



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

Agenda item 16: Report of the STRP Chair



46th Meeting of the Standing Committee
8-12 April 2013, Gland, Switzerland

- Review of STRP participation in COP11
- STRP17 meeting in February 2013
- Draft work plan for 2013-2015
- Prioritisation of tasks and budget

STRP participation in COP11



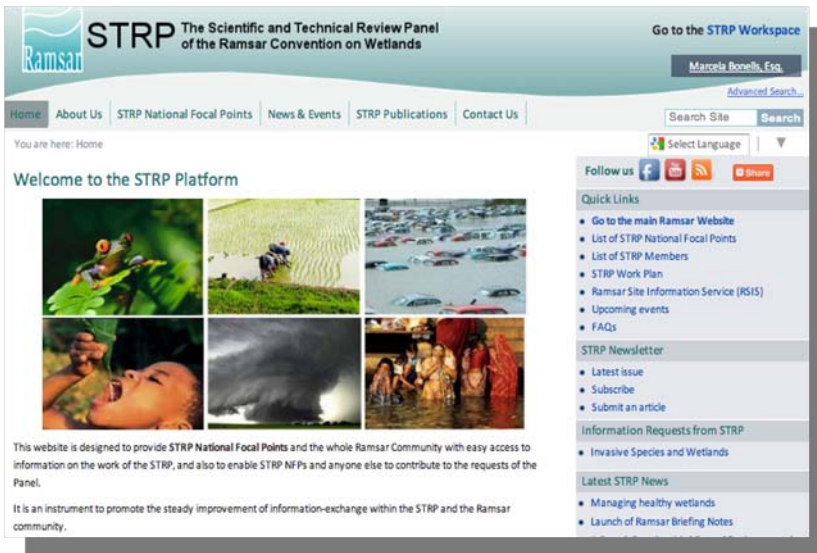
- 14 STRP members and invited experts were present for the COP.
- STRP presented technical briefing sessions (e.g., RIS revisions).
- STRP actively supported Parties in discussions on several key scientific and technical Resolutions and prepared revised versions of DRs for the plenary's consideration.
- NFPs Meeting: 40 participants exchanged views and recommendations on how to improve the preparation and delivery of the Convention's scientific and technical advice.



- 45 participants: appointed STRP members, invited experts, observer organisation representatives, and STRP NFPs.



- Update on new STRP Web Portal



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Welcome to the STRP Platform



This website is designed to provide STRP National Focal Points and the whole Ramsar Community with easy access to information on the work of the STRP, and also to enable STRP NFs and anyone else to contribute to the requests of the Panel.

It is an instrument to promote the steady improvement of information-exchange within the STRP and the Ramsar community.

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STRP Newsletter

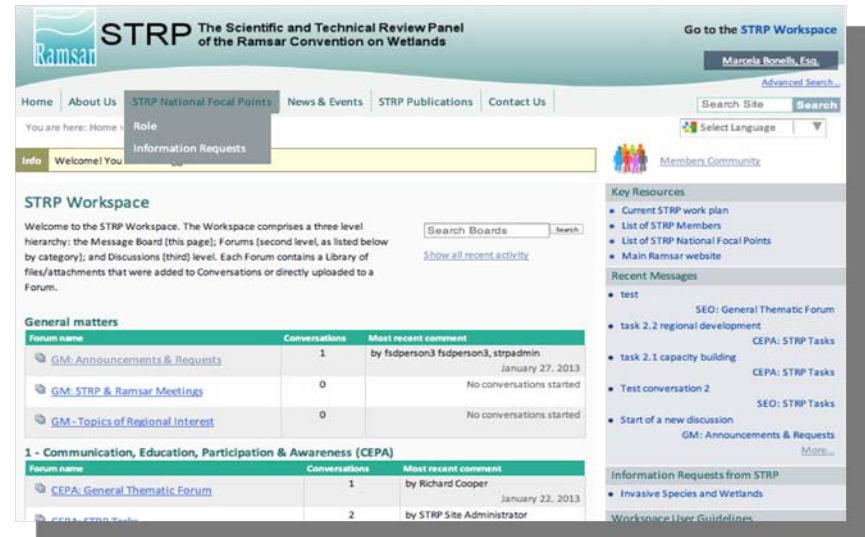
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Information Requests from STRP

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Latest STRP News

- Managing healthy wetlands
- Launch of Ramsar Briefing Notes



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STRP Workspace

Welcome to the STRP Workspace. The Workspace comprises a three level hierarchy: the Message Board (this page); Forums (second level, as listed below by category); and Discussions (third level). Each Forum contains a Library of files/attachments that were added to Conversations or directly uploaded to a Forum.

