

How the Ramsar Strategic Plan contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



The Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 includes four goals and 19 targets. Implementing each of these will also contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets. Each Ramsar target is shown with the SDG targets to which it contributes, and the text of each SDG target is summarized on the facing page. The SDGs are listed in full at the UN's Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs>).

Build capacity to implement the Convention and Strategic Plan

Related SDG targets: 2.4; 6.a; 11.3; 13.1; 13.3; 15.c; 17.9

Strengthen international cooperation

Related SDG targets: 1.b; 2.5; 6.5; 6.6; 6.a; 10.6; 12.4; 14.5; 14.c; 15.1; 15.6; 16.8; 17.6; 17.7; 17.9

Mobilize resources for implementation

Related SDG targets: 9.a; 10.6; 15.a; 15.b; 17.3

Mainstream wetland conservation and wise use through CEPA

Related SDG targets: 2.4; 4.7; 4.a; 6.a; 11.3; 13.1; 13.3; 15.7; 17.9

Reinforce Ramsar Regional Initiatives for Implementation of the Convention

Related SDG targets: 1.b; 2.5; 6.5; 6.6; 9.1; 11.a; 14.2; 15.1; 17.6; 17.7; 17.9

Develop scientific and policy guidance

Related SDG targets: 9.5; 9.a; 14.3; 14.4; 14.5; 17.6

Enhance sustainability of projects in key sectors

Related SDG targets: 1.b; 2.4; 6.5; 8.3; 8.9; 11.3; 11.4; 11.a; 11.b; 12.b; 13.2; 14.4; 14.5; 14.c; 15.9

Restore degraded wetlands

Related SDG targets: 6.6; 14.2; 14.4; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3

Document wetland services and benefits

Related SDG targets: 1.5; 14.7; 15.9

Respect and use traditional knowledge and practices

Related SDG targets: 2.3; 2.5; 5.5; 5.a; 6.b; 12.8; 15.c

Strengthen wise use through integrated river basin management or coastal zone management

Related SDG targets: 1.4; 5.a; 6.5; 8.4; 11.b; 14.7; 14.c

Complete national wetland inventories

Related SDG targets: 6.6; 11.4; 14.5; 15.1

Recognize wetland benefits in sectoral strategies

Related SDG targets: 1.b; 2.4; 6.1; 6.2; 6.5; 8.3; 8.9; 11.3; 11.4; 11.a; 11.b; 13.2; 14.4; 14.5; 14.c; 15.9

Ensure water for wetland ecosystem needs

Related SDG targets: 6.4; 6.5; 6.6

Apply wise use guidelines in private and public sectors

Related SDG targets: 2.3; 2.5; 3.9; 6.3; 6.4; 6.5; 6.6; 6.a; 6.b; 8.4; 9.1; 9.5; 11.4; 11.5; 11.6; 11.7; 12.2; 12.6; 14.1; 14.2; 14.3; 14.4; 14.5; 14.7; 14.b; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.4; 15.5; 15.6; 15.7

Control or eradicate invasive alien species

Related SDG target: 15.8

Maintain ecological character through integrated management

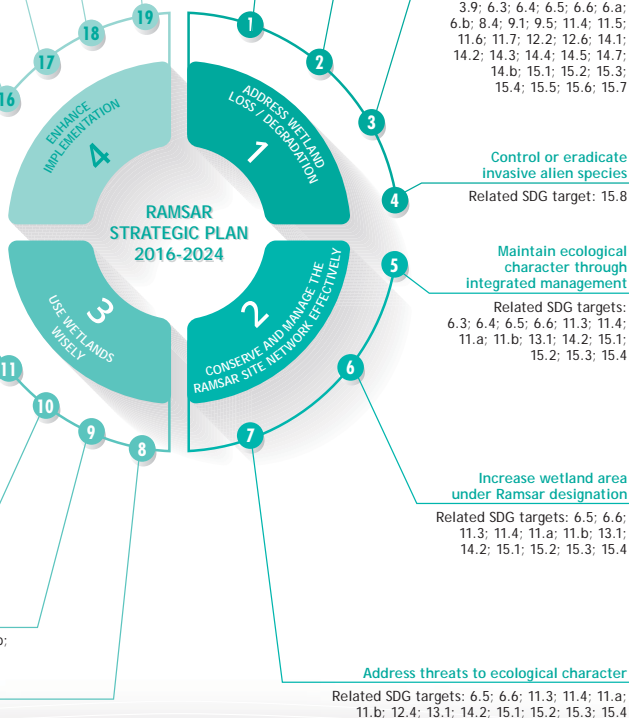
Related SDG targets: 6.3; 6.4; 6.5; 6.6; 11.3; 11.4; 11.a; 11.b; 13.1; 14.2; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.4

