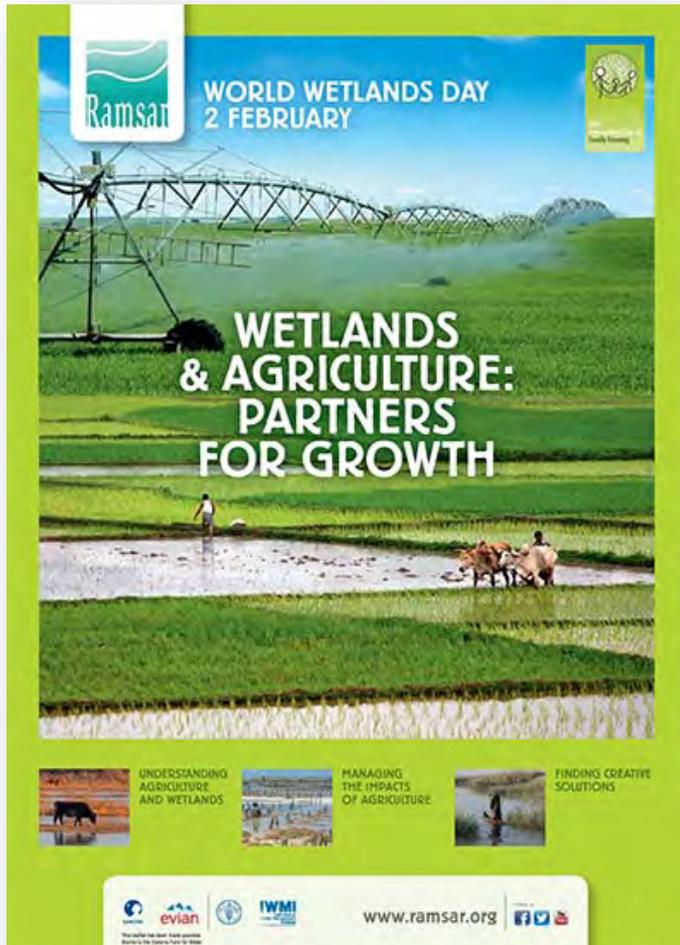


World Wetlands Day 2014 Outreach



822 activities were reported for World Wetlands Day this year, with **over 100,000 participants** in **77 countries**.

Major **media outlets**, including El País, The Guardian and La Repubblica, mentioned the event.

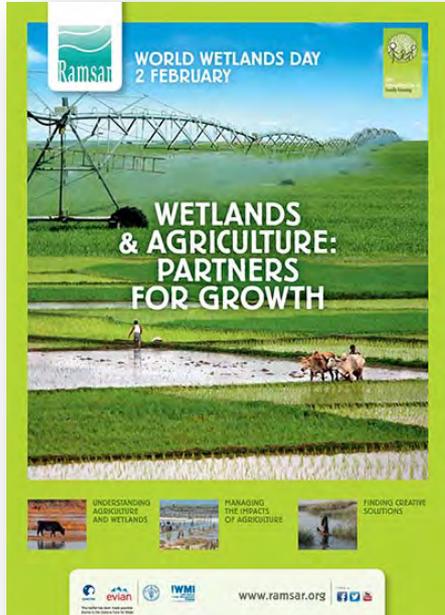
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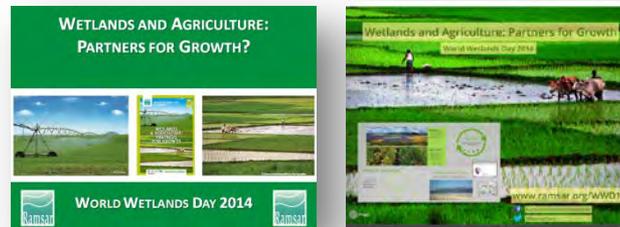
Leaflet produced in collaboration with IWMI and FAO



