

The 5th Changwon Declaration Network Meeting

- Asia Regional Workshop on Scientific and Technical Support for Implementation of the Ramsar Convention -

Introduction to the RRC-EA



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About RRC-EA



About RRC-EA

History

- Endorsed by Ramsar SC in May 2009
- Inaugurated in July 2009
- Supported by MOE and Gyeongnam



Regional Initiative

“One of the ***Ramsar Regional Initiative*** that works within the protocols of the ***Ramsar Convention*** towards the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands in ***East and Southeast Asia***”

About RRC-EA



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Vision

- **Sustainable uses of wetlands and their resources in region**

Mission

- **Facilitate the implementation of Ramsar Convention**
- **Enhance the Ramsar Convention's Mission**

Role

- **Implementing CEPA activities**
- **Improving International Cooperation & Networking**
- **Supporting wetland conservation activities**

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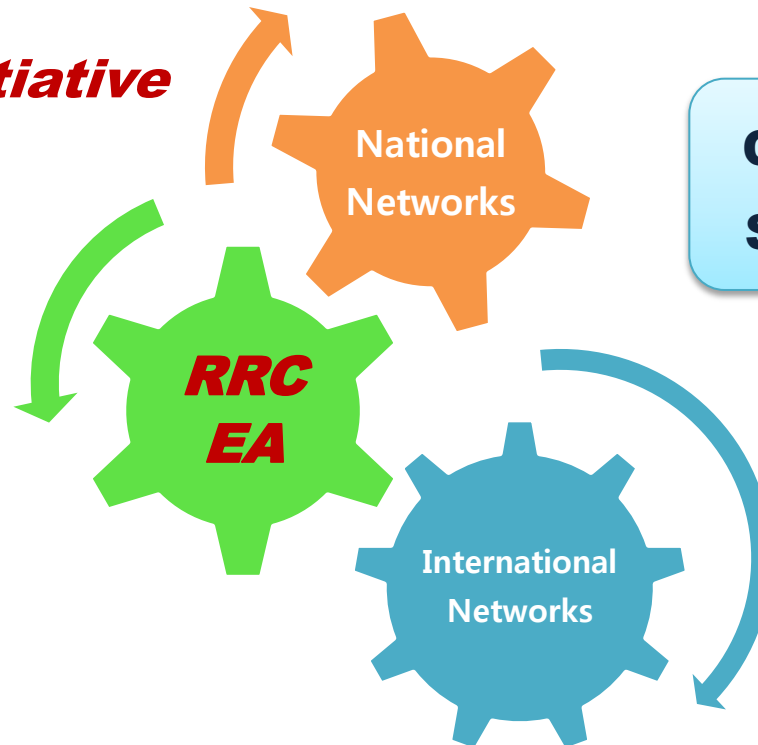
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Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia ***(Changwon, Gyeongnam, Republic of Korea)***

