

**Draft resolution on financial and budgetary matters**  
**Proposed 2022 core budget of the Convention on Wetlands**

1. RECALLING the budgetary provisions established by paragraphs 5 and 6 of Article 6 of the Convention;
2. RECALLING Resolution XIII.2 which approved the budget of the Convention for the triennium 2019-2021;
3. CONSIDERING that the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties cannot be held in 2021 as initially planned due to constraints arising from the COVID-19 pandemic;
4. TAKING NOTE of the Decision of the Standing Committee SC59-10 that approved 21 to 29 November 2022 as the proposed dates for COP14 and agreed to submit the new dates for COP14 to the extraordinary meeting of the COP to be held in 2021;
5. NOTING the need, therefore, to make arrangements to keep the operations of the Convention, including its Secretariat and to enable Contracting Parties to pay their contributions in 2022;
6. TAKING NOTE of the Decision of the Standing Committee SC59-31 that approved the one-year budget for 2022 for submission to the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties based on budget Scenario A at 0% increase;
7. RECOGNIZING the exceptional nature of the circumstances arising from the pandemic;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

8. DECIDES that the present Resolution is supplementary to Resolution XIII.2, which remains in effect until the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties and those provisions will apply also to the year 2022, unless otherwise provided for in the present decision;
9. DECIDES that the *Terms of Reference for the Financial Administration of the Convention* contained in Annex 3 to Resolution 5.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters* (1993), is to be applied *in toto* to 2022;
10. APPROVES the core budget for 2022 as presented in Annex 1 of the present Resolution, to enable the implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024;
11. DECIDES that in the case of unforeseeable circumstances, the Standing Committee may approve the relevant budgetary matters until the Conference of the Parties reconvenes.

**Annex 1**  
**Proposed budget 2022**

<b>Ramsar Proposed Budget 2022</b>	<b>Budget 2022 for approval by extraordinary COP</b>	<b>SC59 authorised use of 2020 budget savings</b>	<b>Total Budget 2022</b>
<b>CHF 000'S</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
Parties' Contributions	3,779		3,779
Voluntary contributions	1,065		1,065
Income Tax	225		225
Income Interest	12		12
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,081</b>		<b>5,081</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>A. Secretariat Senior Management &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,035</b>
Salaries, social costs and other benefits	990		990
Travel	40	5	45
<b>B. Resource Mobilization and Outreach</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>639</b>
Salaries, social costs and other benefits	438		438
CEPA Program	30		30
Comms, Translations, Publications and Reporting Implementation	60	40	100
Web/IT support and Development	56		56
Travel	10	5	15
<b>C. Regional Advice and Support</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,247</b>
Salaries, social costs and other benefits	1,170		1,170
Travel	67	10	77
<b>D. Support to Regional Initiatives</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>
Regional networks and centers*	100		100
<b>E. Science and Policy</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>844</b>
Salaries, social costs and other benefits	651		651
STRP implementation	35	5	40
Travel STRP Chair	5		5
STRP meetings	50		50
Ramsar Sites Information Service (maintenance and development)	80		80
Travel	18		18
<b>G. Administration</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>492</b>
Salaries, social costs and other benefits	337		337
Staff hiring and departure costs	49		49
Secretariat Staff Travel	0		0
Equipment/Office Supplies	95		95
Planning and Capacity building	0	11	11

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<b>H. Standing Committee Services</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>
Standing Committee delegates' support	45		45
Standing Committee meetings	10		10
SC translation	60		60
Simultaneous interpretation at SC meetings	35		35
<b>I. IUCN Administrative Service Charges (maximum)</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>541</b>
Administration, Human Resources, Finance & IT services	541		541
<b>J. Miscellaneous - Reserve Fund</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>229</b>
Staff Provisions	20		20
Provision for outstanding contributions	30	120	150
Legal Services	59		59
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>5,277</b>

\*Budget allocated to Regional Initiatives will be disbursed after the approval of the new Regional Initiatives by COP14