

Draft STRP workplan 2023-2025

This document contains the draft STRP Work Plan for the 2023-2025 triennium, which has been prepared based on Resolution XIV.14, taking into account the five Thematic Work Areas (TWAs) approved by Contracting Parties at the 14th Conference of the Parties (COP14) (Annex 2, Resolution XIV.14), the Fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 (Resolution XII.2), and requests by Contracting Parties in COP14 Resolutions.

The draft work plan (Annex 1) has been developed based on the high priority tasks, which were adopted in Resolution XIV.14. Medium and low priority tasks, contained in the report of the STRP Chair to COP14 (Ramsar COP14 Doc.12) have been included in Annex 2, while requests in COP14 Resolutions are included under each TWA and in Annex 3. This document will serve as a template for the development of a final work plan during STRP25.

Note that in addition to the specific tasks outlined under the TWAs in Annex 1, additional calls for ad-hoc functions requested by Contracting Parties have been included after the TWAs.

Annex 1

Draft STRP Work Plan 2023-2025

Note: The draft work plan (covering all thematic work areas) provides an overview of the high-priority tasks that the STRP has been requested to complete in the 2023-2025 triennium, including additional requests from COP14 (Annex 3). This document will serve as a template for the development of final work plan during STRP25.

Thematic Work Area: 1. Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria.

Thematic Work Area lead(s):	TBC
Contributing STRP members:	
Contributing organizations: [IOPs/observers/other participants]	TBC

Task	Task Lead	Res.	Strat. Plan goal & target	Description	Prio.	Process and outcomes	Output	Audience	Costs CHF
1.1 Further guidance on application of criteria for designating Wetlands of International Importance	TBC	Res. XIV.14, Annex 2	Goal 4, Target 14	<i>Task 1.1 (a):</i> Further guidance on application of Ramsar Criteria 9 for the designation of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites), including advice on sources of technical information and their use, and identification of information gaps that limit the nomination of Sites.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further guidance on application of Ramsar Criterion 9. • Engagement with IUCN/SSC in relation to the Red List and population estimates. 	Technical Report (with guidance)	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC
	TBC	Res. XIV.18,	TBC	<i>Task 1.1 (b):</i> Guidance to facilitate appropriate application of		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of scientific and technical advice in relation to global waterbird 	Technical Report (with guidance)	Contracting Parties,	TBC

		Para. 15 & 17		Criterion 6, including technical support to CPs in closing identified gaps in waterbird population data and outlining opportunities for capacity building, technical and scientific cooperation, and exchange.		population estimates (WPE) in relation to application of Ramsar Criterion 6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance on closing identified gaps in waterbird population data, and opportunities for capacity building, technical and scientific cooperation and exchange. 		IOPs, other MEAs	
	TBC	Res. XIV.18, Para. 16	TBC	<i>Task 1.1 (c):</i> Technical proposal to enable the resourcing and implementing of future timely and comprehensive Waterbird Population Estimates updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC 	Technical proposal	Contracting Parties	TBC
1.2 Global assessment of gaps in the network of Wetlands of International Importance, and synergies with global climate and biodiversity goals	TBC	Res. XII.5, Annex 1 Res. XIV.14, Annex 2 Res. XIV.6, Para. 38	Goal 4, Target 14	Global assessment to identify under-represented ecosystem types and the constituent species and habitats across biogeographic regions (including transboundary wetlands), drawing on site details in the Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS) and other relevant sources.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake analysis of RSIS data on representation of different wetland types in different bioregions within the Ramsar Sites network. Provide comments on improvements as well as areas of focus. Assess whether guidance on under-represented wetland types will need to be updated. Identify synergies, e.g., in terms of how addressing gaps in the network of can contribute towards meeting global biodiversity and climate goals 	Briefing Note or Technical Report. Data may contribute to GWO.	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with UNESCO, the CMS family, IUCN, and relevant IOPs to contribute to ongoing efforts to improve ecological connectivity of the world's flyways for migratory birds and potentially of other taxa (Res. XIV.6). 			
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N.B.: COP14 requests that are relevant to TWA1

Resolution XIV.18

Waterbird population estimates to support new and existing Ramsar Site designations under Ramsar Criterion 6 – use of alternative estimates

Para. 15. Include in its work plan for the next triennium the preparation of guidance to facilitate appropriate application of this Resolution

Para. 16. Develop a technical proposal to enable the resourcing and implementing of future timely and comprehensive Waterbird Population Estimates updates.

