

Overview of Scientific and Technical needs of the Asia-Oceania Regions

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Pre-COP11 Asia Regional Meeting (November 2011)

- 1. Wetlands and ecosystem services
- 2. Supporting the capacity-building needs of Contracting Parties in applying Ramsar guidance
- 3. Wetlands & water resource management
- 4. Wetlands and climate change





Pre-COP11 Oceania Regional Meeting (March 2012)

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- 2. Supporting the capacity-building needs of Contracting Parties in applying Ramsar guidance
- 3. Detecting, reporting and responding to changes in the ecological character of wetlands;
- 4. **RIS** implementation.
- 5. Improve synergies in implementation of biodiversity MEA's
- 6. Invasive species and wetlands
- 7. The implications of REDD+ for forested wetlands



Pre-COP12 Oceania Regional Meeting (August 2014)

- 1. Identifying and nominating Ramsar Sites
- 2. Capacity Building and Awareness
- 3. COP follow up
- 4. Climate Change adaptation



Contracting Parties appreciates the range and quality of STRP products

"We have enough guidance already. We just need to implement them."

The key issue was not necessarily about the final product, but how the product was identified, prepared, and the capacity of a Party to understand and implement it.

There is a need to test the guidance before it is presented to Parties for adoption at the COP.



Develop material and training programmes to help Contracting Parties implement guidance from STRP, and for implementing the Convention in general Ramsar

Workshop for Ramsar Site Managers in Asia Jakarta, Indonesia (25 to 29 August 2014)

Select five Ramsar Handbooks you want to learn more about

 Wise use of wetlands 	59%
 Inventory, assessment and monitoring 	48%
 Wetland CEPA 	41%
 Managing wetlands 	41%

