



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

Agenda item 6: Overview of the 2013-2015 STRP and its Work Plan



**2013 Asia Regional Workshop
on Scientific and Technical Support for
Implementation of the Ramsar Convention
7-11 October 2013, Changwon, Republic of Korea**

- STRP composition
- STRP outputs and products
- Work plan for 2013-2015
- Prioritisation and budget process
- Update on XI.16 science review

- Chairperson and 13 Members appointed for their expertise in their own right
- A Member representing each of the five IOPs
- Representatives from 34 Invited Observer Organisations
- Invited experts, consultants and organisations on specific topics, as needed
- A network of STRP NFPs

- 45 participants: appointed STRP members, invited experts, observer organisation representatives, and STRP NFPs.

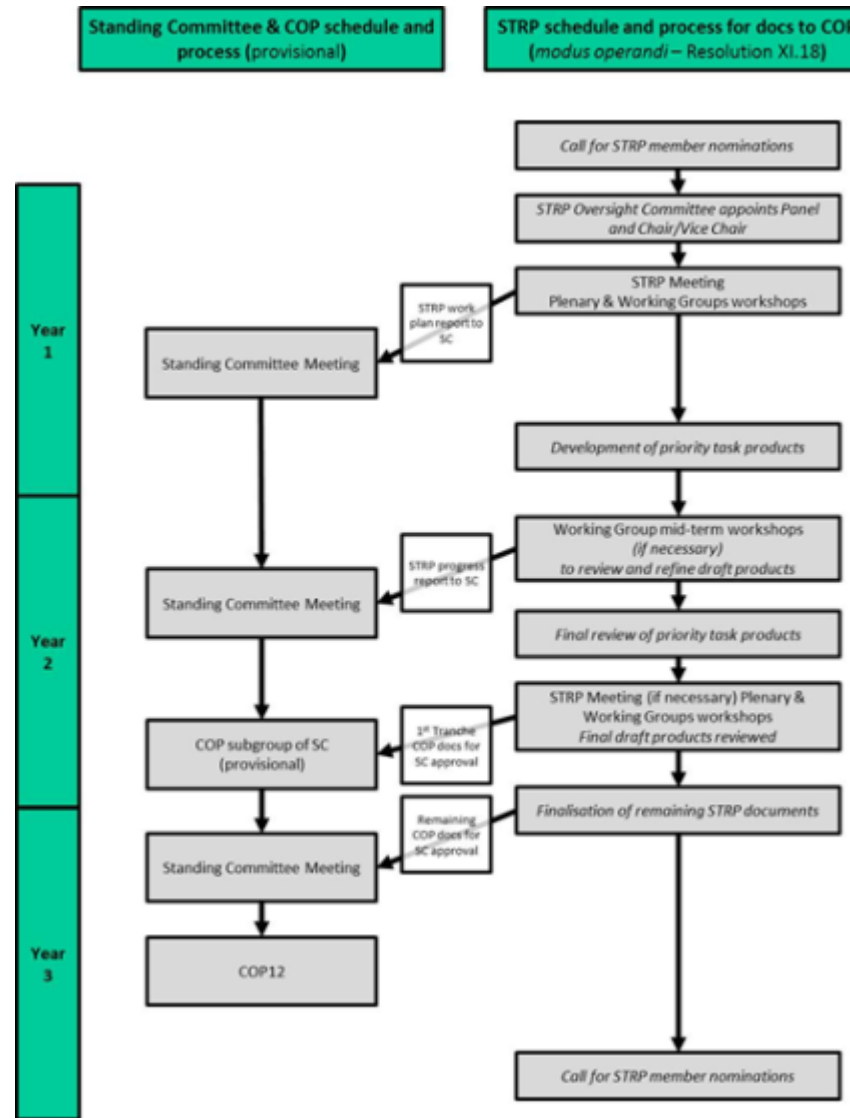


STRP outputs and products



Type of STRP output/product	Review mechanism
ISSUED FOR COP	
Draft Resolutions (DRs) to COP - on scientific and technical issues	SC review Secretariat review STRP review
Guidelines on aspects of Convention implementation - annexed to COP DRs	SC review Secretariat review STRP review
COP Information Papers - supporting scientific and technical DRs	SC review Secretariat review STRP review
ISSUED WHEN FINALISED	
Ramsar Technical Reports (RTRs) - more detailed reviews and methodologies as a contribution to scientific literature and broader wetland conservation objectives	STRP review External peer review
Scientific & Technical Briefing Notes (BNs) - issue papers, often preceding preparation of guidance for COP	Secretariat review STRP review External peer review as appropriate
STRP Review Request note (to Parties) - briefing on the approach to an STRP-requested task intended to invite feedback from others (e.g., AAs, STRP NFPs, wetland managers) on approach, focus and content	Secretariat review STRP review
Other types of outputs - flexible (e.g., web portal for alerting on issues, news stories, etc.; STRP Newsletter; databases and online tools; fact sheets; training/capacity building tools for Parties)	Secretariat review STRP review Other review (as required)

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- New STRP Web Portal

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- Invasive Species and Wetlands

Latest STRP News

- Managing healthy wetlands
- Launch of Ramsar Briefing Notes

This website is designed to provide STRP National Focal Points and the whole Ramsar Community with easy access to information on the work of the STRP, and also to enable STRP NFs and anyone else to contribute to the requests of the Panel.