Para. 17. Develop guidance that provides technical support to Contracting Parties in closing identified gaps in waterbird population data, and outlines opportunities for capacity building, technical and scientific cooperation and exchange.

Resolution XIV.6

Enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions

Para. 38. Secretariat, in consultation with the STRP, to engage with UNESCO, the CMS family, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and relevant IOPs to contribute to ongoing efforts to improve ecological connectivity of the world's flyways for migratory birds and potentially of other taxa

Thematic Work Area: 2. Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories.

Thematic Work Area lead(s):	TBC
Contributing STRP members:	
Contributing organizations: [IOPs/observers/other participants]	TBC

Task	Task Lead	Res.	Strat. Plan goal & target	Description	Prio.	Process and outcomes	Output	Audience	Costs CHF
2.1 Wetland mapping and inventories to catalyse greater use of available methodologies for wetland carbon assessments	TBC	Res. XIII.13 Res. XIII.14, Res. XIV.14., Annex 2	Goal 3, Target 8	Guidance to support further development and use of National Wetland Inventories (NWIs) in national greenhouse gas (GHG) accounts, and the inclusion of wetlands actions in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetland mapping and NWIs as tools in enabling and supporting carbon assessment; information on national application of methodologies for wetland carbon assessment; identification of activity data and emission factors for different wetland types, and relevant case studies. May be pursued in liaison or cooperation with IPCC. 	Technical guidance and/or Policy Brief.	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC
2.2 Prepare guidance on inventories and monitoring of small wetlands, and their multiple values for biodiversity conservation, especially in the contexts of landscape	TBC	Res. XIII.21, Para. 23 Res. XI.8, Para. 2ii Res. XIV.15, Para. 19	Goal 3, Targets 8, 11	Guidance to support improved identification, mapping, monitoring and assessment, and management of small wetlands.	High	<p>Guidance to encompass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory of naturally small wetlands (e.g. seasonal pools, some glacial systems, oases); Overview of critically endangered species often associated with small wetlands; Review of the role of wetland fragmentation, 	Technical Report (with guidance)	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

management and climate change		Res. XIV.14., Annex 2				including as a foundation for restoration; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies illustrating national experiences with inventory of small wetlands; • Information on the extent of small wetlands, and implications for estimates of wetland area/extent, loss estimates, contribution to meeting relevant international targets (e.g. related to species conservation, protected areas, connectivity); • Synthesis of best available and innovative tools for mapping and monitoring, including Earth observation. 			
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N.B.: COP14 requests that are relevant to TWA2

Resolution XIV.15

Enhancing the conservation and management of small wetlands

Para. 19. Develop guidance on inventories and monitoring of small wetlands and their multiple values for biodiversity conservation

Annex 1, Para. C. Ensure the data collated by the STRP and stored by the Convention Secretariat on small wetlands are easily accessible for the purposes of monitoring, reporting and developing management plans.

Thematic Work Area: 3. Direct and climate-change-related pressures on wetlands, their impacts, and responses.

Thematic Work Area lead(s):	TBC
Contributing STRP members:	
Contributing organizations: [IOPs/observers/other participants]	TBC

