

1. Title of your regional initiative

RAMSAR CENTRE FOR EASTERN AFRICA (RAMCEA)

2. Work and activities undertaken in 2009

Provide a simple summary on your work undertaken, listing your activities, the results achieved, and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	indicators
1. Launch RAMCEA in the partner states	Procure equipment and facilities, recruit staff	RAMCEA operational	Functional RAMCEA secretariat
2. Build capacity of Administrative Authorities and National Focal Points for the Ramsar Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out Capacity needs assessment Develop and implement Capacity Development Plan 	Capacity Needs Assessment Framework developed	Assessment reports, Capacity Development Plan
3. Initiate the creation of networks of wetland managers and practitioners at national and regional level through sharing of knowledge and information from various countries	Procure computers, establish web based discussion forum	Procurement initiated and now at tendering stage	Regional Wetlands Network established
4. Promote the integration of wetland issues into Regional Frameworks	Participate in Regional for a such as the East African Community and the Nile Council of Ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held meetings with the Lake Victoria Basin Commission, UN-Habitat and the Nile Basin Initiative Draft Memorandum of Understanding with NBI 	Memorandum of Understanding with NBI
5. Organise training programs for targeted groups like technical officers, politicians, academicians and the private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out training needs assessment Hold trainings as appropriate 	18 wetland managers trained in wetland and poverty reduction in collaboration with the Nile Basin Initiative	Training reports
6. Facilitate RAMCEA Secretariat	pay staff salaries provide office facilities	Effective RAMCEA Secretariat	Reports

If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

RAMCEA has facilitated the following: documentation of information and sharing of experiences; increased the visibility of the Ramsar Convention within the East African Community and the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) and UN-Habitat towards implementation of Resolution 10.25 on Wetlands and Urbanisation. A capacity needs assessment is being finalized which will provide and informed process of capacity building in the five Contracting Parties.

3. Financial report for the year 2009

Provide a summary of income and expenditures:

activities	planned expenditures	real expenditures
	amount (currency) CHF	amount (currency) UGX
Activities		
Procure equipment and facilities, establish web based discussion forum	18,500	15,500,000
Capacity needs assessment Develop and implement Capacity Development Plan	7,400	8,000,000
Participate in Regional for a such as the East African Community and the Nile Council of Ministers	10,000	7,500,000
In collaboration with Nile Basin Initiative organise training programs for targeted groups like technical officers, politicians, academicians and the private sector	58,450	103,000,000
Facilitate functioning of the RAMCEA -brochure	32,000	22,500,000

sources of income (donors)	income received
donor name	amount (currency)
NILE BASIN INITIATIVE	CHF 50,000
Ramsar core budget (where applicable)*	amount (currency) CHF 45,814
Total	CHF 95,814

Financial balance on 28 February 2010: **CHF 30, 345** and **UGX 16,833,194**

* Regional initiatives that received Ramsar core budget support during the period 2009-2012 are requested to summarize briefly how this helped them to start and develop their initiative, and to clarify how they have now become self-sustaining:

The core budget support has helped to start and develop RAMCEA as follows:

- **Development of a proposal which is being marketed to different donors and development partners**
- **Facilitated meeting with potential donor agencies based in Kampala and the East African region**
- **Facilitated meetings with the Lake Victoria Basin Commission of the East African Community**
- **Facilitated meetings with the Nile Basin Initiative which will result in the signing of an MoU between the Ramsar Convention and NBI**
- **Facilitated lobbying of the Ministry of Finance of Uganda to include RAMCEA in the Medium Term Expenditure Framework under the Environment and Natural Resources sector**
- **Capacity of the staff of the Wetlands Management Department built**

1. Financial planning for the period 2009-2012 (4 years)

Provide a summary table according to the format below:

sources of income (donors)	income confirmed	anticipated income
donor name	confirmed amount (currency)	amount expected (currency)
Government of Uganda	US\$ 20,000	US\$ 30,000
UNDP	0	US \$ 50,000
Other donors	0	US \$ 100,000
Ramsar core budget	CHF 30,452	requested amount (currency) CHF 45,000

2. Work plan for the year 2010

Provide a simple logical framework table according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	indicators
7. Build capacity of Administrative Authorities and National Focal Points for the Ramsar Convention	7.1 Implement the Capacity Development Plan	Ramsar AA equipped and strengthened	Assessment reports, Capacity Development Plan
8. Promote Regional networking and information exchange	8.1 Operationalise the regional network	A functional Regional network	Reports
9. Promote the integration of wetland issues into Regional Frameworks	3.1 Participate in Regional for a such as the East African Community and the Nile Council of Ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with the Lake Victoria Basin Commission, UN-Habitat and the Nile Basin Initiative 	Memorandum of Understanding
10. Organise training programs for targeted groups like technical officers, politicians, academicians and the private sector	10.1 Hold trainings based on the Training Plan	50 Ramsar site Managers, wetland managers and other stakeholders trained in wetland management	Training reports
11. Promote trans-boundary management of wetlands and Ramsar sites	11.1 Collaborate with Kenya and Tanzania on the management of Lake Victoria Ramsar site	1 joint Framework management plan for Lake Victoria Ramsar site	Joint Framework Management Plan
12. Facilitate RAMCEA Regional Advisory Council and Secretariat	6.1 operating costs for Regional Advisory Council 6.2 pay staff salaries 6.3 provide office facilities	Effective RAMCEA Secretariat	Reports

3. Financial plan for the year 2010

Provide a detailed summary of income and expenditure forecast:

activities	forecast/budgeted expenditures
	amount (currency)
1.1 Implement the Capacity Development Plan	75,000
2.1 Operationalise the regional wetlands network	10,000
3.1 Participate in Regional for a such as the East African Community and the Nile Council of Ministers	15,000
4.1 Hold trainings based on the Training Plan	75,000
5.1 Collaborate with Kenya and Tanzania on the management of Lake Victoria Ramsar site	25,000
6.1 facilitate meetings of the regional advisory council for RAMCEA 6.2 pay staff salaries 6.3 provide office facilities	45,000

sources of income (donors)	budgeted amount of income
donor name	amount (currency)
Government of Uganda	US\$ 30,000
UNDP	US \$ 50,000
Other donors	US \$ 100,000
requested from Ramsar core budget	amount (currency) CHF 70,452
total	US\$ 245,000

A) end of the Annual Report 2009 format