



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

Notification 2012/4

Annual Contributions 2013

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) presents its compliments to to the Permanent Mission of and has the honour to refer to the following:

Following the adoption by the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (Bucharest, Romania, 2012) of the Convention budget for 2013-2015, the Secretariat has made **provisional** calculations of the 2013 contributions payable by Contracting Party. These are annexed to COP Resolution XI.2 <http://www.ramsar.org/pdf/cop11/res/cop11-res02-e.pdf> and annexed to this note.

Contracting Parties will be aware that annual contributions to the Ramsar budget are assessed and invoiced annually on the basis of the percentage contributions paid by Member States to the United Nations budget (proportionally adjusted to reflect the current Contracting Party membership of 163 Parties, and subject to a minimum annual contribution of 1,000 Swiss Francs). The 2013 UN Scale of Assessments is expected to be released in December 2012. **Contracting Parties should thus expect to receive 2013 invoices from the Secretariat in January.** These will likely differ from the 2013 provisional amounts annexed to this note, but any Party wishing to make early payment based on the provisional amounts is of course welcome to do so. The Secretariat will advise any necessary later adjustment.

The Secretariat takes this opportunity to also enclose a current statement of contributions. Contracting Parties that have not yet paid contributions for prior years are respectfully requested to do so as soon as possible.

Contracting Parties are asked to make their payments to the Convention bank account:

Bank: UBS S.A., Lausanne, Switzerland.
Beneficiary name: Ramsar/IUCN.
IBAN Account No: CH18 0024 3243 3336 0301 C (Swiss Francs)
SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully requests that the content of the present Note be communicated to the competent national authorities and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission ofthe assurance of its highest consideration.

Gland, 30 September 2012

Annex: 2013 Contributions by Contracting Party, provisional (extract from COP Resolution XI.2)

Encl: Statement of unpaid Contributions (2 for African Parties)