Ramsar Regional Initiative

Info Sharing
Training
Networking
Funding

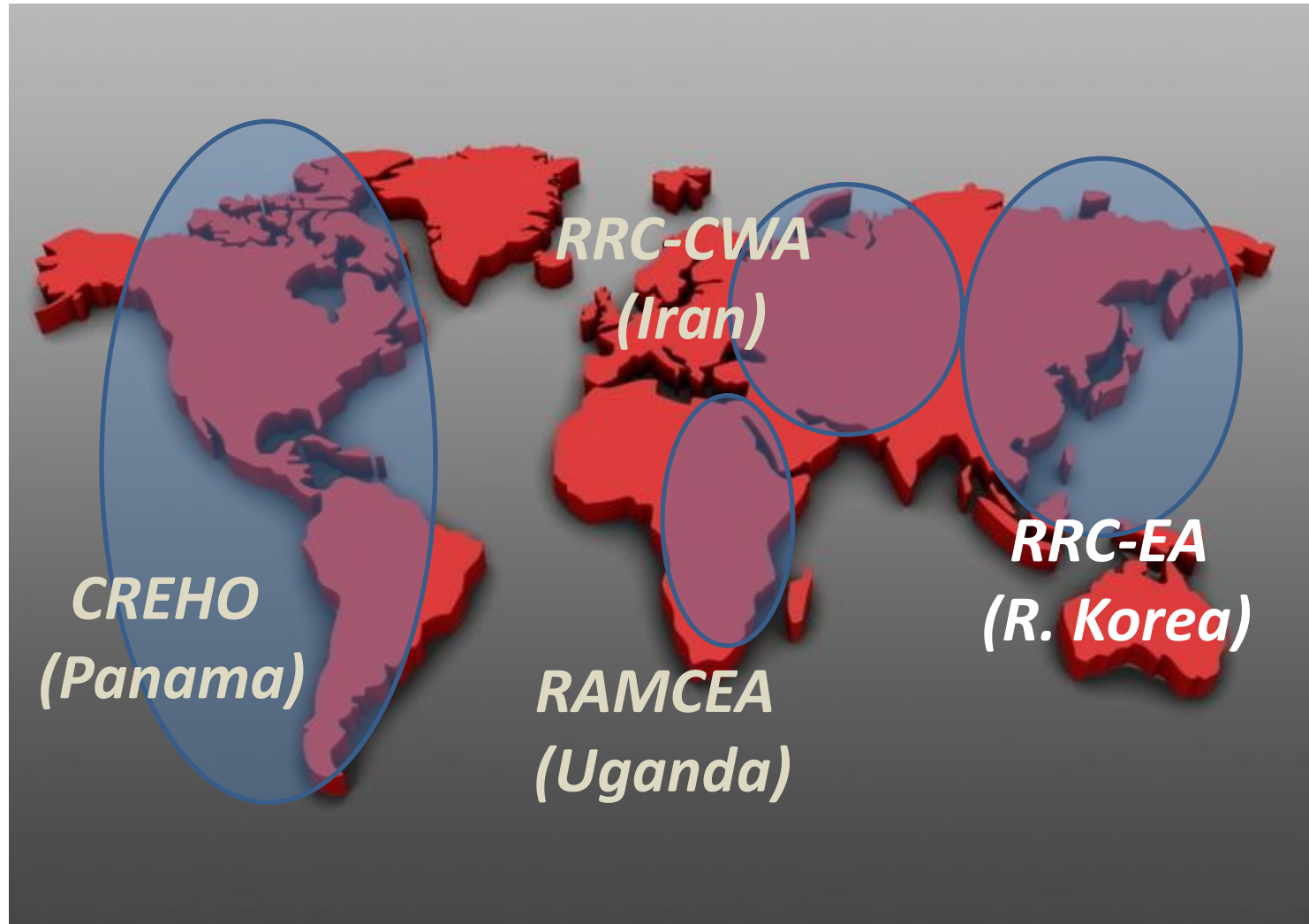


Conservation
Sustainable use

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