

Ramsar 2010 Budget under IUCN vs projections under UNEP Geneva  
Based upon Jan '10 UNEP salary estimates provided to Kofi Addo, with known other cost differences from UNEP report to WG

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	Ramsar	Geneva	
	Ramsar CORE Budget 2010 CHF	Low cost scenario UNEP Projections Interns as JPOs CHF	High cost scenario UNEP Projections Interns as P1/P2 CHF
		Total staff costs (note 1)	2'869'465
Oceania contract (note 2)	87'550	87'550	87'550
Partnership account (note 9)	141'696	141'696	141'696
Rent (note 5,6)	-	-	-
Office running costs (water, elec, cleaning) (note 7)	-	108'500	108'500
Travel (note 3)	123'627	123'627	123'627
Regional Initiatives	279'190	279'190	279'190
STRP (non-staff, non-travel- eg WI International, technical meetings, scientific projects)	267'985	267'985	267'985
Communications (incl translations, publications, web costs)	180'903	180'903	180'903
General operating costs (note 8)	88'529	88'529	88'529
Standing Committee meeting costs	72'812	72'812	72'812
Other miscellaneous (bad debt and other provisions)	75'000	75'000	75'000
Total budgetted cost, pre overheads	4'186'757	4'279'407	4'948'083
Overheads (note 10)		253'411	340'339
		302'912	302'912
		534'529	556'323
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>4'721'286</b>	<b>4'835'730</b>	<b>5'591'334</b>
Retained income tax equivalent (note 11)	(250'000)	0	0
Interest income on cash held	(12'000)	(12'000)	(12'000)
To be funded by contributions by parties	4'459'286	4'823'730	5'579'334

Assumptions

- Ramsar staff costs as per COP10 approved budget for 2010 (incl staff hiring/departure, school fees) for 19 positions. Assumed exchange rate of 1USD=1.03CHF. UNEP costs are for 17 staff members (13 plus 4 interns).
- Oceania officer is funded by the Core budget under an USD 85,000 contract with SPREP. confirmation.
- Under UNEP these costs may be greater - however for here they are assumed to be the same.
- Danone funded staff member excluded from both analyses
- Ramsar currently pays no rent. This analysis assumes rent free accommodation could be negotiated under UNEP. If not, this cost needs to be added.
- Ramsar currently has office space of 307 square metres, but has use of shared meeting room space and dedicated archive space in addition to this. (IUCN service charges include these costs, calculated based on total building costs and apportioned based on office space of 307m2). UNEP estimates assume 720m2 total office space.
- Ramsar pays for electricity, cleaning, security within the overheads paid to IUCN for facilities management. UNEP charges are assumed to be in addition to the 13%
- The Ramsar budget includes phones, photocopying etc. For here, these costs are expected to be similar under the UNEP scenarios.
- This is an allocation to fund a new position in 2010.
- How this will be dealt with under UNEP and the cost has not yet been determined.
- Ramsar budget for overheads payable to IUCN includes office running costs, IT support, HR and basic accounting support. Of this approx 70% constitutes staff time, 30% non-staff costs. UNEP 13% programme support calculation may need to be refined, but it is assumed here that the 13% will pay for 2 staff (Finance Officer and 1 Admin assistant to be funded out of UNEP programme support cost (cost here is 2009 cost. Any 2010 cost increase would come out of 13% and not affect bottom line)).
- Under arrangements between IUCN and the Swiss govt, employee tax deductions for non-Swiss employees are not paid over to Swiss authorities but instead retained for use by the organisation. The Ramsar Secretariat budgetted for CHF250,000 income in 2010 for this. (Actual income depends on the nationality and personal tax and pension situation of employees and is currently closer to CHF200,000)

Non-staff

Staff

13%