Task	Task Lead	Res.	Strat. Plan goal & target	Description	Prio.	Process and outcomes	Output	Audience	Costs CHF
3.1 Climate change and wetlands – updated information on the current and projected impacts of climate change on the world’s wetlands, and responses	TBC	Res. XIV.14., Annex 2	Goals 1, 2 & 3	Synthesis of technical information on the current and projected impact of climate change pressures on wetlands, following on from GWO Special Edition (2021) and drawing on IPCC 6 th Assessment Report and other relevant global reports.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of recent IPCC assessment reports and other relevant global reports. • Focus on horizon scanning and responses. • Maybe pursued in liaison or cooperation with IPCC. 	Briefing Note.	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC
3.2 Blue carbon guidance, data and models, and support for integration of blue carbon in climate change planning frameworks	TBC	Res. XII.14, Para. 15 (b-d) Res. XIV.14., Annex 2,	Goal 4, Target 14.	<i>Task 3.2 (a):</i> Development of guidance on prioritizing coastal blue carbon ecosystems for conservation and restoration.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of tasks initiated in 2019-2021 • Reviewing and updating (as appropriate) existing guidance for the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of blue carbon ecosystems in Ramsar Sites. • May include guidance on intertidal mudflats, and in relation to carbon finance. • 	Technical Report (with guidelines) and/or Briefing Note.	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

	TBC	Res. XIV.14., Annex 2	TBC	<i>Task 3.2 (b):</i> Compiling and reviewing data and models on carbon stock and fluxes	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process TBC • May be pursued in liaison or cooperation with IPCC. 	Technical Report or Briefing Note	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC
3.3 Agriculture and wetlands: maintaining and restoring the ecological character of wetlands in agricultural settings	TBC	Res. XIV.14., Annex 2	Goal 3, Target 9.	Guidelines to support reporting on the ecological character of wetlands in agricultural settings, which highlight opportunities to enhance the wise use of wetlands.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines should be informed by case studies based on issues outlined in the GWO Special Edition (2021) and Briefing Note 13 which highlighted land-use change, water extraction and pollution, all arising from agriculture as key drivers of wetland degradation. 	Technical Report (with guidelines)	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC
3.4 The protection, conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management of wetland ecosystems in addressing climate change	TBC	Res. XIV.17, Para. 14	TBC	Success stories of nature-based solutions or ecosystem-based approaches to protecting, conserving, restoring, sustainably using and managing wetland ecosystems to address climate change and achieve other co-benefits	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of relevant case studies on the application of NbS to protect, conserve, restore, sustainably use and manage wetland ecosystems. 	Briefing Note	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

N.B.: COP14 requests that are relevant to TWA3

Resolution XIV.17

The protection, conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management of wetland ecosystems in addressing climate change

Para. 14. Desktop study of success stories of nature-based solutions or ecosystem-based approaches to protecting, conserving, restoring, sustainably using and managing wetland ecosystems to address climate change and achieve other co-benefits

Thematic Work Area: 4: Wise use, sustainable management, and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape.

Thematic Work Area lead(s):	TBC
Contributing STRP members:	
Contributing organizations: [IOPs/observers/other participants]	TBC

Task	Task Lead	Res.	Strat. Plan goal & target	Description	Prio.	Process and outcomes	Output	Audience	Costs CHF
4.1 OECMs as an opportunity in promoting wetland conservation and wise use	TBC	Res. XIV.14., Annex 2	Goal 3, Target 9.	Synthesise information and provides guidance on wetlands and Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs).	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and highlight the emerging evidence of the status and trends of OECMs for wetlands across different regions, including an overview of the various national approaches to OECMs. Highlight how effectively managed wetlands that are not designated protected areas, including Wetlands of International Importance, might qualify as OECMs, and elaborate how wetland-focused OECMs may help CPs meet relevant goals and targets. Potential cooperation with IUCN, UNEP-WCMC, CBD, IPBES. 	Technical Report (with guidelines) and/or Briefing Note.	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC
4.2 Develop guidance on the conservation, wise use and	TBC	Res. XIII.20, Para. 45	Goal 3, Target 10.	Guidance on the conservation, wise use and management of	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and describe strategies and models for economic development that maintain the ecological 	Technical Report (with guidelines).	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

