Establishing the National Committee for the Niger Basin in Guinea. Encouraging non-pollutant energy through the Center for African Wetlands. Setting up the institutional mechanism for the implementation of the Convention in Angola, Mozambique, Djibouti, Rwanda, the Seychelles, and Lesotho. Technical assistance for implementation of the Convention in the above six African countries. Strengthening communication for Nigeria. Designation of Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa as a Ramsar site.	Balance Carried Forward at 31.12.02	CHF	CHF	CHF
		Balance carried forward	81,079	39,910	41,169
7100-020	Swiss Grant for Africa 2003 Five activities were supported in 2003 : Djibouti - promoting understanding of the Convention, & establishment of a National Wetland Committee; Inventory of the Lake Chad Basin wetlands using remote sensing & GIS techniques; Support for the accession of Ethiopia; Setting up institutional mechanism for implementation of the Convention in Equatorial Guinea; For Kenya, as host of NEPAD, to facilitate the implementation of the NEPAD wetland Strategy & Action Plan.	Switzerland, BUWAL	117,000	66,800	50,200
		Switzerland, BUWAL <i>to be pd</i> in 2004	23,000		
		Total Grant 2003	140,000		
7100-021	Joint Swiss/WWF Living Waters Programme Grant Separate project for Sudan, Congo and Burundi to support the designation of new Ramsar sites.	Switzerland - OFEFP	40,000	32,000	8,000
7100-022	Joint Swiss /WWF Living Waters Programme Grant Joint initiative for the designation of Lake Malawi/Niassa/Nyasa in Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique.	Switzerland, BUWAL	40,000	28,000	12,000
7103-000	Transboundary Management of Ramsar & World Heritage Site Ramsar is supporting training for this five-year, € 30 million European Commission funded project involving 8 African countries surrounding the "W" area of the Niger River Basin. It comprises a wetland complex covering over 100,000 hectares, including two existing Ramsar sites (Burkina Faso & Niger) and one potential site in Benin. Due to inaccessibility to the sites, the meeting has been postponed until 2004.	Belgium, Wallonne Region UNESCO - World Heritage	10,000 23,356	10,000	23,356
7104-000	High Altitude Wetlands/Lakes Workshop in Urumqi, China A workshop was held in Urumqi in mid August 2002, to support the preparation, printing and publication of the Country Report. Eight participants were sponsored. A second workshop will be held before the end of the year.	Balance carried forward WWF - Living Waters Programme	20,985	14,093	6,892
7105-100	Participatory Management Clearinghouse - PMC - 2003 SIDA has provided support since 2000 for the Participatory Management Clearinghouse on natural resources. It is a joint service of IUCN, Ramsar and WWF. Its aim is to improve the flow of information and knowledge and to share lessons on participatory management of natural resources. The present project is to consolidate the global PMC website in English and SIMP in Spanish.	Balance carried forward Sweden, Sida	207 76,020	76,227	0 Closed
7106-000	CEPA Workshop - prior to CoP8 Valencia, Spain 36 delegates & speakers were sponsored to attend the workshop, which aimed at encouraging, developing and promoting the CEPA programme.	Balance carried forward Spain <i>pledged</i>	-35,814	1,559	-37,373

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7107-000	Project Administrator Administration fees are charged to cover the salary and overhead of the Project Administrator, plus courier & other administrative charges for the major projects : Small Grants Fund, Wetlands for the Future, Swiss Grant, Evian Initiative and some other projects that require financial reporting; as well as the financial reporting for any meetings held during the year.	Balance Carried Forward at 31.12.02	CHF	CHF	CHF
		10% admin fees	92,283	94,928	-2,645
		<i>Projected fee income:</i>			
		SGF 2002	3,093		
		SGF 2003	8,365		
7108-000	Parliamentarians Meeting - Cotonou, Benin 27-28 November 2003 Theme of the meeting is "Parliamentary consideration on Water, Wetlands and the Ramsar Convention". Approximately 30 parliamentarians from West and Central Africa have been invited to discuss issues relevant to Ramsar sites. The meeting is being organized by the Benin Gov't, the Ramsar Secretariat and the Network for Environment and Sustainable Development (NESDA). A leaflet will be printed showcasing several sites.	Belgium, Walloon Region	10,000	94,778	22,802
		Sweden, Sida	76,020		
		UNESCO	31,560		
		TOTAL	117,580		
7109-000	DGIS/WI Fiji Information Base An urgent project to help the Fijian government prepare a site designation and prepare for Fiji's accession to the Convention. Wetlands International Oceania, WWF South Pacific and BirdLife Fiji have all contracted to prepare separate modules. As well a consultant is helping to coordinate all these activities and a project officer from the Fijian government is engaged in preparing the accession papers.	Wetlands International/DGIS	38,828	44,789	-5,961
