

# DOC SC46-17

## Update on the status of Ramsar Sites



# New designated sites



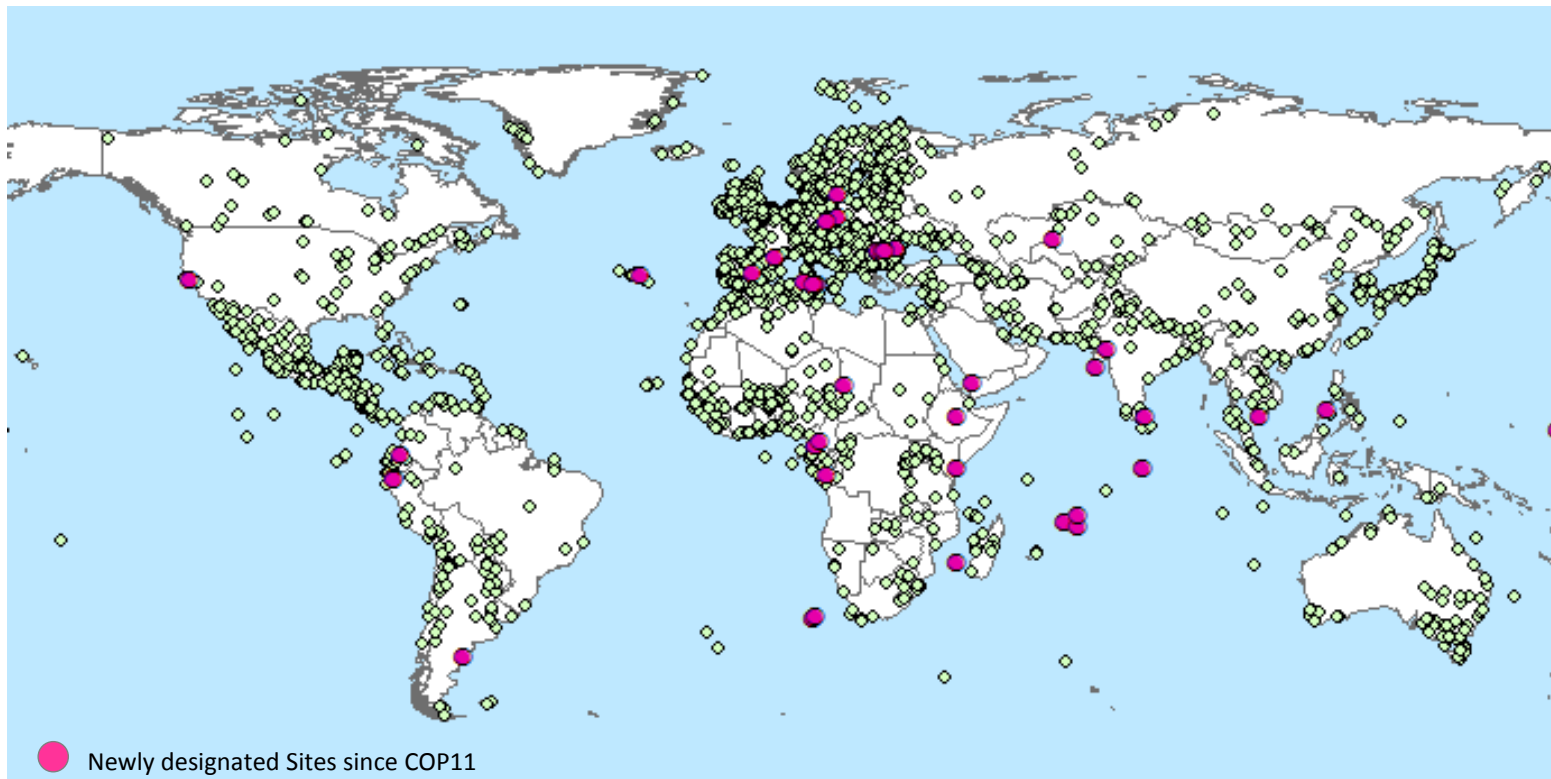
As of 7 February 2013:

**2087 Ramsar Sites**

**58 new sites**

**12.9 million Ha**

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At COP11:

**2029 Ramsar Sites**

**217 new sites**

**14.6 million Ha**

**during last triennium**

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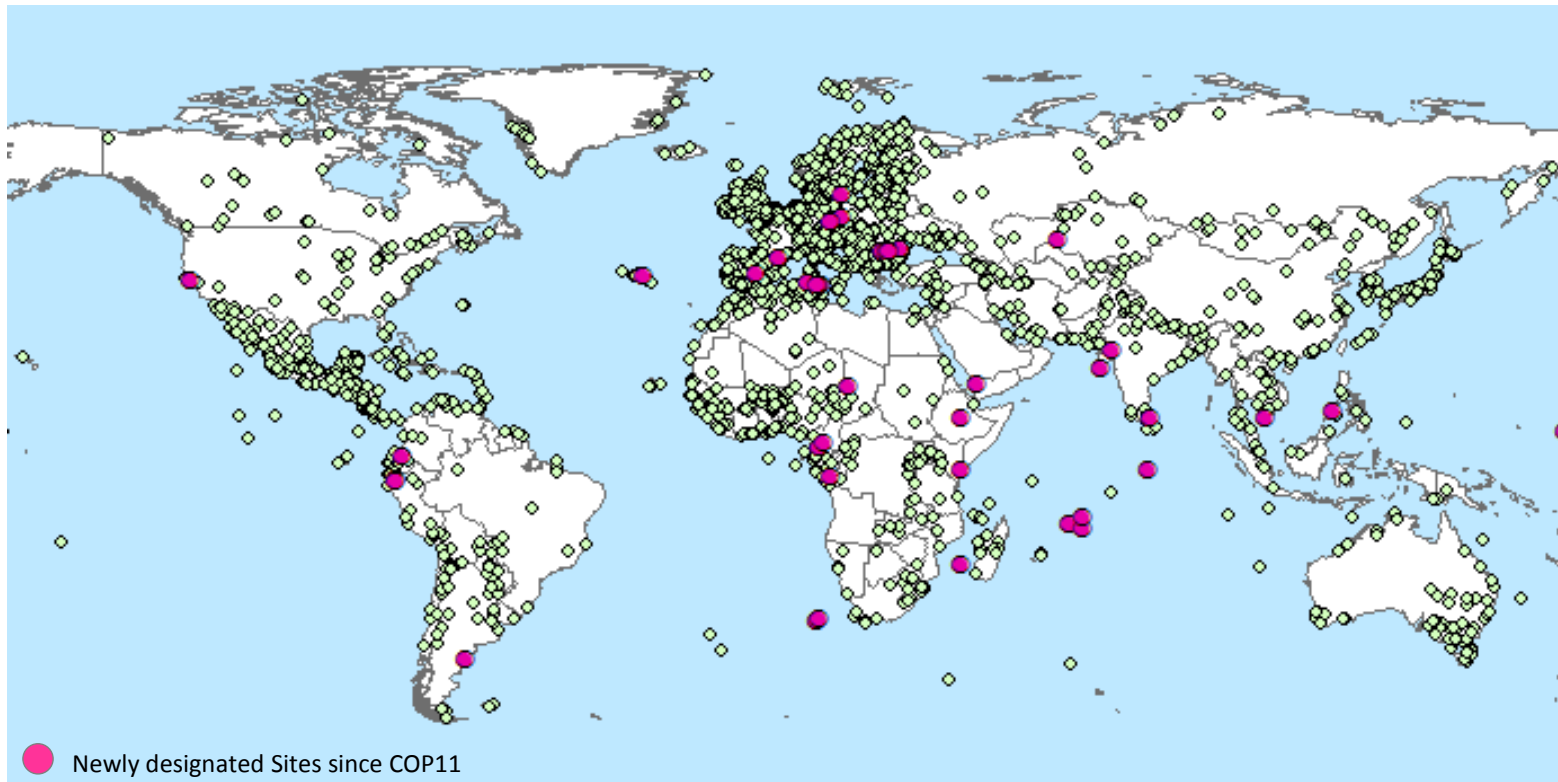
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2015 target:

**2500 Ramsar Sites**

**250 million Ha**

# Changes in ecological character

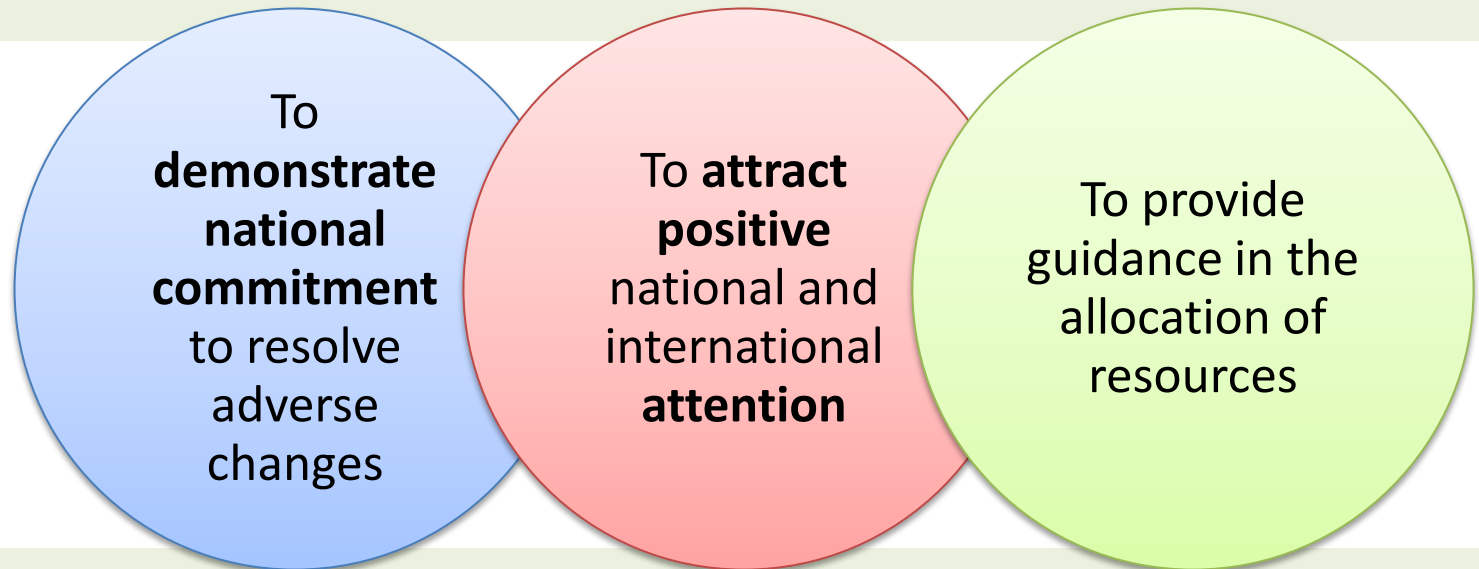


## Three tools...

### Article 3.2

Administrative Authorities are informed on changes at Ramsar Sites and inform the Secretariat

### Montreux Record



### Ramsar Advisory Missions

provide assistance to countries in solving the problems or threats

# Changes in ecological character



**145 Ramsar Sites (7% of all sites)**

Since COP11:

## Article 3.2

17 new files open

2 files closed

## Montreux Record

48 sites  
no site added

29 sites with  
no new information

2 sites with ongoing  
removal process

## Ramsar Advisory Missions

1 in Pakistan

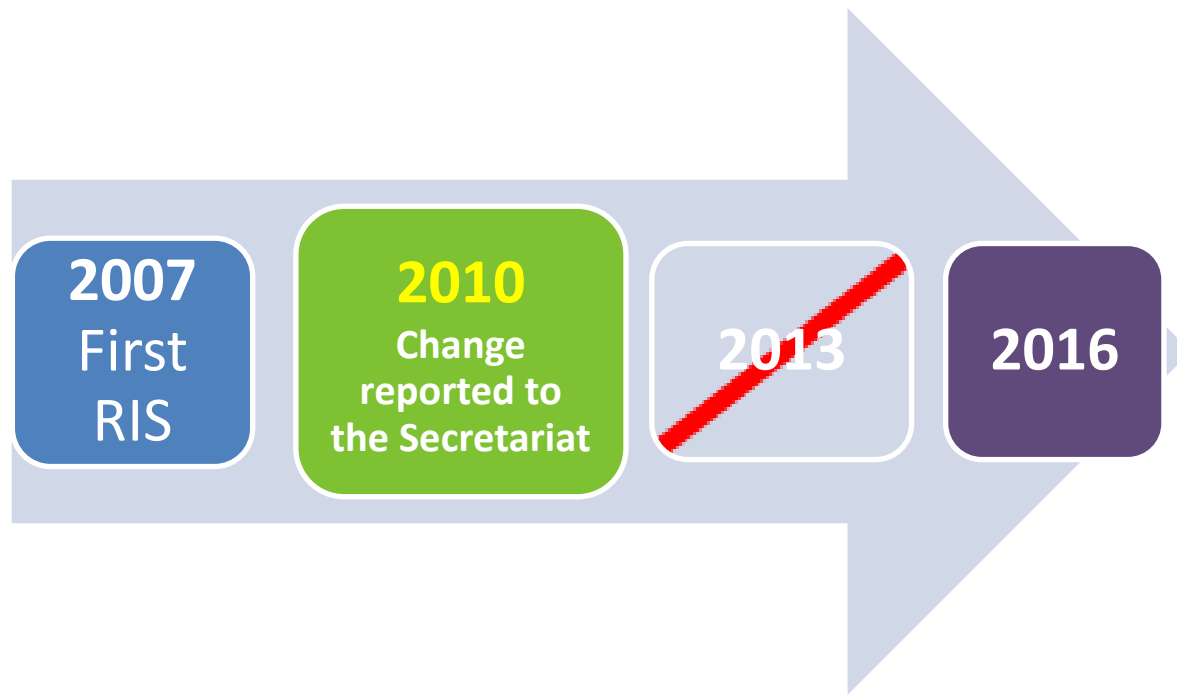
# Regular updating of RS information



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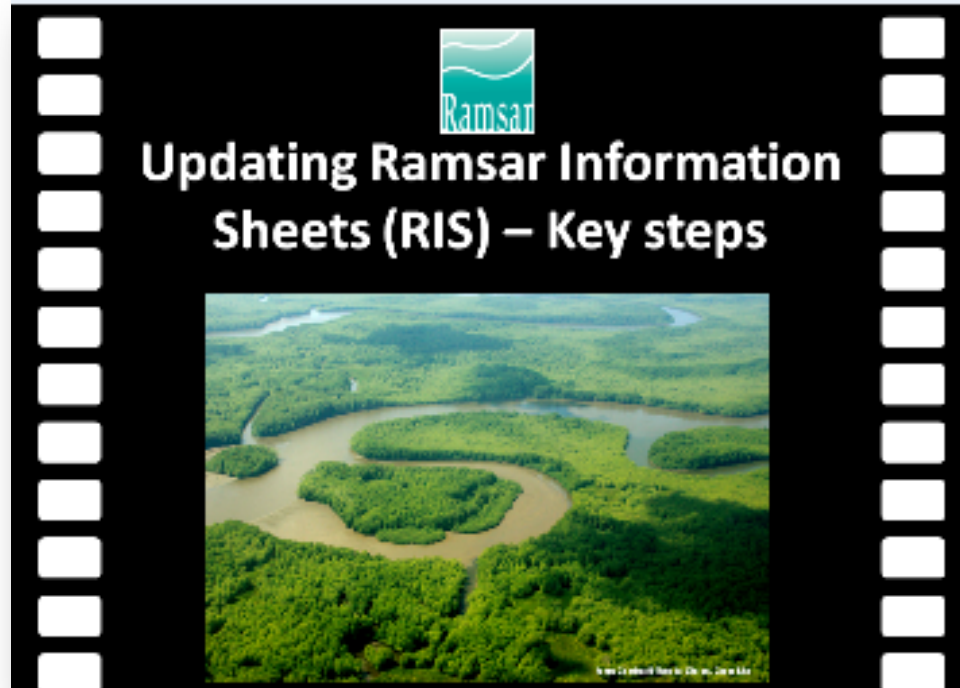
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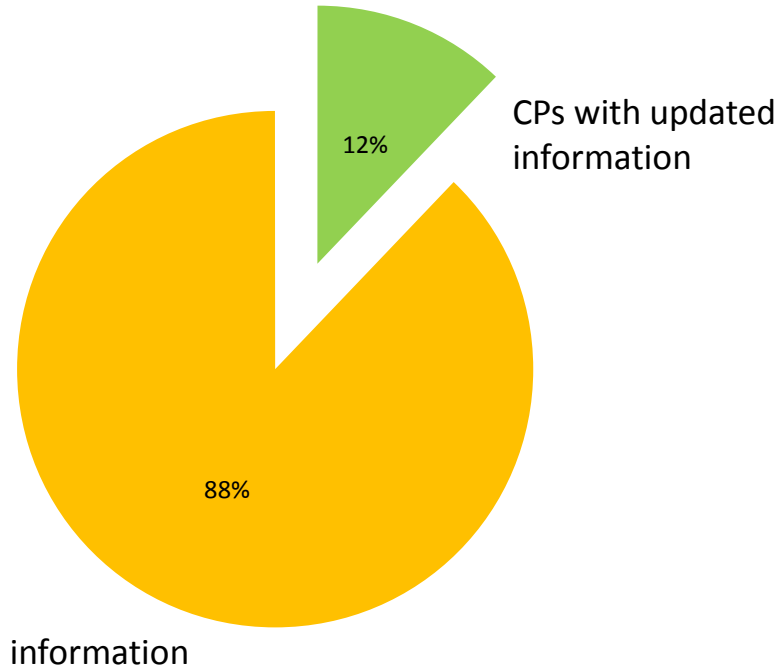