It is an instrument to promote the steady improvement of information-exchange within the STRP and the Ramsar community.

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Key Resources

- Current STRP work plan
- List of STRP Members
- List of STRP National Focal Points
- Main Ramsar website

Recent Messages

- test SED: General Thematic Forum
- task 2.2 regional development CEPA: STRP Tasks
- task 2.1 capacity building CEPA: STRP Tasks
- Test conversation 2 SED: STRP Tasks
- Start of a new discussion GM: Announcements & Requests

Information Requests from STRP

- Invasive Species and Wetlands

Forum name	Conversations	Most recent comment
GM: Announcements & Requests	1	by fuderson3 fuderson3, strpadmin January 27, 2013
GM: STRP & Ramsar Meetings	0	No conversations started
GM: Topics of Regional Interest	0	No conversations started

1 - Communication, Education, Participation & Awareness (CEPA)

Forum name	Conversations	Most recent comment
CEPA: General Thematic Forum	1	by Richard Cooper January 23, 2013
CEPA: Regional Development	2	by STRP Site Administrator

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- STRP Webinars

A poster for a webinar. At the top, the title "Towards the sustainable planning and management of urban wetlands" is written in blue. Below the title are four photographs: a person on a bicycle on a dirt road, a narrow canal with reeds, a hillside with houses, and a modern building next to a wetland. At the bottom, the name "Robert McInnes" is centered, followed by his titles: "Managing Director RM Wetlands & Environment Ltd" and "Society of Wetland Scientists Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel". Logos for "RM Wetlands & Environment" and "Ramsar" are also present. At the bottom right, it says "Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel Webinar September 2013".

Towards the sustainable planning and management of urban wetlands

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Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel Webinar
September 2013

Work plan for 2013-2015



Tasks are derived from Resolution XI.17, which reflects the Parties' requests at COP11.

Annex 2 of Resolution XI.17 organizes the tasks under six broad themes:

- Communication, Education, Participation & Awareness (CEPA);
- Strategic, emerging & ongoing issues;
- Wetland inventory, assessment, monitoring & reporting;
- Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites);
- Ramsar, wetlands & other sectors; and
- Wetlands & ecosystem benefits/services.

Work plan 2013-2015: working groups



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- Ramsar, wetlands & other sectors
 - Wetlands & health;
 - Wetlands & climate change;
 - Wetlands & water resource management;
 - Wetlands & agriculture;
 - Wetlands & poverty eradication;
 - [Wetlands & urbanization;]
 - [Wetlands & tourism;]
 - [Wetlands & energy;]
- Wetlands & ecosystem benefits/services; and
- Ecological character and change in ecological character.

Nine top priority tasks



- Assess and support the capacity-building and knowledge sharing needs of Contracting Parties in implementing the Ramsar Convention (AAs & wetland managers) (Task No.1 (2013/15));
- Invasive species and wetlands – guide to available guidance (Task No. 10 (2013-15));
- Monitoring for change in ecological character – further guidance: standardised terminology concerning Article 3.2 issues (Task No. 20 (2013-15));

Nine top priority tasks



- Implementation of the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS) – 2012 revision (Task No. 25 (2013-15));
- Implications of, and advice on, climate change for Convention implementation: review and advice on relevant decisions adopted by CBD COP11 (Task No. 41, iv c (2013-15));
- Ramsar, water and wetlands: review and development of a strategy for engaging in the global water debate (Task No. 44 (2013-15));

Nine top priority tasks



- Wetlands and poverty eradication – guidance and case studies (Task No. 50 (2013-15));
- Economics of wetland ecosystem benefits/services (Task No. 59 (2013-15)); and
- Reporting on the state of the world's wetlands and their services to people (SoWWS) and the Convention's effectiveness (Task No. 18 (2013-15)).

STRP core budget 2013-2015



- For each year, total of **CHF 210,000**
- After expenses related to the Sci/Tech Support Officer, STRP meetings, and travel (STRP Chair/DSG), there is **CHF 30,000** for work plan implementation
- Accordingly, it is critical to collaborate with other ongoing processes to avoid duplication and to seek alternative sources of funding

XI.16 science review



- Resolution XI.16 called for “a review of the delivery, uptake and implementation of scientific and technical advice and guidance to the Convention”
- SC46 decided that the XI.16 review should be funded from the reserve fund excess (not the STRP core budget) and developed terms of reference for the project
- USA is chairing the process; next step is to secure a consultant

Thank you for your attention and comments!