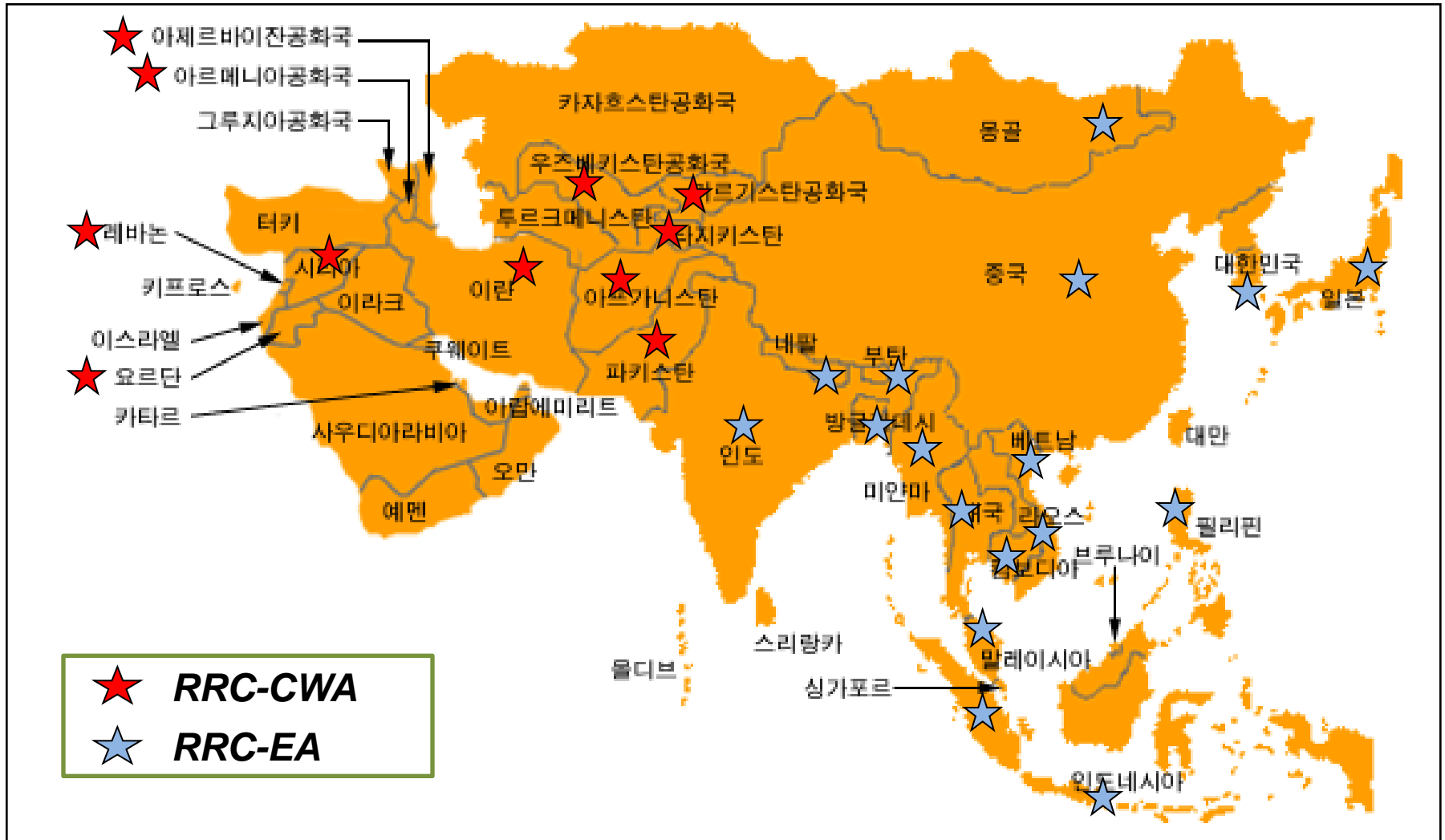
About RRC-EA (Ramsar Regional Centers)



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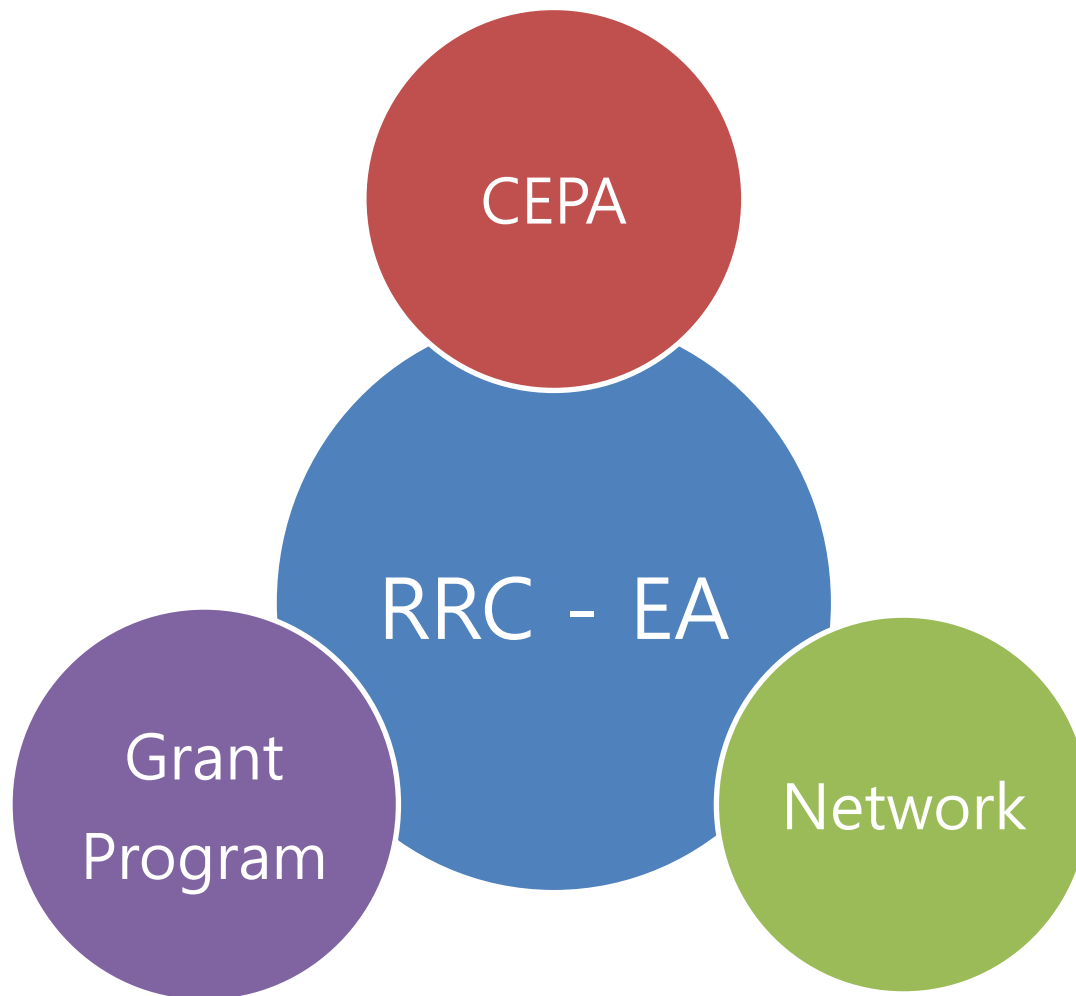


