THE ROLE OF STRP NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

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WHO ARE STRP NFPs?

• Wetland scientific and technical experts from government/non-government sector
• Appointed in their ‘own right’ for their scientific and technical expertise
  – Do not represent any organisation/government
• Appointed by the Administrative Authority
• Some countries appoint 2 or more individuals
WHY?

• To help further implementation of the Convention at the national level
  – Help deliver scientific & technical processes

• 146 STRP National Focal Points (as of Oct. 2013)
Main functions:

1. To provide **input** and **support** the work of STRP;
2. to **advise** the STRP on national and regional wetland issues;
3. to **act** as liaison between STRP and other expertise in the country;
4. to **assist** the Ramsar Administrative Authority (i.e., guidance and draft resolutions to COP);
5. To **participate** in Ramsar processes in the country (National Wetland Committee, Ramsar Advisory Missions); and
6. to **disseminate** the work of the STRP within their Contracting Party.
COMMUNICATION TOOLS

• STRP Platform

http://strp.ramsar.org
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• STRP Newsletter
  – Issued quarterly
  – 13 issues to date (14 underway)
  – Target audience: STRP NFPs
  – Language:
    • English, but contributions in other Convention languages are welcome
  – Contributions
    • STRP members, STRP NFPs, Secretariat staff, International Organisation Partners and others
  – Submit your article and subscribe
    • through the Platform!
COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- STRP Webinar Series
• **STRP modus operandi 2013-15**: Annex I sets the Terms of Reference for STRP National Focal Points

• **Res. XI. 18**: adjusted the *modus operandi* of the STRP for 2013-15 and establishes its composition

• **Res. XI. 17**: outlines the priority themes and tasks requested by COP for the STRP’s 2013-15 cycle

• **Brochure**: Delivering the Convention in your country (currently being updated)
SECRETARIAT CONTACT PERSON

• Scientific & Technical Support Officer
• Regional Teams
  – Senior Regional Advisers from your region
  – Assistant Advisers
Thank you!

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