Increase wetland area under Ramsar designation

Related SDG targets: 6.5; 6.6; 11.3; 11.4; 11.a; 11.b; 13.1; 14.2; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.4

Address threats to ecological character

Related SDG targets: 6.5; 6.6; 11.3; 11.4; 11.a; 11.b; 12.4; 13.1; 14.2; 15.1; 15.2; 15.3; 15.4



The Sustainable Development Goals and Targets

GOAL 1. END POVERTY

- 1.4 Ensure that all men and women have equal rights
- 1.5 Build the resilience of the poor and reduce their vulnerability to climate-related extreme events
- 1.b Invest in poverty eradication

GOAL 2. END HUNGER AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

- 2.3 Double the agricultural productivity of small-scale food producers
- 2.4 Ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices
- 2.5 Promote benefit sharing of the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge

GOAL 3. ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES

- 3.9 Reduce deaths and illnesses from air, water and soil pollution

GOAL 4. ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE EDUCATION

- 4.7 Ensure that all learners acquire knowledge and skills for sustainable development
- 4.a Build education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive

GOAL 5. EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

- 5.5 Ensure women's full participation and equal opportunities for leadership
- 5.a Give women equal rights to economic and land resources

GOAL 6. ENSURE WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

- 6.1 Achieve access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- 6.2 Achieve access to sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation
- 6.3 Improve water quality by reducing pollution and increasing recycling
- 6.4 Increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater
- 6.5 Implement integrated water resources management, including through transboundary cooperation
- 6.6 Protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes
- 6.a Expand international cooperation and capacity-building to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities
- 6.b Support participation of local communities in water and sanitation management

GOAL 8. PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- 8.3 Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities
- 8.4 Improve resource efficiency in consumption and production and decouple economic growth from environmental degradation
- 8.9 Promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products

GOAL 9. BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

- 9.1 Develop infrastructure to support economic development and human well-being
- 9.5 Enhance scientific research and upgrade industrial sectors
- 9.a Facilitate sustainable and resilient infrastructure in developing countries

GOAL 10. REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

- 10.6 Ensure enhanced representation for developing countries in global decision-making

GOAL 11. MAKE CITIES INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

- 11.3 Enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization
- 11.4 Protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage
- 11.5 Reduce deaths and people affected by disasters, including water-related disasters
- 11.6 Reduce adverse per capita environmental impact of cities
- 11.7 Provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces

- 11.a Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas
- 11.b Increase cities implementing inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters

GOAL 12. ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

- 12.2 Achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources
- 12.4 Achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and reduce their release to air, water and soil
- 12.6 Encourage companies to adopt sustainable practices
- 12.8 Ensure that people everywhere have lifestyles in harmony with nature
- 12.b Develop sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products

GOAL 13. COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

- 13.1 Strengthen resilience to natural disasters in all countries
- 13.2 Integrate climate change into policies, strategies and planning
- 13.3 Improve human and institutional capacity on climate change

GOAL 14. CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES

- 14.1 Reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities
- 14.2 Manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts
- 14.3 Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification
- 14.4 Regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
- 14.5 Conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas
- 14.7 Increase the economic benefits from the sustainable use of marine resources
- 14.b Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets
- 14.c Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans by implementing international law

GOAL 15. PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS

- 15.1 Ensure conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands
- 15.2 Promote sustainable management of all types of forests
- 15.3 Combat desertification, and restore degraded land and soil
- 15.4 Conserve mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity
- 15.5 Reduce the degradation of natural habitats and halt the loss of biodiversity
- 15.6 Promote sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources
- 15.7 End poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna
- 15.8 Reduce impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems
- 15.9 Integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning
- 15.a Mobilize financial resources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems
- 15.b Mobilize significant resources to finance sustainable forest management

GOAL 16. PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

- 16.8 Broaden the participation of developing countries in global governance

GOAL 17. STRENGTHEN MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- 17.3 Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries
- 17.6 Enhance international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation
- 17.7 Promote diffusion of environmentally sound technologies
- 17.9 Enhance international support for capacity-building in developing countries