RRC-EA Activities

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Main Areas of RRC-EA Activity



CEPA Activities



Youth Model Ramsar Convention (YMRC)



CEPA Activities



CEPA Focal Point Workshop for East & South East Asia (Thailand, Apr 19 ~ 22)



CEPA Activities



Information Sharing Workshop and Training for Wetland Managers (Since 2009)



CEPA Activities



Local Language Training Program (since 2010)



Networking Activities



Changwon Declaration Network Meeting (Since 2009)

- Identifying the status of CD implementation***
- Summary Highlights of CD***
- Collect Best Practices in implementing CD***
- Published best practice of CD distributed throughout the world***



Networking Activities



Changwon Declaration Network Meeting (Since 2009)

2009

20 Countries, 60 Participants

Identify implementation status

- *Low awareness in private sectors*

Discuss strategy to enhance the implementation

- *Include CD in the strategic plan of the National Wetland (Ramsar) Committee*



2010

23 Countries, 47 Participants

Summary Highlight of the CD

Successful Cases of CD Implementation

- *Africa (3), Asia (8), Europe (2), Oceania (2)*
- *Regional Organizations (8)*



Networking Activities



Changwon Declaration Network Meeting (Since 2009)

2011

12 Countries, 43 Participants

- *Emphasis on networking beyond the Ramsar community through the CD*
- *Successful Cases of CD Implementation*
- *Drafting CD Implementation Plan*



2012

38 Countries, 70 Participants

- *Dissemination of CDN Meeting Report 2009-2011*
 - ***The Changwon Declaration in Action***
- *“Uptake of the Changwon Declaration since COP10” (COP11 DOC 35)*



Networking Activities



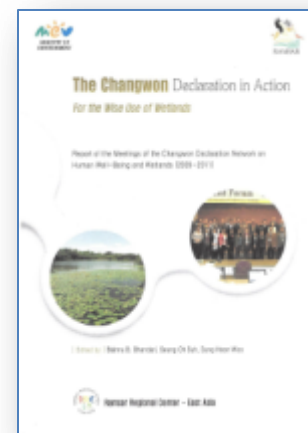
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2009

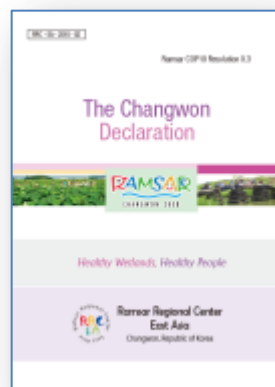


2010



2012

English



**Chinese
(by WI-China)**



Grant Program



Wetland Fund

- ***Small but important wetland conservation projects***
- ***CEPA related projects***
- ***2 ~ 4 Projects per year & 10,000 USD per project***
- ***Selected by RRC-EA Steering Committee***