SG video statement



Cartoon



PowerPoint and Prezi presentations



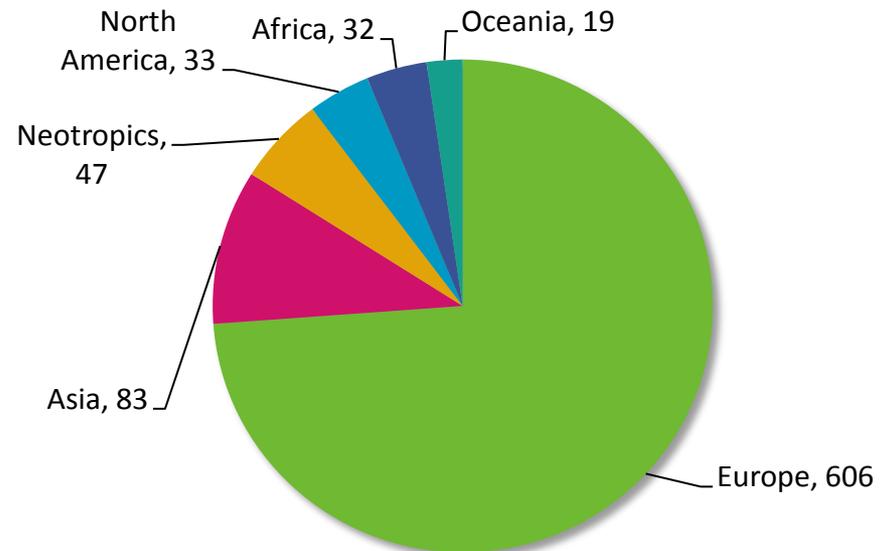
Game

Countries/Regions



Activities were reported from 77 countries, across all regions. L'Office National de l'Eau, under the French Government, reported the largest number of activities.

Top 10 countries	N. of reported activities
France	481
Spain	64
Japan	27
Mexico	21
Australia	18
India	18
Romania	12
China	9
Argentina	8
Colombia	8



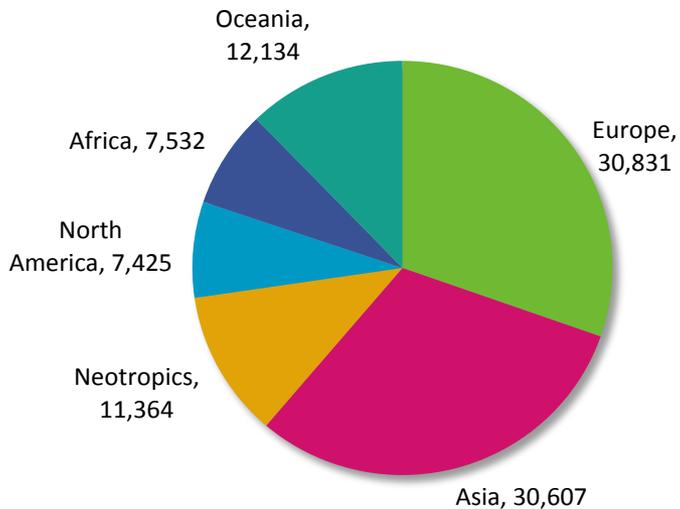
Number of activities per region

Participants/Target groups

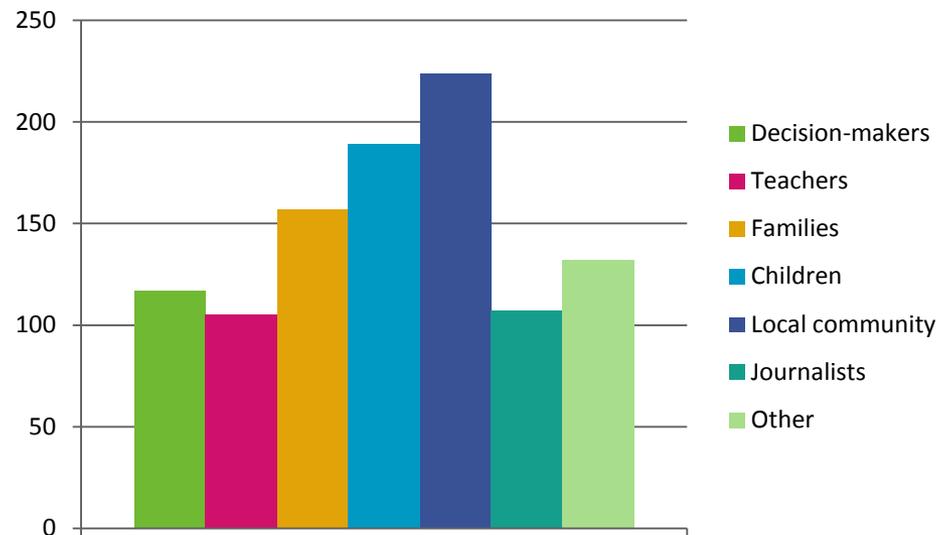


100,393 participants were reported.