management of “working coastal habitats”, including a synthesis of the global pressures on coastal wetlands		Res. XIV.14., Annex 2,		sustainable “working coastal habitats”.		character and functionality of such habitats to the benefit of various users of these wetlands e.g. local communities and migratory and other wetland species. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with scientific and technical subsidiary bodies of other MEAs and potentially also be linked to efforts towards establishment of a World Coastal Forum (Resolution XIII.20). 			
4.3 Integrating wetland protection, conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management into national sustainable development strategies	TBC	Res. XIV.16, Para. 21	TBC	Strengthen case studies and development of tools for the integration of national wetland conservation and restoration into national sustainable development (SD) strategies and to develop technical guidelines	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of relevant case studies on the integration of national wetland conservation and restoration into national SD strategies. • Developing technical guidelines on how Contracting Parties can integrate national wetland conservation and restoration into national SD strategies. 	Technical Report (with case studies and guidelines)	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

N.B.: COP14 requests that are relevant to TWA4

Resolution XIV.16

Integrating wetland protection, conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management into national sustainable development strategies

Para. 21. Strengthen case studies and development of tools for the integration of national wetland conservation and restoration into national sustainable development strategies and to develop technical guidelines

Thematic Work Area: 5: Cross-cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs

Thematic Work Area lead(s):	TBC
Contributing STRP members:	
Contributing organizations: [IOPs/observers/other participants]	TBC

Task	Task Lead	Res.	Strat. Plan goal & target	Description	Prio.	Process and outcomes	Output	Audience	Costs CHF
5.1 Financial costs of wetland loss and degradation, and investment required to maintain and restore wetlands	TBC	Res. XIV.14, Annex 2 Res. XIV.6, Para. 45	Goal 4, Targets 17 & 19	Synthesize information on the known financial costs to society incurred from the loss of wetlands and their ecosystems services, including consideration of 'future loss' based on available projections.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the financial cost of wetland loss and degradation. Identify the scale of financing required (at various scales) to achieve the conservation, restoration and wise use of wetlands, and concurrently to achieve the related elements of the goals and targets of the post-2020 GBF, the UNFCCC, and other relevant international commitments. Provide recommendations on investment opportunities and mechanisms for wetland management and restoration, including those which are nature-based solutions. Contribution towards the UN Decade on Restoration. 	Technical Report and/or Policy Brief.	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider synergies with UNCCD and possible activities on wetland protection and restoration in degraded landscapes. 			
5.2 Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and SDGs	TBC	Res. XIII.5 Res. XIV.14, Annex 2 Res. XIV.6, Para. 24 & 44	Goal 4, Target 18	Synthesis of urgent actions needed to meet the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) targets from a wetland perspective.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the CBD for the development of an appropriate reflection of wetlands within the indicators and monitoring framework of the post-2020 GBF. • Identify wetland-focused reporting mechanisms (through Ramsar) which can feed into the reporting in / tracking progress of implementation against the post-2020 GBF goals and targets. • Report at COP15 on the opportunities to further strengthen its contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and SDGs. 	Briefing Note	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC
5.3 Global Wetland Outlook	TBC	Res. XIV.14., Annex 2	Goal 4, Targets 14 & 18	Task 5.3 (a): Develop an approach to deliver on future GWOs.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a planning approach to facilitate the delivery of future GWOs, including methodological considerations, timeframes, financial requirements and sources etc., building on experiences from preparation of the first GWO published in 2018 and 	Detailed plan and outline for GWO 2024	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

						the Special Edition prepared under the 2019-21 work plan, as well as other relevant global assessments.			
	TBC	Res. XIV.14., Annex 2	Goal 4, Targets 14 & 18	Task 5.3 (b): Publish GWO 2024 on a specific theme	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare the next GWO. Consider a thematically focused GWO addressing a topic of high relevance to the implementation of the Convention, to be published in 2024. 	GWO 2024	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TB
5.4 Review of policy and legal frameworks for wetland conservation and wise use: scoping study	TBC	SC57 Doc.8 Res. XIV.14., Annex 2	Goal 3, Target 11	Evaluate how different policy and legal frameworks provide for wetland conservation, restoration and use.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a detailed scope study outlining a suggested approach of how to undertake such a review, based also on wider inputs from CPs, for action in the subsequent triennium. 	Scoping study	Contracting Parties, IOPs, other MEAs	TBC