Year	No. of Projects	Countries
2009	2	N. Korea, Mongolia
2010	3	China, Mongolia, Vietnam
2011	4	Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines
2012	4	Laos, Nepal, Philippines, Vietnam
2013	4	China, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam

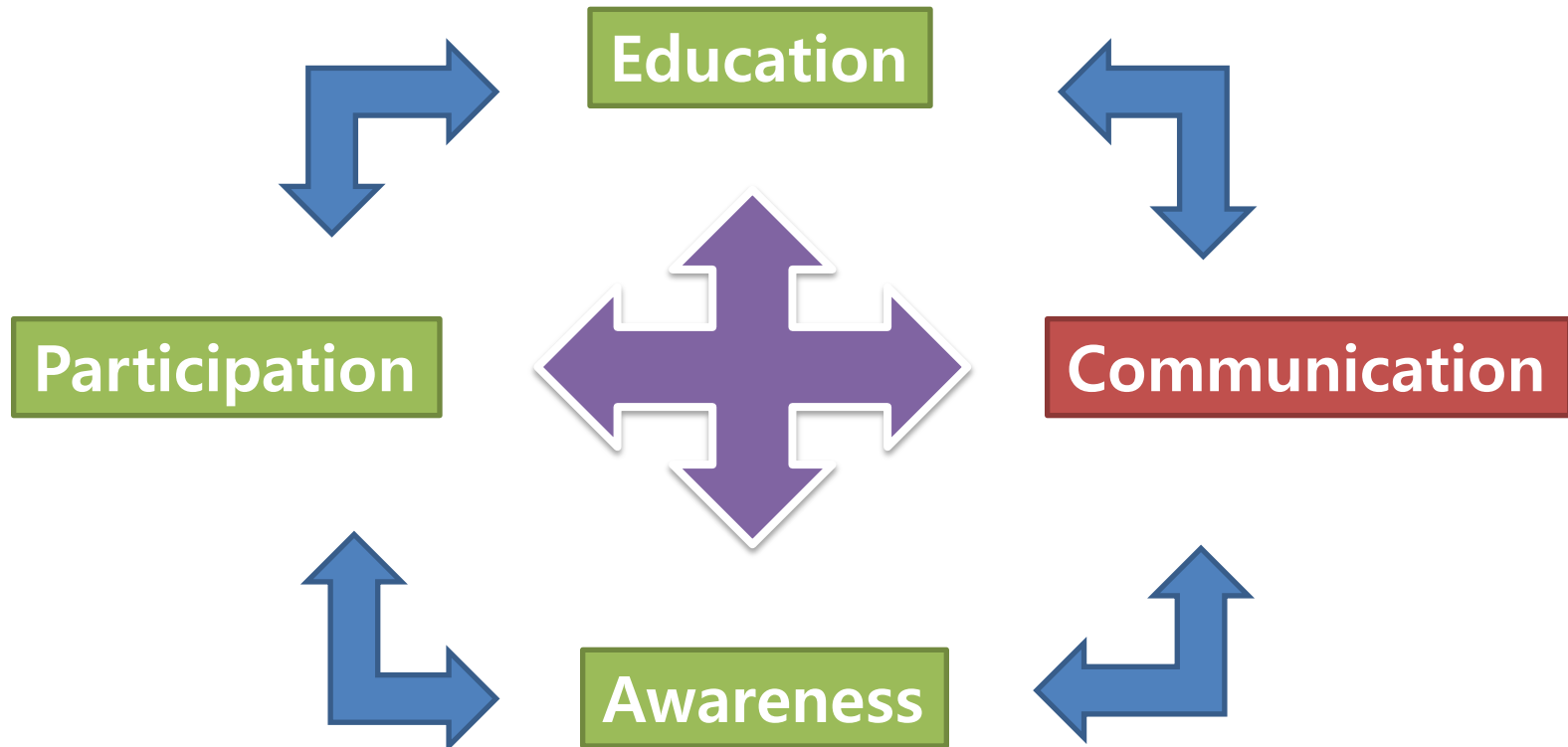
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Communication

- **CEPA**
(Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness)