62% of activities targeted the local community; 52% children and 32% decision-makers.



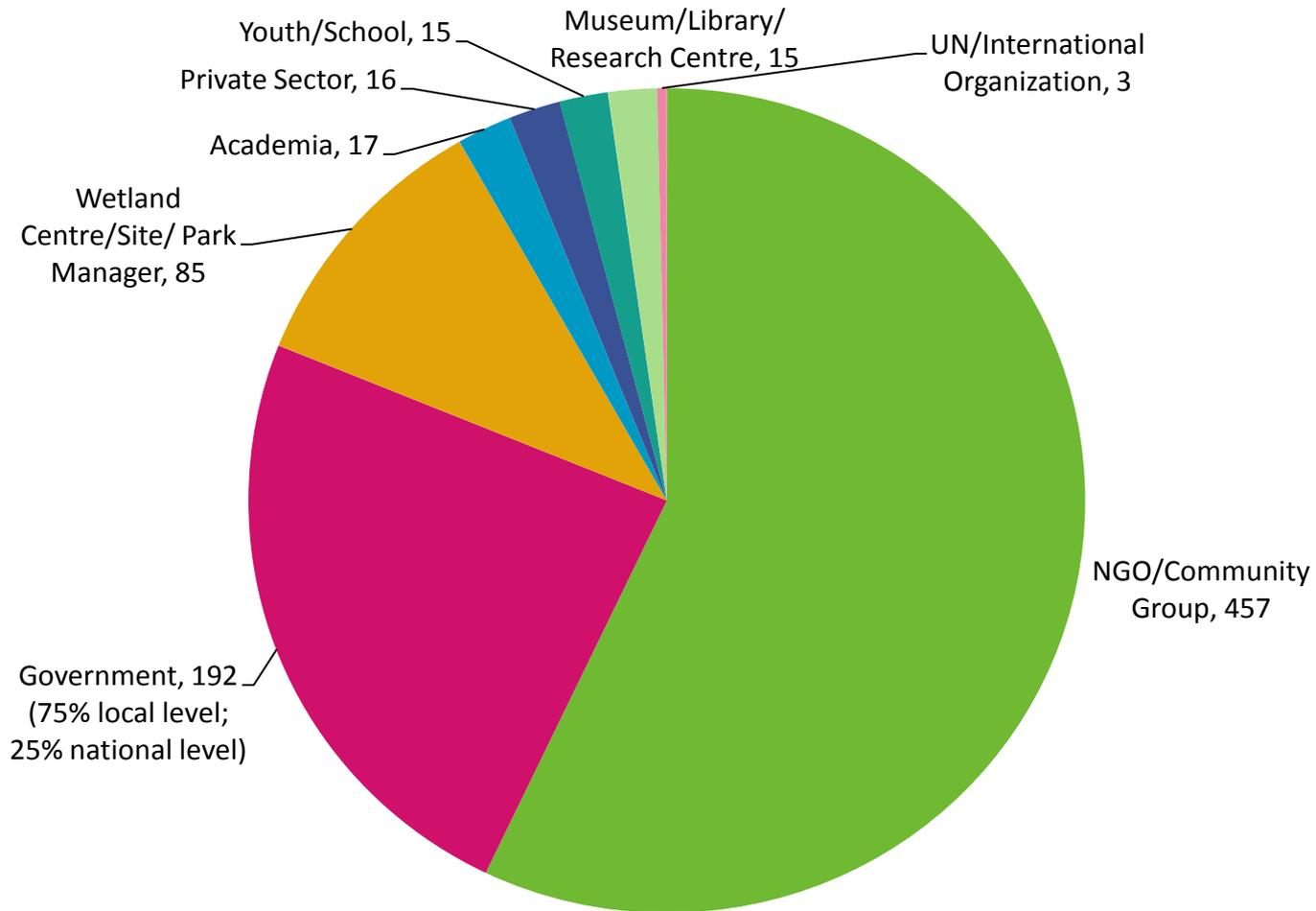
Regional distribution of participants



Target groups*

*Users could select more than one option in the online form
Target groups information does not include activities reported from France.

