

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
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Ramsar core budget for 2008

Action requested: The Subgroup on Finance is invited to recommend in its report to the Standing Committee the approval of the 2008 core budget expenditure.

1. The Convention's core budgeted expenditure was set for 2008 at CHF 4,365,094 by Resolution IX.12 Annex I.
2. The attached table shows the expenditure allocations for 2008, arranged in line with Decision SC35-6 to show the overall allocations proposed to each major area of expenditure. Thus in this table, Secretariat staff salaries and social costs are allocated to the relevant areas of expenditure.
3. At the foot of the table, a 'recap' is provided to summarise the expenditure allocations under the major headings in the expenditure as approved by COP9.

RAMSAR COP9 APPROVED CORE BUDGET - 2008		Sub-totals	TOTALS
EXPENDITURES			
	CHF		CHF
A. SECRETARIAT SENIOR MANAGEMENT			481,525
i. Salary & social costs (SG)(Ass't) (10%DSG)	452,525		
ii. Travel on Official Business (International)	29,000		
B. REGIONAL ADVICE & SUPPORT			1,159,360
i. Salaries & social costs (SRAs, Assistants, Oceania officer)	1,079,733		
ii. Travel on Official Business (International)	79,627		
C. SUPPORT TO REGIONAL INITIATIVES			279,190
i. Regional networks (cooperation)	179,190		
ii. Regional centers (training & capacity-building)	100,000		
D. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES			563,030
i. STRP (implementation/meeting & staff costs)	205,985		
ii. Ramsar Sites Information Service	170,000		
iii. DSG (70%)	172,045		
iv. Travel on Official Business (International)	15,000		
E. CEPA - COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION & PUBLIC AWARENESS			544,404
i. Salaries & social costs (DSG 20%)	363,501		
ii. CEPA Programme	30,000		
iii. Communications & Reporting implementation	150,903		
F. ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT			383,410
i. Administration (salaries & social costs)	195,914		
ii. Human Resources (salaries & social costs)	36,793		
iii. Other employment benefits	99,947		
iv. Staff hiring and departure costs	25,756		
v. Staff termination & repatriation provisions	25,000		
G. FINANCE MANAGEMENT			187,372
i. Salaries & social costs	187,372		
H. OPERATING COSTS			101,529
i. Operating Costs (photocopying, printing, courier)	86,529		
ii. Purchase & Maintenance of Equipment/Office Supplies (including depreciation)	15,000		
I. STANDING COMMITTEE SERVICES			72,812
i. Standing Committee delegates' support	47,056		
ii. Simultaneous interpretation at SC meetings	25,756		
J. MISCELLANEOUS			65,000
i. Bad debt provision	50,000		
ii. Exchange loss	15,000		
K. COP related costs incurred by the Secretariat	25,283		25,283
		SubTotal	3,862,915
I. IUCN SERVICE CHARGES (13%)			502,179
i. Administration services	228,240		
ii. Human Resources services	83,362		
iii. Finance Services	98,528		
iv. Information Technology (IT) services	92,049		
TOTAL FORECAST EXPENDITURE	4,365,094		4,365,094
RECAP (COP9 Res IX.12)		TOTALS	% of Budget
1. Salaries & social costs	2,613,586		59.87%
2. STRP	375,985		8.61%
3. Regional Initiatives	279,190		6.40%
4. Travel on Official Business (International)	123,627		2.83%
5. Purchase & Mntce of Equipment/Office Supplies	15,000		0.34%
6. Administration & Operating Costs	739,611		16.94%
7. Outreach / CEPA	30,000		0.69%
8. Standing Committee Services	72,812		1.67%
9. Miscellaneous	115,283		2.64%
	4,365,094		100.00%