

# TWG Wetlands and Human Health

STRP Priority tasks for the 2013-2015 triennium

# Wetlands & human health WG

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# Summary

Resolution XI.12

One high priority task

Nine lower priority tasks

Possibilities to combine lower priority tasks

Possibility to accomplish the high priority task differently

Guidance for other sector issue

# High Priority Task (31)

<b>Task title: Guidance on “Wetlands and human health” for the health sector (31)</b>	
<b>Task description:</b>	Prepare guidance on “Wetlands and human health” for the health sector.
<b>Target audience:</b>	WHO; Environmental health practitioners, health promotion practitioners.
<b>Type of deliverable:</b>	A publication for use by human health practitioners, developed from the 2012 Ramsar Technical Report on wetlands and human health interactions (which was designed with wetland practitioners as its primary audience).
<b>Responsibility</b>	Approach and scope to be discussed with key people in the international health sectors (including WHO). Subsequent determination of what is achievable in given timelines and according to available funding.  WHO to be invited to lead [STRP executive involvement?] [alternative?]

# Lower Priority Tasks (32 and 35)

## Task title: Wetlands and human health case studies (32)

**Task description:** Prepare case studies of wetlands and human health interactions.

**Type of deliverable:** Case study publication

**Responsibility** STRP

## Task title: Guidance on health implications of ecosystem services disruptions 35

**Task description:** Compile guidance on the health implications of disruptions to ecosystem services so that the health sector can more effectively participate in planning and decision making related to wetlands and their catchments.

**Type of deliverable:** Guidance for the health sector

**Responsibility** STRP, with WHO, FAO, OIE, BIP, IUCN, Parties & others

# Lower Priority Tasks (34 and 37)

## Task title: Development of wetland & health indicators (34)

Task description:	Identify, and compile from expert sources, indicators of the relationship between wetland ecosystem services and health, with a particular emphasis on identifying early warning indicators for the emergence or re-emergence of diseases, and neglected, persistent and endemic diseases of people, livestock or wildlife associated with wetlands.
Type of deliverable:	Indicator descriptions and implementation design - publication
Responsibility	STRP <b>[BIP, WMC]</b>

## Task title: Including health cost and benefit assessment in economic models and wetland valuations (37)

Task description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) management makes to human health and well-being, and</li><li>ii) Identify and compile techniques to evaluate the outcomes of wetland management decision making in health terms, noting that such appropriate strategic mechanisms will necessarily involve government sectors for whom such valuations are more commonly undertaken.</li></ul>
Type of deliverable:	Briefing Note
Responsibilities	STRP

# Lower priority tasks 36 and 38 – combine?

## Task title: Review of **Ramsar guidance** in relation to human health (36)

Task description:	Review existing Ramsar text and guidance for its relevance to wetlands and human health issues.
Type of deliverable:	Briefing Note: guide to existing Ramsar guidance relevant to health issues
Responsibilities	STRP/Secretariat

## Task title: **Guidance for wetland managers** on human and animal health impact, burden of disease and community health assessments, in wetlands (38)

Task description:	Prepare human health guidance for wetland managers on: i) <u>The conduct of human and animal health impact assessments in wetlands</u> ; and ii) Providing wetland-related inputs to <u>a) burden-of-disease assessments</u> ; <u>b) community health assessments</u> ; and <u>c) community and stakeholder engagement concerning health matters</u> .
Type of deliverable:	Guidance for wetland managers and training package
Responsibilities	STRP, with WHO, FAO, OIE, BIP, IUCN, Parties & others

# Lower priority tasks 39 and 33 – combine?

## Assessment of utility for wetland managers of **Ramsar wetland disease manual** (39)

<b>Task description:</b>	STRP to seek the views of wetland managers and other relevant stakeholders on the utility of the content of the Ramsar wetland disease manual: Guidelines for assessment, monitoring and management of animal disease in wetlands and whether expanding its coverage, e.g., to include plant diseases and human diseases associated with wetlands, would be desirable.
<b>Type of deliverable:</b>	Utility assessment (Briefing Note)
<b>Responsibilities</b>	STRP, with wetland managers [WWT?]

## Task title: **Guidance on specific wetland-related diseases** (33)

<b>Task description:</b>	Prepare guidance (fact-sheets) for wetland managers on different wetland-related human diseases. Further development of 2009-2012 <b>Wildlife Diseases Manual</b>
<b>Type of deliverable:</b>	Factsheets for adding to Wildlife Diseases Manual.
<b>Responsibility</b>	STRP/WWT



# Lower priority task 40

## Task title: Encouraging ecosystem approaches to health issues (40)

<b>Task description:</b>	Work with the other relevant institutional stakeholders concerned with health to encourage an ecosystem approach to relevant health issues in wetlands and their surrounding catchments.
<b>Type of deliverable:</b>	Positive responses and uptake of Ramsar advice and guidance by relevant stakeholders
<b>Responsibilities</b>	Secretariat & STRP, working with WHO, FAO, OIE, UNEP, IUCN, Convention on Migratory Species & CBD