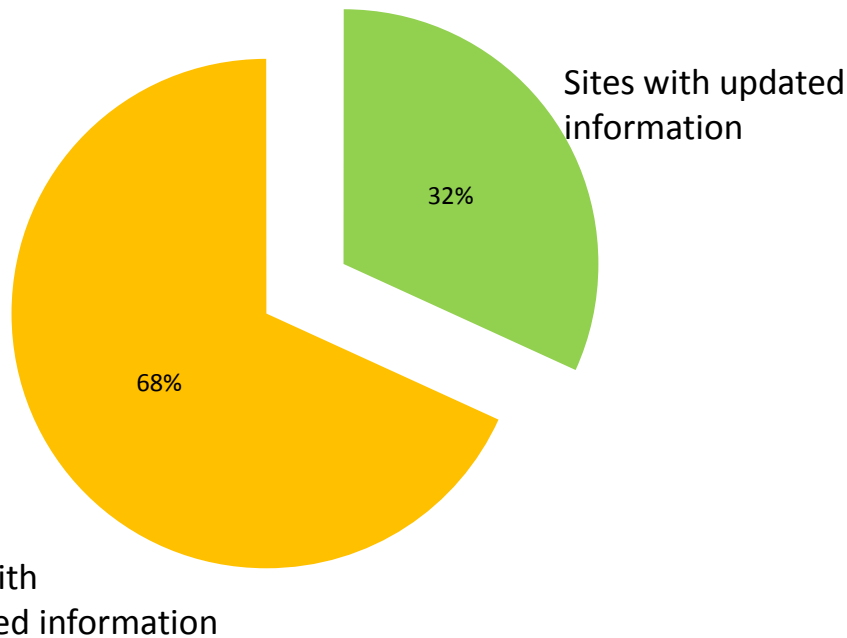
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34 Ramsar Sites with no Ramsar Information Sheet / map



# Thanks!



## Action requested

- To take note of the report
- To consider the issues listed
- To advise on activities to be undertaken by SC regional members and CPs directly concerned
- To instruct the Secretariat on specific measures to be taken

