

Asia Meeting, October 2013

SESSION 2_SOLUTIONS and strategies to support improved implementation

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Solutions were gathered in a collection box during the week as well as during other exercises and sessions during the week. They are presented here by country but need further analysis especially in comparison with Barriers.

Bangladesh

ISSUE **LETTERS**, Keep pressure on CPs after COP to comply with Ramsar Resolutions

Indonesia

Work on coordination among the stakeholders

National Committee should be more active in coordination stakeholders

UAE

Build good network of people

Often adequate resources ARE available, eg technological or financial

Build willingness among Leaders

(Target CEPA effort on Leaders / Admin Authority)

Look for and promote good demonstration projects: eg Blue Carbon, local and regional biodiversity assessment

Develop National Wetland Inventory

Make sure National Focal points are in place

Give attention to communication systems to assure that they are working with secretariat, STRP and across National Ramsar Implementation Team

Secretariat to review how they distribute information to identify better ways

South Korea

Improve communication with **National Ramsar Committee** members, initiate some regular communication (eg, yearly letter?) as often the members may not be part of the formal Implementation Team and so may hear little about Ramsar outside of meetings

Thailand

Involve stakeholder participation at all steps starting from comprehensive inventory of data and info, area mapping and strategic management plan.

Highlight or emphasise the Ramsar site as important for ecotourism as it is for flood and drought alleviation for the local development.

(Guidance on developing messages around Ecosystem services?)

Specify the value of Ramsar site in monetary terms as much as possible so local government and developers can understand and realise its importance and its value in language they understand.

More direct involvement of Scientists

Establish STRP team to work **IN** Ramsar Site, as consultant of Site Manager, support delivery of scientific knowledge to visitors, join with stakeholders to develop RIS

Support Scientific Research to build better understanding of site and build data bank for management

Cooperate with and involve Private sector in Ramsar site, many companies are interested

Hold National and Regional seminars to stimulate STRP team and build knowledge and capacity

Aim for management plan for Ramsar site that is integrated with surrounding area

LOCAL people Participation is most important. Scientific knowledge needs to be translated to increase local knowledge for food and wise use production. They will look after the wetland for eternity.

Nepal

Build support for enhancing national Legislation

Develop CEPA approach for Legislators

Look to developed countries for materials, expertise

Myanmar

Top priority is to guarantee capacity building for the site teams

Identify and engage NGO and Semi government organisations to build organisational approach to managing the wetlands

(BUilding good networks?)

Form a management COMMITTEE with range of stakeholders to oversee management and wetland resource utilisation (and build shared goals)

Work with STRP NFP to update the RIS

EDUCATE both local stakeholders AND Admin Authority to build their support

Set up regular programs of research/ survey, monitoring and evaluation

Use appropriate management systems

Develop effective **awareness raising programs for all stakeholders**

Use motivation activities for staff

Practice using zoning systems

Need to develop good approach to poverty reduction to engage with local people who totally live on the aquatic products of the wetland.

Promote ecotourism if possible and create jobs for local communities

Common call for more training better training Site Managers

There are some particular areas where training and or guidance is needed

Management planning

Tools for Rapid assessment of Ecosystem Services

Guidance for management of Invasive species

Wetland Inventory

Local community participation

Targeted CEPA programs

Those countries that have experience to share

Indonesia has experience using **RAPPAM and METT**, these could be re shaped to fit our needs for wetlands

WetLands Managers training experience and programs

China

Indonesia

South Korea