Main actors

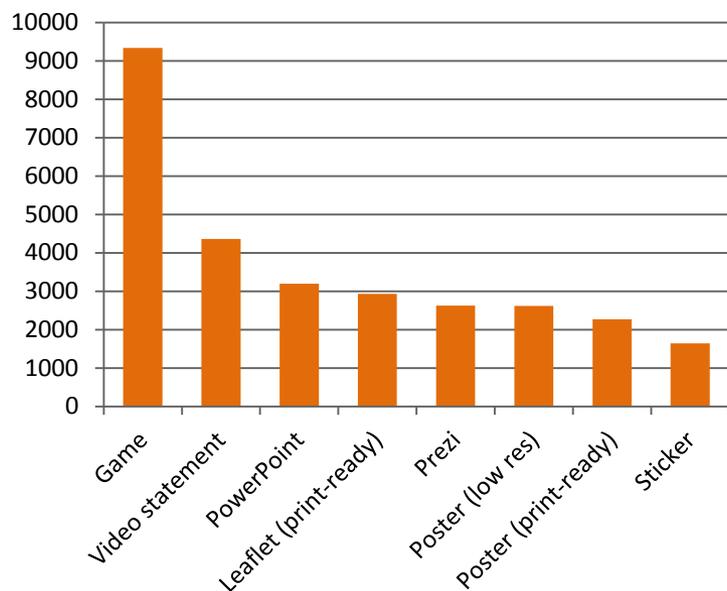


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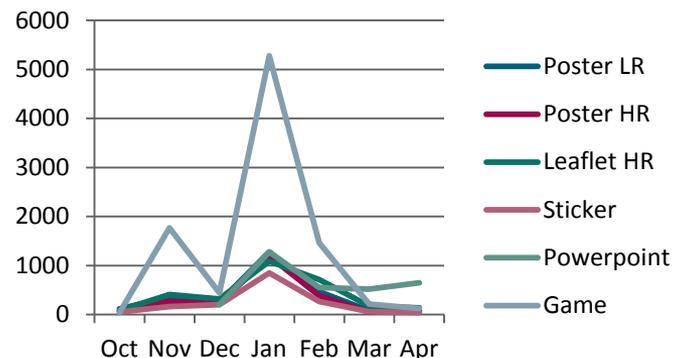


The most downloaded files were **new** types of materials introduced this year: **the game**, the video statement and the PowerPoint presentation.

It is interesting to note that, after peaks of downloads in November and January, the materials are still being downloaded (650 PowerPoint downloads and 137 leaflet downloads in April).



Total downloads*



Downloads by month

	EN	FR	SP	Total
Game	1619	5006	2711	9336
Video statement	1746	672	1946	4364
PowerPoint	1501	666	1032	3199
Leaflet (print)	1341	963	2932	2932
Prezi	1137	394	1095	2626
Poster (low res)	1305	596	719	2620
Poster (print)	1181	392	702	2275
Sticker	911	261	468	1640

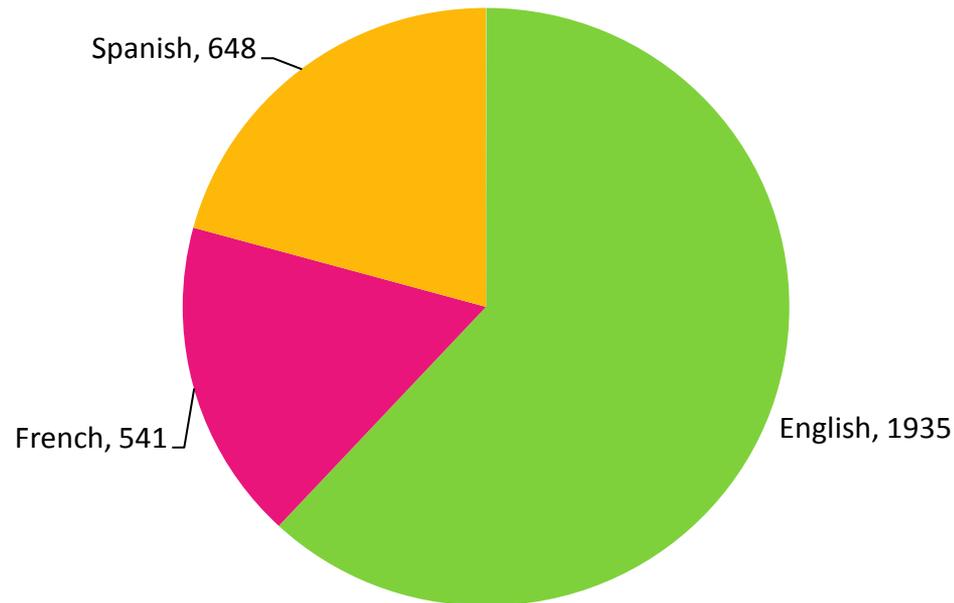
Downloads by materials and language*

* As of 30 April

Printed materials



A total of **3124** WWD packs were mailed in October 2013
(pack = letter on WWD and theme, poster, leaflet, stickers, CD with all print files)