Search Boards

Show all recent activity

Key Resources

- Current STRP work plan
- List of STRP Members
- List of STRP National Focal Points
- Main Ramsar website

Recent Messages

- test
 - SEO: General Thematic Forum
- task 2.2 regional development
 - CEPA: STRP Tasks
- task 2.1 capacity building
 - CEPA: STRP Tasks
- Test conversation 2
 - SEO: STRP Tasks
- Start of a new discussion
 - GM: Announcements & Requests

General matters

Forum name	Conversations	Most recent comment
GM: Announcements & Requests	1	by fsperson3 fsperson3, strpadmin January 27, 2013
GM: STRP & Ramsar Meetings	0	No conversations started
GM - Topics of Regional Interest	0	No conversations started

1 - Communication, Education, Participation & Awareness (CEPA)

Forum name	Conversations	Most recent comment
CEPA: General Thematic Forum	1	by Richard Cooper January 22, 2013
CEPA: STRP Tasks	2	by STRP Site Administrator

Information Requests from STRP

- Invasive Species and Wetlands

Workspace User Guidelines

- IPCC briefing



- Terms of Reference to clarify roles and responsibilities and types of STRP products

- Resolution XI.8 (para. 21 ii) requested the STRP “to urgently consider” minor modifications to the RIS adopted at COP11.
- STRP recommends that no further modifications be made to the RIS format.

Tasks are derived from Resolution XI.17, which reflects the Parties' requests at COP11.

Annex 2 of Resolution XI.17 organizes the tasks under six broad themes:

- Communication, Education, Participation & Awareness (CEPA);
- Strategic, emerging & ongoing issues;
- Wetland inventory, assessment, monitoring & reporting;
- Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites);
- Ramsar, wetlands & other sectors; and
- Wetlands & ecosystem benefits/services.

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 - Wetlands & health;
 - Wetlands & climate change;
 - Wetlands & water resource management;
 - Wetlands & agriculture;
 - Wetlands & poverty eradication;
 - [Wetlands & urbanization;]
 - [Wetlands & tourism;]
 - [Wetlands & energy;]
- Wetlands & ecosystem benefits/services; and
- Ecological character and change in ecological character.

Draft work plan 2013-2015: products



Type of STRP output/product	Review mechanism
ISSUED FOR COP	
Draft Resolutions (DRs) to COP - on scientific and technical issues	SC review Secretariat review STRP review
Guidelines on aspects of Convention implementation - annexed to COP DRs	SC review Secretariat review STRP review
COP Information Papers - supporting scientific and technical DRs	SC review Secretariat review STRP review
ISSUED WHEN FINALISED	
Ramsar Technical Reports (RTRs) - more detailed reviews and methodologies as a contribution to scientific literature and broader wetland conservation objectives	STRP review External peer review
Scientific & Technical Briefing Notes (BNs) - issue papers, often preceding preparation of guidance for COP	Secretariat review STRP review External peer review as appropriate
STRP Review Request note (to Parties) - briefing on the approach to an STRP-requested task intended to invite feedback from others (e.g., AAs, STRP NFPs, wetland managers) on approach, focus and content	Secretariat review STRP review
Other types of outputs - flexible (e.g., web portal for alerting on issues, news stories, etc.; STRP Newsletter; databases and online tools; fact sheets; training/capacity building tools for Parties)	Secretariat review STRP review Other review (as required)

- Estimated costs for implementation of all top priority tasks: CHF 1,842,000 (revised from estimate of CHF 1,915,000 in Resolution X.17)
- Note three large budget items:
 - Global Wetland Observing System (GWOS)
 - Implementation of RIS – 2012 revision
 - State of the World Wetlands and their services report (SoWWS)

STRP core budget 2013-2015



- For each year, total of **CHF 210,000**
- Allocated as:
 - *Sci/Tech Support Officer*: 120,000
 - *STRP meetings*: 50,000
 - *Travel (STRP Chairs/DSG)*: 10,000
 - *Work Plan implementation*: 30,000
- STRP Oversight Committee approved annual STRP allocations

Task priorities (STRP recommendation)



- Assess and support the capacity-building and knowledge sharing needs of Contracting Parties in implementing the Ramsar Convention (AAs & wetland managers) (2013-15/1);
- Invasive species and wetlands – guide to available guidance (2013-15/10);
- Monitoring for change in ecological character – further guidance: standardised terminology concerning Article 3.2 issues (2013-15/20);
- Implementation of the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS) – 2012 revision (2013-15/25) – led by Secretariat, with STRP's advice;

Task priorities (STRP recommendation)



- Implications of, and advice on, climate change for Convention implementation: review and advice on relevant decisions adopted by CBD COP11 (2013-15/41, iv. c);
- Ramsar, water and wetlands: review and development of a strategy for engaging in the global water debate (2013-15/44) – this work would provide input to the preparation of the next Ramsar Strategic Plan for post-2015;
- Wetlands and poverty eradication – guidance and case studies (2013-15/50); and
- Economics of wetland ecosystem benefits/services (2013-15/59).

In summary:



Standing Committee is requested to:

1. Note the STRP Chair's report and the STRP Terms of Reference (Annex 1);
2. Endorse the STRP's recommendation concerning the Ramsar Information Sheet – 2012 revision (Annex 2);
3. Approve the draft 2013-2015 Work Plan for finalisation (Annex 3 and DOC.SC46-16 Add.1); and
4. Consider possible ways of sourcing funding for implementation of the priority tasks requested by COP11.

Thank you for your attention and comments!