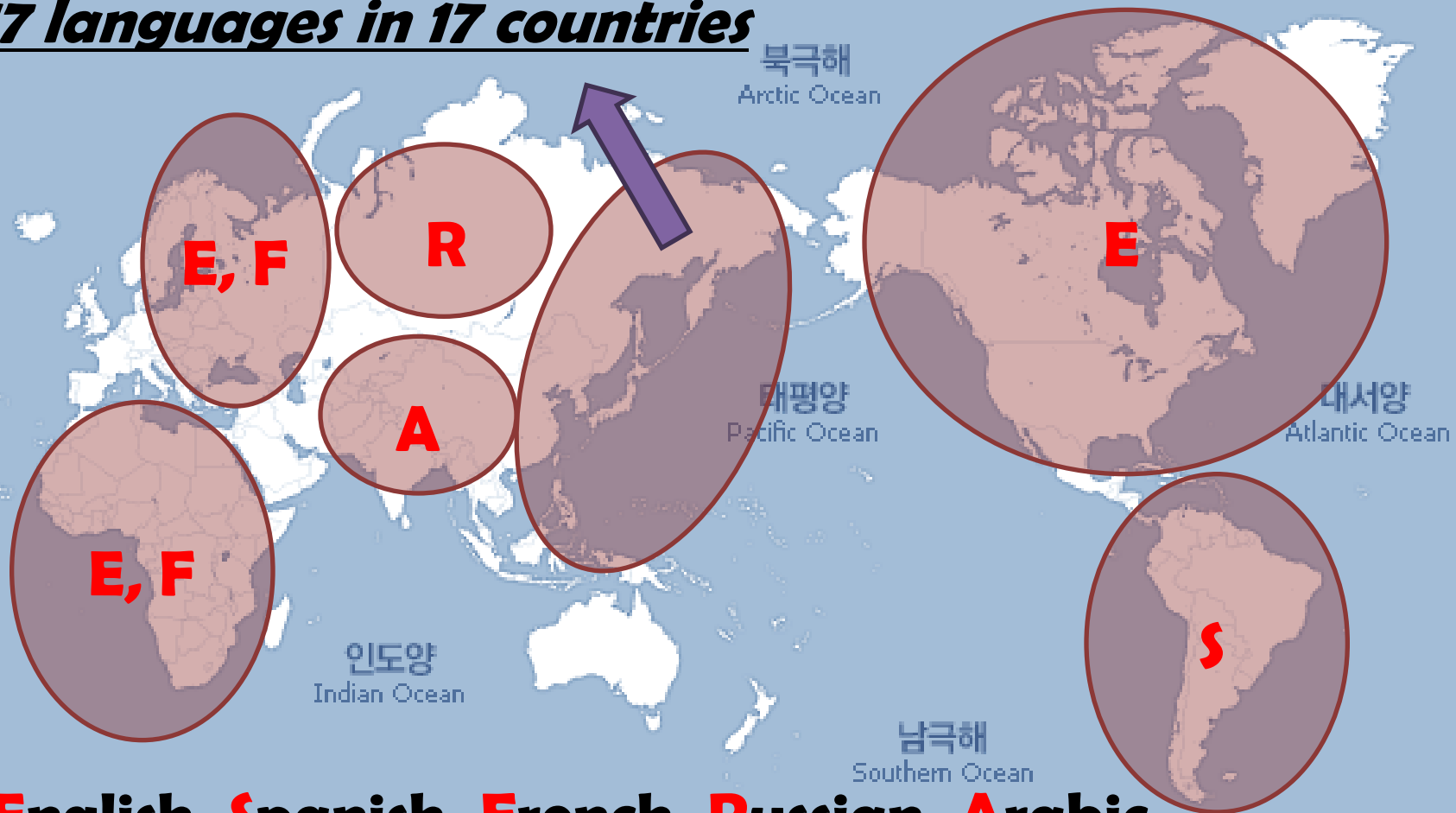


Challenges



Common Language

17 languages in 17 countries



English, Spanish, French, Russian, Arabic

Challenges



Solution

**Ramsar Training
Material Translation**



**Local Language
Training Programme**

**Active Ramsar NFPs
Participation
(AA, CEPA, STRP)**

Future Strategy

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Ramsar Guidance Delivery

- **Ramsar Guidance : Ramsar Handbooks**
 - **PPTs & Video Lectures (requested to Ramsar Convention)**