N.B.: COP14 requests that are relevant to TWA4

Resolution XIV.6

Enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions

Para. 24. Report at COP15 on the opportunities to further strengthen its contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and SDGs

Para. 44. STRP to engage with the CBD for the development of an appropriate reflection of wetlands within the indicators and monitoring framework of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Para. 45. STRP is tasked to assess the financial cost of wetland loss and degradation, and the investment required to maintain and restore wetlands

6. Ongoing activities and ad-hoc requests

Task	Task Lead	Res.	Strat. Plan goal & target	Description	Prio.	Output	Costs CHF (if required)
6.1. Advice and support to Standing Committee	TBC	Res. XIV.2, Para. 13	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair of the STRP participates as an observer to Standing Committee meetings. 	TBC	STRP Chair attends SC63, 64 & 65.	TBC
6.2. Support development of the Fifth Strategic Plan	TBC	Res. XIV.4, Para. 23	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRP to prioritize its participation in the development of the fifth Strategic Plan as part of its Workplan for 2022-2024. CEPA considered when planning STRP products. STRP experts may be called on for capacity building. 	TBC	STRP representative on SPWG	N/A
6.3. Ramsar Regional Initiatives	TBC	Res. XIV.7, Annex 1	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRP may be invited to assist in the review of training modules developed by RRI's. 	TBC	TBC	N/A
6.4. The new CEPA approach	TBC	Res. XIV.8, Annex 2-4	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRP representative on the CEPA Oversight Panel. Continue to develop targeted products (Policy Briefs, Fact Sheets, the Global Wetland Outlook etc.) for sectors Update information on the valuation of wetland ecosystem services for use in decision-making and engagement with key stakeholders Better align outputs to support CEPA activities for different stakeholders Ensure that CEPA aspects are considered when planning and developing 	TBC	<p>STRP representative on CEPA Oversight Panel</p> <p>STRP prepares work plan with products aligned with CEPA activities</p>	TBC
6.5. The Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards	TBC	Res. XIV.9, Annex 1	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretariat may seek the advice of STRP members. 	TBC	TBC	N/A
6.6. Wetland City Accreditation of the Convention	TBC	Res. XIV.10, Para. 23 & Annex 2	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRP invited to establish permanent cooperation with the Wetland City Network STRP representative on the Independent Advisory Committee 	TBC	STRP contributes to IAC	TBC

Annex 2

Medium and Low priority tasks, as contained in the Report of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel to COP14 ([Ramsar COP14 Doc.12](#))

Priority	STRP task	Description	Mandate(s)
TWA 1: Wetlands of International Importance, development of the Site network and application of criteria.			
Medium	Assessment of options, including current and emerging technology, to support and enhance updating of Ramsar Sites Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical report on means/approaches/technology or other tools needed to facilitate an improvement to the electronic submission of Ramsar Information Sheets (RIS) by Contracting Parties e.g. in response to Resolution VIII.13 (para 11) https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/res/key_res_viii_13_e.pdf and Resolution XI.8 (para 6) https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/cop11/res/cop11-res08-e.pdf. This will aim to provide additional support to Contracting Parties in the updating of their RIS within the Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS), since the RSIS should be the authoritative source of up-to-date information on Ramsar Sites. This is vital for Contracting Parties as well as the STRP's work e.g. for the synthesis of wetland site details at the regional or global level. GWO 2021 noted that "...as information on the state of a large proportion of Wetlands of International Importance is out of date or in the process of being updated, it is not possible to provide a comprehensive, current assessment of their condition". Including support to the Secretariat's task of developing electronic transfer protocols for RIS input by providing technical input as requested. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Technical Report</p>	<p>Resolution VIII.13, ¶ 11) and Resolution XI.8, ¶ 6).</p> <p>Strategic Plan Goal 4, Target 18, 19.</p> <p>CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 3, 1, 19 (and Implementation support mechanisms).</p>
Medium	Management of transboundary Wetlands of International Importance and other wetlands (effectiveness)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of management approaches of transboundary wetlands and of relevant associated measures and indicators used therein, including testing the suitability of the Ramsar Site Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (R-METT) and information provided in the Ramsar Information Sheets (RIS). This should be pursued in collaboration with relevant CPs as well as Ramsar Regional Initiatives. Recommendations and guidance to support and promote the use of existing tools listed in the international cooperation handbook, as well as tools to evaluate management effectiveness. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Technical Report (with guidance); Briefing Note</p>	<p>Standing Committee 59, Doc 10.</p> <p>Strategic Plan Goal 4, Target 18.</p> <p>CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 3, 4 1.</p>
Low	Technical guidance for the design of urban and peri-urban Wetlands of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance to design urban and peri-urban wetlands to include their role as nature-based solutions to mitigate climate change and pollution impacts, 	<p>Resolution XIII.16, ¶ 18a</p>

