THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

64th meeting of the Standing Committee

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**SC64 Doc.9.1**

**Financial and budgetary matters:**

**Report on financial matters for 2024 and 2025   
(as of 30 September 2024)**

**Actions requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to:

i. note the interim estimates of the core budget results for 2024;

ii. note the interim estimates of the status of non-core funding and voluntary contributions for 2024;

iii. note the estimated carry forward of funds from 2024 to 2025, as described in paragraph 8 and presented in column C of the table in Annex 3;

iv. approve the temporary use of reserve funds as a loan to supplement voluntary funding for COP15 sponsored delegate support as described in paragraphs 13, 14 and 20;

v. take note of the estimated surplus balances described in paragraph 15; and

vi. take note of the estimated 2025 budget, as described in paragraph 23.

**Background**

1. This report addresses the estimated results for 2024 for the core and non-core budgets of the Convention on Wetlands, and the core budget for 2025.

2. Through Decision SC63-28, item vii, the Standing Committee noted that the report on financial matters for 2024 and 2025, along with the report on annual contributions, would be prepared as of 30 September 2024 for consideration by Standing Committee at its 64th meeting (SC64).

3. The Secretariat anticipates that the audited financial statements for 2024 will be finalized and published on the website in April or May 2025. Consequently, the final updated document on financial matters for 2024 and 2025, including the audited statements, will be submitted to SC65, immediately preceding the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP15) in July 2025.

**Interim 2024 results (as at 30 September 2024): core budget**

4. A summary of the 2024 core budget estimated results is included at Annex 1. The table shows:

* column A, the budget for 2024 of CHF 5,081K approved through Resolution XIV.1 on *Financial and budgetary matters*[[1]](#footnote-2);
* column B, the allocation of CHF 196K of 2021 budget savings, approved through the same Resolution;
* column C, the 2023 carry forward to 2024 for a total of CHF 1,232K, approved by SC63;
* column D, the resulting amended budget for 2024 for a total of CHF 6,509K;
* column E, the actual expenditure as of 30 September 2024 for a total of CHF 3,857K;
* column F, the estimated expenditure for the period from 1 October until 31 December 2024 for a total of CHF 1,663K; and
* column G, the Secretariat’s estimated adjustments to 2024 balances between approved budget lines (the overall approved 2024 core budget remains unchanged).

5. The income and expenditure for 2024 confirmed by the audited financial statements will be submitted for the Standing Committee’s review and acceptance at SC65. The full auditor’s report will be published on the Convention website as soon as it is issued by the auditor.

6. The estimated core budget balance as of the end of 2024 is CHF 978K. This includes CHF 535K of carry forward to 2025, and CHF 443K of estimated savings. Table 1 below provides a summary of these estimated sub-totals.

7. The following points are highlighted for the Standing Committee’s consideration:

a. Projected income is generally estimated as budgeted except for income tax, which is expected to be CHF 81K under budget due to vacancies, while interest income is expected to be CHF 33K higher than budgeted;

b. Overall salary costs are estimated to be CHF 3,561K, corresponding to a budget implementation rate of 94% and 65% of overall expenditure;

c. The provisions are estimated to be as budgeted, while the actual details will be provided in the document on financial matters submitted to SC65 in July 2025, following the close of 2024 accounts and their audit;

d. More details on 2024 provisions for outstanding contributions will be provided in the updated revision of document SC64 Doc.9.2 *Status of annual contributions* to be published prior to SC64 in January 2025.

8. The final carry forward for 2025 will be reported to SC65 in July 2025, in line with Decision SC57-50 in which the Standing Committee decided that uncommitted/unspent balances for budget lines can be carried forward to the next year within the triennium and presented to the following meeting of the Subgroup on Finance.

*Table 1: Summary of estimated 2024 core budget funds to be carried forward (in ‘000 CHF, includes possible rounding differences), as of 30 September 2024*