CEPA

● **HB 1, 7, 8**

Monitoring

● **HB 13, 14, 15**

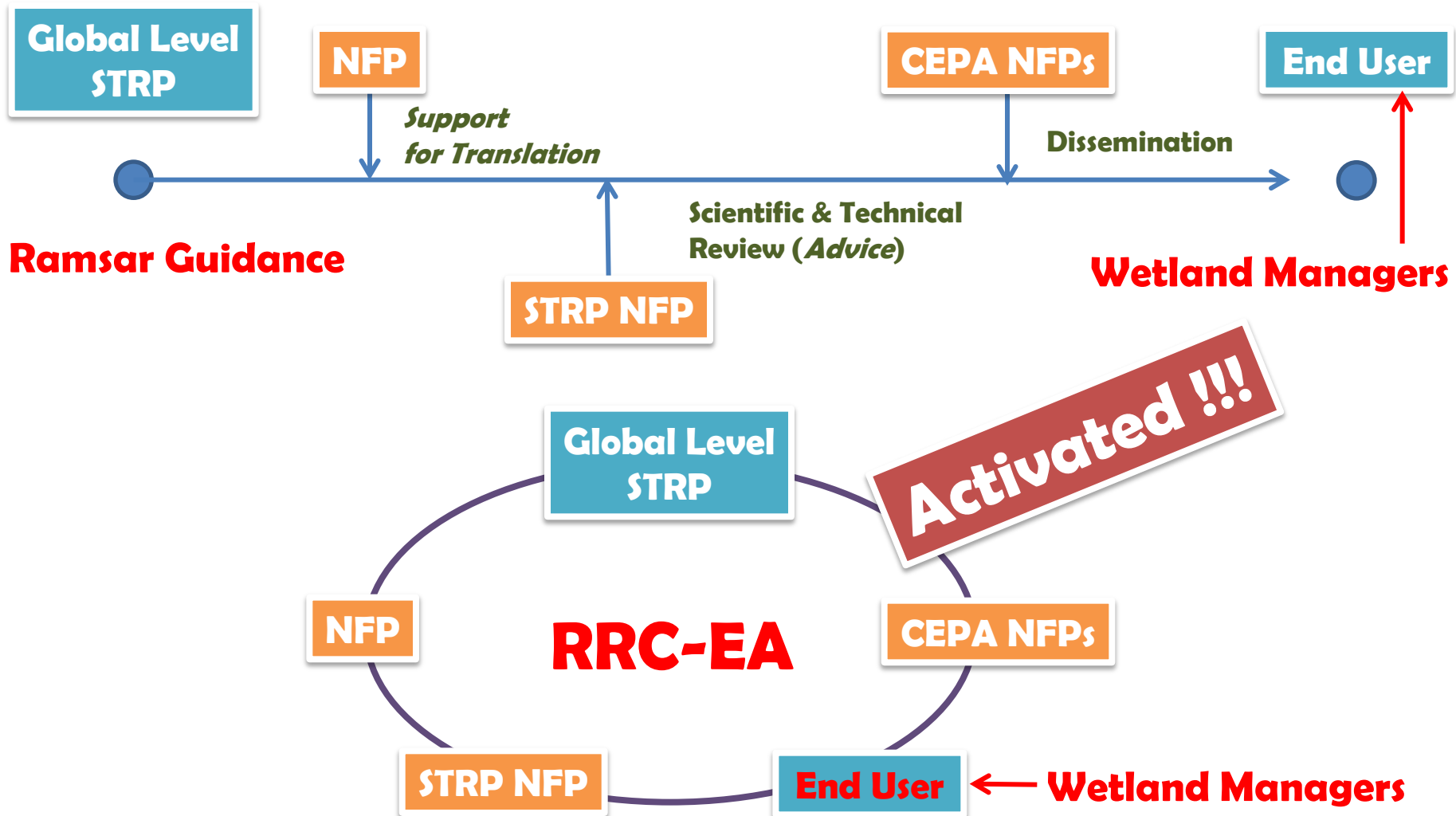
Management

● **HB 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 19**

Future Strategy



Ramsar Guidance Delivery with NFP system



Conclusion

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Your active participation to our activities



The Best Fuel for running RRC-EA



Wants to be a bridge in the cooperation network among all wetland stakeholders

Advice and Support are always welcome

Thank you