Priority	STRP task	Description	Mandate(s)
	International Importance and other wetlands	<p>with a focus on promoting the use of existing tools and publications, such as https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/good_practices_urban_wetlands_han_dbook_e.pdf.</p> <p>Output(s)/product(s): Technical Report (with guidance) or Briefing Note</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Goal 2, Target 5; Goal 3, Target 9.</p> <p>CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 12, 8, 11.</p>
TWA 2: Tools for wetland assessment, mapping and monitoring, and development of inventories.			
Medium	Peatland conservation and wise use: Developing templates for national reporting on peatland restoration, and advice to support the global action plan on peatlands and the Global Peatlands Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a recommended template for national reporting on peatland restoration (taking into account the relationship of associated reporting in the National Reports), thus providing a mechanism for sharing data/information in a standardized way across Contracting Parties. Technical input into the Global Peatland Assessment being prepared under the Global Peatlands Initiative, including review/input to draft reports, as required. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Technical Report (with reporting template); Cross cutting support/collaboration</p>	<p>Resolution XIII.13, ¶ 34.</p> <p>Lower priority in work plan 2019-2021 (tasks 2.4 (a) and (b); 2.3).</p> <p>Strategic Plan Goal 3, Target 12.</p> <p>CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 2, 8, 1, 3.</p>
TWA 3: Direct and climate change related pressures on wetlands, their impacts and responses.			
Medium	Wetlands and water security under a changing climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synthesize information on changing water cycles, the implications for wetlands and the role of wetlands in water security under projected climate change scenarios. Present technical information on water stress and the effect on wetlands, as well as ensuring water security for human uses. Relevance to UN decades on 'Restoration' and 'Water'. Potential synergy/cooperation with IPCC, UNDRR, FAO, AGWA, UN Water. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Briefing Note; Cross cutting support/collaboration</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Goal 3, Target 9.</p> <p>CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 8, 11.</p>
Low	Sustainable cities and the wise use of wetlands – enhanced data on urban wetlands, and update urban wetland guidance as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Ramsar Accredited Wetland Cities and other leading/innovating cities to gather information on how cities are addressing climate change and other pressures that influence the conservation and wise use of urban wetlands, including urban/peri-urban constructed wetlands. May include an update of existing guidance https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/good_practices_urban_wetlands_han_dbook_e.pdf 	<p>Resolution XIII.16, ¶ 18.</p> <p>Medium priority in work plan 2019-2021 (Task 2.7).</p> <p>Strategic Plan Goal 3, Targets 9, 11, 13.</p>