| **Category / Department** | **Estimated pre-committed/ planned 2024 to be spent in 2025 (A)** | **Estimated uncommitted /unspent 2024 carry forward to 2025 (B)** | **Estimated carry forward 2025  (C=A+B)** | **Comments for estimated carry forward 2025** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Resource Mobilization and Outreach | 67 | 0 | 67 | **Pre-committed/planned:** (i) 47K CEPA Programme; (ii) 11K Communications, Translations, Publications and Reporting Implementation and (iii) 9K Web/IT-support. |
| Regional Advice and Support | 77 | 225 | 302 | **Pre-committed/planned:** 77K implementation of Ramsar Advisory Missions postponed to 2025. **Uncommitted/unspent:** 225K vacancies and benefits. |
| Support to Ramsar Regional Initiatives | 0 | 155 | 155 | **Uncommitted/unspent:** 155K unallocated from 2023 and 2024 RRI budgets. |
| Scientific and Technical Services | 189 | 44 | 233 | **Pre-committed/planned:** (i) 4K travel, (ii) 14K STRP implementation, (iii) 27K for SP5, (iv) 30K implementation for inventories continues in 2025, (v) 64K Ramsar Sites Information Service (RSIS) maintenance and development and (vi) 50K RSIS technical support for the triennium. **Uncommitted/unspent:** 44K staff benefits. |
| Administration/ Web | 151 | 0 | 151 | **Pre-committed/planned:** (i) 64K staff hiring and departure costs, (ii) 27K office supplies and equipment and (iii) 60K capacity building plan implementation continues. |
| Standing Committee Services | 24 | 11 | 35 | **Pre-committed/planned:** 24K review of resolutions.  **Uncommitted/unspent:** (i) 4K Effectiveness Working Group, implementation and (ii) 7K enhancing efficiency and collaboration. |
| IUCN Administrative Service Charges | 0 | 8 | 8 | **Uncommitted/unspent:** 8K IUCN administrative charge. |
| Legal Services | 27 | 0 | 27 | **Pre-committed/planned:** 27K legal fees. |
| **Total estimated core carry forward 2025** | **535** | **443** | **978** |  |

**Estimated 2024 reserve and surplus**

9. The core fund balance at the end of 2023 was CHF 3,783K. At the time of writing of the present report, it was estimated that the core balance at the end of 2024 will be CHF 3,138K.

10. The 2024 core balance above includes the reserve fund of CHF 762K. This corresponds to 15% of the annual core budget, the maximum level approved by the Contracting Parties at COP14, in paragraph 32 of Resolution XIV.1.

11. The core balance also includes a total of CHF 196K approved by COP14 from the 2019-2021 triennium core budget surplus (Resolution XIV.1, paragraphs 15 and 16[[2]](#footnote-3)) to be used in 2025. This total includes CHF 76K to cover the gap created in the core budget and CHF 120K to increase the provision for outstanding contributions in 2025.

12. This balance also includes a carry forward estimated in the amount of CHF 978K, as detailed in Table 1 above, to be spent in 2025 and so included in the estimated 2025 budget (see Annex 3).

13. In line with standard practice applied for prior meetings of the COP, the Secretariat would like to bring to the Standing Committee’s attention the need for the temporary use of reserve funds, as a loan to complement voluntary funding for COP15 delegate support, while the Secretariat continues its fundraising efforts.

14. As explained in paragraphs 19 and 20 below, the Secretariat requests that the Standing Committee authorize, on an exceptional basis, the temporary use of reserve funds of up to CHF 534K for this purpose. After COP15, the Secretariat will provide a report of the actual funds raised and repayment of the loan.

15. The core 2024 surplus thus available for consideration and allocation by the Standing Committee is an estimated total of CHF 688K. Table 2 below summarizes the details.

*Table 2: 2024 core surplus to be allocated (in ‘000 CHF) – estimated as of 30 September 2024*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **(I) Fund balance at 31 December 2023 per audited statements** | **3,783** |
| **(II) Estimated net expenditure over income in 2024** | **645** |
| **(III=I-II) Estimated fund balance at 31 December 2024** | **3,138** |
| **Reserve, approved and pre-committed:** |  |
| Reserve fund at 15% (Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 33) | 762 |
| COP14-approved use of savings for 2025 (Resolution XIV.1, paragraph 15) | 76 |
| COP14-approved use of savings for 2025 (Resolution XIV.1, paragraph 16) | 120 |
| Estimated carry-forward balances (Table 1) | 978 |
| Estimated temporary use of reserve funds as a loan to complement voluntary funding for COP15 delegate support | 534 |
| **(IV) Total estimated reserve, approved and pre-committed** | **2,470** |
| **(V= III-IV) Estimated 2024 core surplus after reserve, approved and pre-committed – to be allocated** | **668** |

16. As reported in document SC63 Com.1, *Report of the Subgroup on Finance, 3 June 2024*, paragraph 5:

“Members of the Subgroup agreed to request an October deadline for proposals for allocation of surplus funds and further hold a virtual intersessional meeting around early December 2024, once draft resolutions for COP15 had been published and in advance of the regional pre-COP meetings foreseen for the beginning of 2025, to consider:

- proposals for allocation of surplus funds; and

- the Secretariat’s proposed budget plan for the next triennium, which should take into account the inflationary pressures on core budget activities and the increase in Secretariat activities”.[[3]](#footnote-4)

The Subgroup will meet virtually in December 2024 and put forward suggestions for the allocation of surplus funds to SC64 in January.