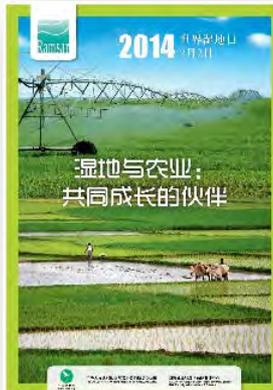


Language distribution of mailed materials

Adaptations



19 countries sent us their adaptations of the World Wetlands Day materials. They are available on the website, and here is a selection:



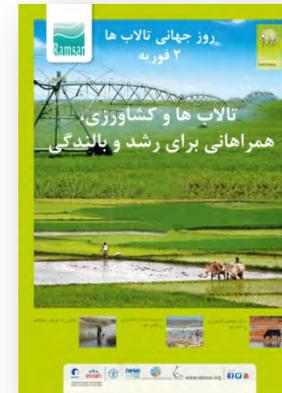
China



France



Greece



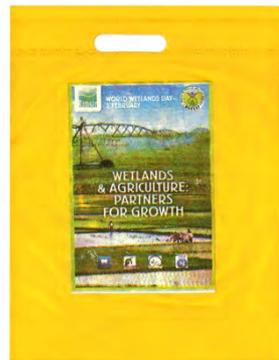
Iran



Madagascar



Postcard from China



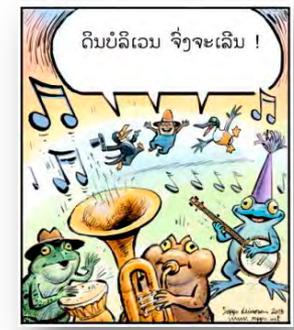
Bag from Myanmar



Portugal



Libya



Lao

Online map



For the first time in 2014, reports and media coverage were made available through an online map.



[Green flags: reports] [Orange flags: media]

A selection of **116 online articles, videos and radio coverage** from around the world was made available on the map.

[El País](#) (Spain), [The Guardian](#) (UK), [La Repubblica](#) (Italy) and [RTS](#) (Switzerland) mentioned World Wetlands Day.

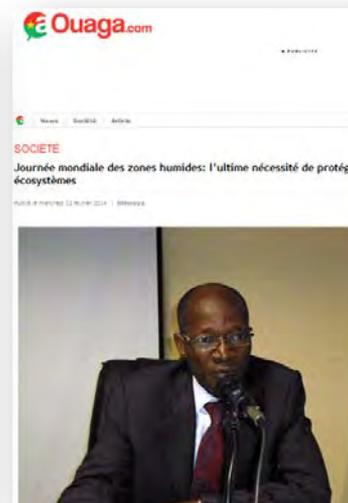
National and local media covered the activities organized around the world. Here is a selection:



The Times of India
[Experts, eco-scholars conduct annual water bird census](#)
3 February 2014



France 3 Alsace
[Journée mondiale des zones humides](#)
2 February 2014



Ouaga.com
[Journée mondiale des zones humides: l'ultime nécessité de protéger les écosystèmes](#)
12 February 2014



GulfNews
[Region's first water research centre launched](#)
12 February 2014



RCN Radio (Colombia)
[Los humedales y la agricultura, ¡claro que pueden estar juntos!](#)
14 March 2014

Partner organizations



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Infographic by IWMI

2011-2020 United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

MESSAGE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY BRAULIO FERREIRA DE SOUZA DIAS on the occasion of WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2 February 2014

"Wetlands and Agriculture: Partners for Growth"

The significant challenges facing agriculture are well known. Simply put, the world will need to produce more food and reduce the external impacts of food production systems on the environment.