Priority	STRP task	Description	Mandate(s)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Output(s)/product(s): Briefing Note, updated Technical Report (with guidelines) 	CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 1, 7, 8, 11, 12.
Low	Best practices for developing action plans to manage the negative impacts of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Ramsar Sites and other wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synthesis of information on the status and negative impact of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Ramsar Sites and other wetlands, and responses to address them, including a summary of existing guidance from the Convention and other global and regional fora involved in / with experience in IAS management. May be pursued in consultation/collaboration with other relevant external entities. To be further contextualized following the adoption of the post-2020 GBF. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Briefing Note; Cross cutting support/collaboration</p>	Strategic Plan Goal 1, Target 4. CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Target 6.
TWA 4: Wise use, sustainable management and restoration of wetlands in the wider landscape/seascape.			
Medium	Wetland management to reduce the risk of waterborne and aquatic-vector borne disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update and finalize the draft Policy Brief produced in the 2016-18 triennium, addressing recent developments (e.g. in relation to HPAI, also the current COVID-19 pandemic), and drawing on the existing wetland disease manual and Technical Report http://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/lib/rtr6-health.pdf and http://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/rtr7-disease.pdf. Potential relevance to ongoing IPBES assessments; potential collaboration with WHO and FAO. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Policy Brief, Cross cutting support/collaboration</p>	Strategic Plan Goal 4, Target 14. CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Target 5.
Medium	Review of the effectiveness of wetland compensation and mitigation in addressing wetland loss and degradation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collating and analysing experiences and best practices relating to wetland compensation and mitigation from different parts of the world and different policy frameworks/jurisdictions. Develop this in further response to the requirements set out in Resolution XI.9 to avoid and minimise wetland loss and degradation. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Technical Report or Briefing Note</p>	Resolution XI.9 Standing Committee 57 Doc.8 – urgent challenges. Strategic Plan Goal 1, Target 2. CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Target 2, 14.

Priority	STRP task	Description	Mandate(s)
Medium	Industry and wetlands: guidelines to conserve and enhance wetlands and their services for use by the energy, mining infrastructure, manufacturing and processing sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare guidance that collates technical information on the wise use of wetlands, tailored for specific sectors, building on the draft reports on extractive industries and on the energy sector from the previous STRP cycle. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Briefing Note or Policy Brief</p>	Strategic Plan Goal 3, Target 9. CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 1, 2, 7.
TWA 5: Cross cutting issues, supporting functions, and synergies with other MEAs.			
Medium	Indigenous and local knowledge systems to support wetland wise use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synthesis of case studies providing examples of the contribution of indigenous and local knowledge, and values systems, to the conservation and wise use of wetlands, and develop guidance to enhance involvement of indigenous and local communities in wetland management. Where possible, leverage the body of work in the context of other MEA frameworks. Relevant to IPBES work programme relating to “Enhanced recognition of and work with indigenous and local knowledge systems”. <p>Output(s)/product(s): Technical Report (including guidelines) or Briefing Note, Cross cutting support/collaboration</p>	Resolution XIII.8 . Strategic Plan Goal 3, Target 10. CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 20, 21.
Medium	Review of effectiveness of Ramsar Convention in conserving waterbirds	<p>Review the effectiveness of past and current initiatives by Ramsar for the conservation of waterbirds, working with flyway initiatives (AEWA, EAAFP, WHSRN and others). This will document, using case studies, the impact of the designation of Ramsar Site networks at a flyway-scale, the role of trans-boundary Ramsar Sites and twinning, and policies for wise-use targeted at waterbirds and their habitats. It will identify the scope for improvements in conservation delivery, in particular the adequacy of representation of wetland types along flyways, and the use of wise use policies to address drivers of change in waterbirds.</p> <p>Output(s)/product(s): Policy Brief; Cross cutting support/collaboration</p>	Strategic Plan Goal 3, Target 11. CBD post-2020 GBF first draft Targets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Annex 3

