

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

**11th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel
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Agenda item 4

Profiles of STRP members

1. For the information of the Panel, brief biographical profiles of the members of the STRP appointed by the 29th meeting of the Standing Committee are attached.
2. Representatives of International Organization Partner (IOP) members and of invited observer organizations are also invited to provide the Bureau, in advance of the 11th meeting of the STRP, with a similar short biographical paragraph and a short paragraph of the objectives and work of their organizations, so that these may be provided to the meeting.
3. Under Agenda item 4 “Brief introductions of members and observers”, it is intended that participants should not repeat this information, but rather make a brief statement of what they anticipate that they can contribute to the work of the Panel.

Annex. Members of the STRP appointed by the Standing Committee

Members are listed in alphabetical order, by family name

Name	Affiliation	Country	Comments
Prof. Teresita Borges (Ms)	Senior Officer, Direction of the environment, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment	Cuba	Prof. Borges has wide expertise in environmental policy and legal framework development including on protected areas, impact assessment, coastal zone management and biological diversity and cultural heritage, including for inland wetlands. She has coordinated sustainable development studies for ecosystems including wetlands, and has contributed to the development of Ramsar/CBD guidance on rapid assessment of inland water biodiversity.
Prof. Francisco Contreras Espinosa	Professor-Investigador, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana-Iztapalapa	Mexico	Prof. Contreras has lengthy national experience particularly in coastal lagoon research, including inventory assessment and management, and teaching on coastal ecosystems.
Dr Cui Lijuan	Associate Professor, Research Institute of Forestry, Chinese Academy of Forestry	China	Dr Cui has extensive and wide-ranging experience of wetland inventory assessment, impact assessment, and particularly wetland economic valuation, at wetland site and basin scales. She has also been responsible for establishing methodologies for Asian wetland survey.
Dr Max Finlayson	Director, Environmental Research Institute of the Supervising Scientist	Australia	Dr Finlayson has extensive experience of STRP and other Convention work and processes. He has expertise on a wide range of wetland topics including inventory, assessment and monitoring, wise use, local communities, wetland management, restoration invasive species, and collaboration with other conventions, and has prepared several major Ramsar guidelines. He is recipient of 2002 Ramsar Recognition of Excellence, in substantial part for his work with the STRP.
Prof. Ho Sinn-Chye	Director, National Oceanography Directorate, Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment	Malaysia	Prof. Ho is an aquatic biologist and limnologist with national and international experience in the development and implementation of wetlands research and conservation, including restoration, management and capacity building, and the national marine science research and policy agendas. He participates in national Ramsar committees and attended COP8.
Dr Jorge Jiménez Ramon	Director, Organisation for Tropical Studies, San Pedro, Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Dr Jimenez has over 20 years experience in wetland research, conservation and management in Central America, including particularly wetland restoration, site and basin management, and mangrove conservation and wise use. Dr Jimenez was STRP member and Chair for 1999-2002.

Mr Najam Khurshid	None at present	Pakistan	Mr Khurshid was the Bureau's Regional Coordinator for Asia from 2000-2002. He has a background in national waterbird and wetland research and conservation and project implementation, including on integrating conservation with rural development. He has experience of CEPA including development of education materials and education centres.
Prof. Eckhart Kuijken	Director General, Institute of Nature Conservation	Belgium	Prof. Kuijken has been directly involved in the development and implementation of the Ramsar Convention since 1970, before its signing (a long-term commitment for which he was recognized at COP8). He has wide-ranging experience of wetland conservation ecology and conservation policy preparation at national and regional scale, including assessment, management planning, landscape ecology, education, training and policy advice, and is an expert in migratory goose ecology.
Dr Heather MacKay (Ms)	Research Manager and Head: Water and the Environment, Water Research Commission	South Africa	Dr MacKay is an expert in sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems, especially water quality and allocations and management, including environmental flows and groundwater issues. She has national and regional expertise in water resources policy and legislation development and implementation. For STRP she prepared the COP8 information paper on water allocations and management, and contributed to the guidelines on water allocation and management for maintaining ecosystem functions (Resolution VIII.1).
Mr Puttoo Manikchand	Research and Development Officer, National Parks and Conservation Service	Mauritius	Mr Maïkchand is Ramsar focal point and secretary of the National Ramsar Committee. He has national experience in wetland monitoring and management, and in developing Convention implementation, as well as of CBD implementation, and is a member of the NEPAD wetlands working group.
Mrs Tatiana Minaeva	Senior Researcher, Tsentral'no-Lesnoy Biosphere Nature Reserve	Russian Federation	Mrs Minaeva has research and teaching expertise particularly on Russian peatland science and conservation, and has contributed to national wetland policy and legislative development.
Prof. Steven Njuguna	Managing Director & Environmental Consultant, SPARVS Agency Ltd. Environmental Consultancy Services	Kenya	Prof. Njuguna has over 20 years extensive experience in wetland conservation and management, including management planning, wise use, biodiversity inventory and assessment and environmental impact assessment in East Africa, and involvement in training, education and awareness, monitoring and evaluation and strategic planning. He has had previous involvement in Ramsar Standing Committee and on a Ramsar Advisory Mission, as well as other MEA experience.
Prof. Francisco Daniel Rilla Manta	Prof. of Environmental Management, Universidad Catolica del Uruguay	Uruguay	Prof. Rilla Manta has extensive wetland research and Ramsar implementation experience, especially in strategic development of wetland research and management, management planning and monitoring, restoration, and migratory species conservation.

Mr David Stroud	Senior Ornithologist, UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee	United Kingdom	Mr Stroud has lead responsibility for the UK's national implementation of the Ramsar Convention and international linkages, has chaired UK's Ramsar Committee, and has long experience of Ramsar and other conventions' processes. He coordinates UK extensive bird monitoring programmes and also has expertise in peatlands and in Ramsar site designations, and made a significant contribution to the development of Ramsar's Strategic Framework and guidelines for the development of the List.
Dr Maria-José Viñals (Ms)	Deputy Director, Sede para el Estudio de Humedales Mediterraneos (SEHUMED)	Spain	Dr Viñals is a geographer with particular research experience in landscape evolution, environmental impacts, assessment and natural and cultural heritage of Mediterranean wetlands, including inventory, designation and management of coastal and inland wetlands in Spain. She has considerable involvement in the Ramsar Convention, particularly through SEHUMED acting as a MedWet centre under the Convention's MedWet Initiative, and the implementation of a number of MedWet projects.