Family farming is a priority area in this regard. In developing countries, these farms already produce most of the food, represent a major way out of poverty for rural populations, and are well placed for significant gains in productivity with relatively little investment.

Wetlands are already an important source of food. For example, well managed rice paddy systems produce not only rice but also co-benefits from rice-associated biodiversity, such as highly nutritious food in the form of fish, mollusks and crustaceans. Wetlands also support the multitude of birds that help increase rice productivity through improving nutrient cycling and pest and disease regulation. The same production of inland capture fisheries and more coastal fisheries is derived from wetlands, as is most aquaculture production.

Ecosystems and the services they deliver offer the solution to simultaneously achieving food and nutrition security, poverty reduction and environmental sustainability. The history of wetlands and agriculture provide us with good insight into both the mistakes of the past and solutions for the future. Worldwide, over 50% of wetlands have been lost. Many of those that remain are highly degraded. Conversion to farming, over-extraction of water for irrigation and the impacts of farming systems on soil erosion and water quality are the leading causes. Let us know that the value of wetlands on a per unit area basis, far outweighs the economic benefits of farming. It is well established, for example, that the conversion of mangrove areas to shrimp farming has dramatically reduced their overall value through the loss of the often untillable benefits of nature such as fisheries nurseries, water regulation and storm protection. Similar examples can be found in most farming systems. Much of the loss in overall economic benefits is driven by agricultural and perverse subsidies.

The trade-off between agriculture and wetlands are not the only way of assessing the needs. A simple and positive viewpoint is that wetlands contribute to supporting agriculture beyond the food they produce directly. Throughout the world, and especially in water scarce areas, wetlands provide essential water services for livestock and small-scale farmers. Wetlands play a crucial role in recharging groundwater supplies and maintaining regional supplies, for example through the seasonal inundation of floodplains and wetlands in the label. This contributes to the security of the water supply throughout the year.

UNEP Convention on Biological Diversity

Statement by Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary of CBD



Video by LPO (Ligue pour la protection des oiseaux) France

Facebook outreach campaign



Almost 6,000 Facebook fans were secured thanks to World Wetlands Day ads and post engagement campaigns in three languages from 6 November 2013 to 3 February 2014.

Ads and “boosted” posts appeared over 2 million times in Facebook feeds. Users engaged by clicking on links or liking posts over 44,000 times.

Start Date	End Date	Campaign	Reach	Unique Clicks	Resulting Page Likes
01/11/2013	04/02/2014	Advertising campaign ENGLISH	101,517	4,045	3,412
01/11/2013	04/02/2014	Advertising campaign FRENCH	64,842	1,838	1,397
01/11/2013	04/02/2014	Advertising campaign SPANISH	50,400	880	609
01/11/2013	04/02/2014	Post engagement ENGLISH	623,807	19,545	182
01/11/2013	04/02/2014	Post engagement FRENCH	1,008,044	10,638	318
01/11/2013	04/02/2014	Post engagement SPANISH	417,738	7,381	51
		Total	2,266,348	44,327	5,969

Campaign

Advertising campaign: ads appearing in the right-hand side of the Facebook feed
Post engagement campaign/ post “boosting”: posts appearing within the feed; paying for “boosting” posts will ensure they appear more times

Reach

Number of times the ad/boosted post appeared in Facebook feeds

Unique Clicks

Number of times users clicked on the ad or post, includes clicking on links or liking the post

Resulting Page Likes

Number of new page likes, or Facebook fans

Example of post engagement



The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

20 January · 🌐

Dear members,

World Wetlands Day is only 12 days away but there is still time to download, adapt and print the materials. On our website you will find a video statement by Ramsar's Secretary General, Christopher Briggs, for your World Wetlands Day events. http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-activities-wwds-wwd2014index/main/ramsar/1-63-78%5E26287_4000_0

And now your chance to be creative through our Vine video competition. From 27 January to 9 February we will seek contrib... See more



Ramsar Convention - World Wetlands Day

2014 is the UN International Year of Family Farming – so the Ramsar Convention chose Wetlands & Agriculture as the World Wetlands Day theme for 2014. And what a great theme for Ramsar, given that wetlands are so...

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21,824 People Reached

837 Likes, Comments & Shares

808 Likes 787 On Post 21 On Shares

0 Comments 0 On Post 0 On Shares

29 Shares 25 On Post 4 On Shares

45 Post Clicks

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English

French

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Spanish

1,959 People Reached

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