COP14 Resolution Requests to the STRP

Res.	TWA	Title	Activities / Tasks Required
XIV.1	N/A	Financial and budgetary matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 15. Approves surplus of CHF 15,000 for STRP implementation • Annex 4. 2023-2025 non-core fundraising priorities
XIV.2	N/A	Responsibilities, roles and composition of the Standing Committee and regional categorization of countries under the Convention on Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 13. Chair of the STRP will be invited as an observer to Standing Committee meetings as well as other experts and/or institutions
XIV.4	N/A	Review of the fourth Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands, additions for the period COP14-COP15 and framework for the fifth Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 23. STRP to prioritize its participation in the development of the fifth Strategic Plan as part of its Workplan for 2022-2024 • Annex 4. Implementing the new CEPA Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CEPA considered when planning STRP products ○ STRP experts used for capacity building.
XIV.6	1 & 5	Enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para. 24. Report at COP15 on the opportunities to further strengthen its contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and SDGs • Para. 38. Secretariat, in consultation with the STRP, to engage with UNESCO, the CMS family, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and relevant IOPs to contribute to ongoing efforts to improve ecological connectivity of the world's flyways for migratory birds and potentially of other taxa • Para. 44. STRP to engage with the CBD for the development of an appropriate reflection of wetlands within the indicators and monitoring framework of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework • Para. 45. STRP is tasked to assess the financial cost of wetland loss and degradation, and the investment required to maintain and restore wetlands
XIV.7	N/A	Ramsar Regional Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 1, Para. 17. RRI are encouraged to cooperate with STRP NFPs. • Annex 1, Para. 18. STRP may be invited to assist in the review of training modules developed by RRI. • Annex 1, Para. 27. RRI coordination body is encouraged to organize meetings for the purpose of exchanging experiences, which involve STRP NFPs.
XIV.8	N/A	The new CEPA approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex 3, Para. iv. Advise the Standing Committee and the Secretariat on CEPA work priorities at the national and international levels, including the CEPA priorities of the STRP. • Annex 3, Para. ix. STRP representative on the CEPA Oversight Panel. • STRP to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annex 2, Goal 1. Continue to develop targeted products (Policy Briefs, Fact Sheets, the Global Wetland Outlook etc.) for sectors ○ Annex 2, Goal 3. Update information on the valuation of wetland ecosystem services for use in decision-making and engagement with key stakeholders

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annex 2, Goal 4. Better align outputs to support CEPA activities for different stakeholders ○ Annex 2, Goal 4. ensure that CEPA aspects are considered when planning and developing ○ Annex 2, Goal 4. build an emphasis on capacity building using the expertise of the STRP
IV.9	N/A	The Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex 1, Para. 4. STRP members cannot be nominated. ● Annex 1, Para. 22. Secretariat may seek the advice of STRP members.
XIV.10	N/A	Updating the Wetland City Accreditation of the Convention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Para. 23. Invites the STRP to establish permanent cooperation with the Wetland City Network ● Annex 2, Para. 16. STRP representative on the Independent Advisory Committee
XIV.12	N/A	Strengthening Ramsar connections through youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex 2. Observer to be nominated to the STRP
XIV.13	N/A	The status of Sites in the List of Wetlands of International Importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annex 1. Rationale for removing the Site from the Montreux Record, including advice given by the STRP
XIV.15	2	Enhancing the conservation and management of small wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Para. 19. Develop guidance on inventories and monitoring of small wetlands and their multiple values for biodiversity conservation ● Annex 1, Para. C. Ensure the data collated by the STRP and stored by the Convention Secretariat on small wetlands are easily accessible for the purposes of monitoring, reporting and developing management plans.
XIV.16	4	Integrating wetland protection, conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management into national sustainable development strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Para. 21. Strengthen case studies and development of tools for the integration of national wetland conservation and restoration into national sustainable development strategies and to develop technical guidelines
XIV.17	3	The protection, conservation, restoration, sustainable use and management of wetland ecosystems in addressing climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Para. 14. Desktop study of success stories of nature-based solutions or ecosystem-based approaches to protecting, conserving, restoring, sustainably using and managing wetland ecosystems to address climate change and achieve other co-benefits
XIV.18	1	Waterbird population estimates to support new and existing Ramsar Site designations under Ramsar Criterion 6 – use of alternative estimates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Para. 15. Include in its work plan for the next triennium the preparation of guidance to facilitate appropriate application of this Resolution ● Para. 16. Develop a technical proposal to enable the resourcing and implementing of future timely and comprehensive Waterbird Population Estimates updates. ● Para. 17. Develop guidance that provides technical support to Contracting Parties in closing identified gaps in waterbird population data, and outlines opportunities for capacity building, technical and scientific cooperation and exchange.