**Estimated 2024 results: non-core funding status and voluntary contributions**

17. The details of non-core funding as of 30 September 2024 can be found in Annex 2. The final report will be presented to SC65 in July 2025 at COP15.

18. The voluntary contributions received up to 30 September 2024 are outlined in Table 3 below. As instructed by the Standing Committee through Decision SC53-32, the table provides an overview of the contributions received and their designated use.

*Table 3: Project income from voluntary non-core contributions received in 2024 (as per 30 September 2024) (in ‘000 CHF, includes possible rounding differences)*

| **Donor** | **Income Amount** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Canada | 36 | Women in wetlands |
| Danone | 66 | Danone project activities |
| Nagao Wetland Fund | 58 | NEF Japan |
| Norway | 12 | STRP workplan 2023-2025 |
| Germany | 185 | Wise use of Caribbean wetlands |
| Switzerland | 50 | COP14 sponsored delegate support |
| Switzerland | 40 | Pre-SC64 regional meeting |
| Switzerland | 50 | National wetlands inventories |
| Zimbabwe | 599 | COP15 meeting |
| United Kingdom | 22 | STRP workplan 2023-2025 |
| United States | 13 | Ramsar Site assessment |
| **Total voluntary non-core contributions 2024 (received until 30 September 2024)** | **1,131** |  |

19. In 2024 Contracting Parties and other potential donors were approached regarding funding of other budgeted non-core priority items identified in Annex 4 of Resolution XIV.1. A main priority in this regard for Parties to be aware of in 2024 and 2025 is funding for COP15, especially for the participation of sponsored delegates. The Secretariat would welcome guidance from Parties on potential donors to cover travel costs to ensure participation of all Contracting Parties at COP15.

20. The estimated budget for all Contracting Parties to participate fully in COP15 is CHF 584K. Up to 30 September 2024, the amount of CHF 50K was received. Thus, the current shortfall to fully cover participation of 124 eligible delegates at the time of writing was CHF 534K. It should be noted that this amount does not include voluntary funding for pre-COP15 regional meetings.

21. The Secretariat would like to express its sincere appreciation to Contracting Parties and donors for their voluntary contributions to non-core activities of the Convention.

*African voluntary contributions*

22. In 2024, a voluntary contribution of CHF 1,000 was received from Contracting Parties in the Africa region until 30 September 2024, as reported in document SC64 Doc.9.2 *Status of annual contributions.* The year-end figure will be published in the revised version of the document in January 2025.

**Core budget 2025 (estimated)**

23. An overview of the 2025 budget is provided in Annex 3. It includes the COP14-approved budget of CHF 5,081K; the authorized use of the 2021 budget savings of CHF 196K; and the carry forward from the 2024 budget funds to be spent in 2025 estimated in total of CHF 978K. The total estimated core budget for 2025 is thus CHF 6,254K. The final report will be presented to SC65 in July 2025 at COP15.

24. The Secretariat would like to note that the allocation of funds to Ramsar Regional Initiatives proposed in the 2025 core budget will be considered at SC65 in July 2025, based on the report of the Secretariat on the RRIs that will be published following receipt of all RRI reports, the deadline for which is 17 January 2025.