		Fiji has been invoiced	24,200		
7110-000	Panama Centre A Director has been appointed by the Board, and their first task is to prepare a budget for 2004, and to create a project and work plan.	Canada	9,626		9,626
7111-000	CoP9 - Kampala, Uganda November 2005 General Secretariat expenses for the preparation of the Meeting. Several site visits and meetings with Ugandan government representatives will be undertaken by the Secretary General in 2004.	Core allocation 2003	43,399	5,664	85,365
		Transfer from closed projects	4,141		
		Switzerland, DEZA	4,000		
		USA - Dep't of State 2003	39,490		
		TOTAL	91,030		
7112-000	Andorra Secondee The Andorran government is contributing to the salary, and lending the Secretariat the services of, Sebastià Semene Guitart. Dr Guitart will help develop a broad promotion and outreach strategy for the Convention. He will as well develop a press and media communications strategy for the Convention. For the Evian Project, he will build on the WWD core activities and work with UNESCO on highlighting the importance of the cultural aspects of wetlands.	Surplus	22,533		22,533

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7500-000 to 7500-500	(SGF) Small Grants Fund for Wetland Conservation and Wise Use Assistance for wetland conservation and wise use initiatives in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The Fund's resources are being directed to small-scale projects not traditionally covered by larger funding agencies. Some of the funds in the project reflect 25th Anniversary Pledges. * Funds from previous years (starting in 1996) are all committed for second payments to contracts.	Balance Carried Forward at 31.12.02 CHF		CHF	CHF
		Carried forward for previous years*	173,508	34,338	139,170
7500-600	2000 Small Grants Fund Eight projects were funded through the Grant, and OMPO co-funded a project in Niger-Togo.	Balance Carried Forward	28,720	13,000	15,720
		Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Sweden-SIDA, United Kingdom, USA and the 1999 Core budget surplus.			
7500 - 700	2001 Small Grants Fund Forty good quality proposals were submitted in response to the 2001 call for proposals. There were nine submitted from the African Region, 6 from the Americas, 8 from the Asian regional, 16 from the European region and one from Oceania. In total these projects amounted to CHF 1,325,121. The Standing Committee approved nine projects for a total of CHF 327,890 of available funds. Belgium supports a separate project which tracks the Black Stork Flyways. WWF - Living Waters Programme is supporting a project in Mongolia. WWF International took over two projects in Morocco and Algeria. DGIS and Wetlands International took over three projects in Bulgaria, Belarus and the Slovak Republic.	Balance Carried Forward	61,979	7,953	54,026
		Austria, Japan, Spain, Swedish Sida, United Kingdom and US Department of State and Dep't of Fish and Wildlife. Additional funds created from funds released from previous years.			
7500-701	SGF - Coral Reefs The USA provided separate funding to promote projects specifically involved in protecting Coral Reefs.	Balance Carried Forward USA, Dept of State	8,000	8,000	0 Closed
7500-710	SGF - Black Storks - Flyways Project The Belgian Wallonne District is continuing to support a long-term study which tracks the flyways of the Black Stork between Europe and Africa.	Balance carried forward Belgium, Wallonne District	4,000		4,000
7500-800	2002 Small Grants Fund Out of 57 proposals received, 43 in the amount of CHF 1,630,832 were presented to the Standing Committee and 8 were initially approved. With a further donation from Sida, an additional five were funded. With some additional funding, a total of 17 projects were funded in the amount of CHF 628,304.	Balance carried forward	581,211	487,501	93,710
		Austria - Min. Land, Forestry, Env. Japan - Asia Vol. Donation Project Sweden - SIDA 2002 Sweden - SIDA 2002 additional Spain - towards Mexico project USA - Dept of State & Dept of Int.			
7500-900	2003 Small Grants Fund 35 countries submitted a total of 48 proposals, of which 38 have been submitted to the Standing Committee for approval. In order of priority for funding, 22 projects in the amount of CHF 835,647 have been submitted, 12 classed as 'B' and 4 classed as 'C'. A total of CHF 1,430,544 was requested for technically sound projects from all regions.	Austria Belgium - <i>pledged</i> Germany Iran Italy Japan, Voluntary Asian Project Sweden, Sida UK - DEFRA - <i>pledged</i> Surplus from previous years	15,448 11,500 46,986 10,000 30,932 50,000 159,937 33,550 10,450	32,464	336,339
		TOTAL	368,803		