**Annex 1**

**2024 Core results for the period estimated for 1 January to 31 December 2024 – as of 30 September 2024**

*(CHF ‘000s, includes possible rounding differences)*

| **2024 Ramsar Budget**  **COP14 Approved**  **CHF ‘000s** | **Approved budget (COP14-approved)**  **(A)** | **COP14-authorized use of 2021 budget savings**  **(B)** | **Pre-committed 2023 to be spent in 2024**  (**SC63 approved)**  **(C)** | **Total 2024 budget**  **(D)**  **=A+B+C** | **Actual income and expenditure until 30 September 2024**  **(E)** | **Estimated expenditure from 1 October to 31 December 2024**  **(F)** | **Secretariat proposal budget adjustment**  **(G)** | **Balance**  **(H) =(E)-(F)+(G)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **INCOME** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parties’ Contributions | 3,779 | 0 | 0 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Voluntary contributions | 1,065 | 0 | 0 | 1,065 | 1,065 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Income Tax | 225 | 0 | 0 | 225 | 71 | 73 | 0 | 81 |
| Other Income (including Interest Income) | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 39 | 6 | 0 | (33) |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **5,081** | **0** | **0** | **5,081** | **4,953** | **79** | **0** | **49** |
| **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Secretariat Senior Management and Governance | 1,062 | 5 | 0 | 1,067 | 959 | 300 | 192 | 0 |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 1,022 | 0 | 0 | 1,022 | 866 | 273 | 117 | 0 |
| Travel | 40 | 5 | 0 | 45 | 93 | 27 | 75 | 0 |
| B. Resource Mobilization and Outreach | 508 | 45 | 263 | 817 | 490 | 185 | (75) | 67 |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 352 | 0 | 6 | 358 | 286 | 97 | 24 | 0 |
| CEPA Programme | 30 | 0 | 109 | 139 | 32 | 11 | (50) | 47 |
| Comms, Translations, Publications and Reporting Implementation | 60 | 40 | 110 | 210 | 132 | 60 | (7) | 11 |
| Web/IT support and Development | 56 | 0 | 38 | 94 | 40 | 18 | (27) | 9 |
| Travel | 10 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | (15) | 0 |
| C. Regional Advice and Support | 1,316 | 10 | 292 | 1,618 | 797 | 303 | (217) | 302 |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 1,249 | 0 | 177 | 1,426 | 766 | 278 | (157) | 225 |
| Travel | 67 | 10 | 19 | 96 | 20 | 16 | (60) | 0 |
| Ramsar Advisory Missions | 0 | 0 | 96 | 96 | 11 | 8 |  | 77 |
| D. Support to Regional Initiatives | 100 | 0 | 120 | 220 | 22 | 43 |  | 155 |
| Regional networks and centres - available budget not allocated in 2023 and 2024\* | 71 | 0 | 84 | 155 | 0 | 0 |  | 155 |
| Danube WILDisland Ramsar Regional Initiative 2024 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 17 | 12 |  | 0 |
| Southern African RRI 2023 activities carry over | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 12 |  | 0 |
| Amazon Basin 2023 carry over | 0 | 0 | 24 | 24 | 5 | 19 |  | 0 |
| E. Scientific and Technical Services | 817 | 5 | 373 | 1,195 | 692 | 324 | 54 | 233 |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 649 | 0 | 37 | 686 | 485 | 156 |  | 44 |
| Travel | 18 | 0 | 21 | 39 | 25 | 10 |  | 4 |
| Travel STRP Chair | 5 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| STRP implementation | 35 | 5 | 61 | 101 | 30 | 54 | (3) | 14 |
| STRP meetings \* | 50 | 0 | 6 | 56 | 67 | 43 | 54 | 0 |
| Strategic Plan SP5 (2022 - 2024) | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 | 23 | 0 |  | 27 |
| SDG 6.61 (Inventories) | 0 | 0 | 42 | 42 | 3 | 9 |  | 30 |
| Ramsar Sites Information Service (maintenance and development) | 60 | 0 | 63 | 123 | 35 | 25 |  | 64 |
| Ramsar Sites Information Service (technical support for the triennium 2023-2025) | 0 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 15 | 25 |  | 50 |
| F. Administration/RSIS/Web | 478 | 11 | 137 | 626 | 316 | 121 | (38) | 151 |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 331 | 0 | 8 | 339 | 265 | 90 | 16 | 0 |
| Staff hiring and departure costs | 52 | 0 | 36 | 88 | 3 | 20 |  | 64 |
| Travel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 |
| Equipment/Office Supplies | 95 | 0 | 28 | 123 | 33 | 9 | (54) | 27 |
| Planning and Capacity building | 0 | 11 | 65 | 76 | 15 | 2 |  | 60 |
| \* This line is overspent due to two meetings of the STRP taking place in 2024, with the 2025 budgeted meeting to be held in December 2024. | | | | | | | | |
| G. Standing Committee Services | 150 | 0 | 41 | 191 | 178 | 63 | 84 | 35 |
| Standing Committee delegates’ support | 45 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 54 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Standing Committee meetings | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 37 | 0 | 27 | 0 |
| SC translation | 60 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 50 | 60 | 50 | 0 |
| Simultaneous interpretation at SC meetings | 35 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 33 | 9 | (54) | 27 |
| Effectiveness Working Group | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 |  |  | 4 |
| Enhance efficiency and collaboration (Res. XIV.3) | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 |  | 7 |
| Resolutions review (Res. XIII.4) | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 | 3 | 3 |  | 25 |
| H. IUCN Administrative Service Charges (maximum) | 541 | 0 | 1 | 542 | 401 | 134 |  | 1 |
| Administration, Human Resources, Finance & IT services | 541 | 0 | 1 | 542 | 401 | 134 |  | 8 |
| I. Miscellaneous - Reserve Fund | 109 | 120 | 5 | 234 | 3 | 191 |  | 39 |
| Staff Provisions | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 20 |  | 0 |
| Provision for outstanding contributions | 30 | 120 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 150 |  | 0 |
| Exchange rate gains / losses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (6) | (6) |  | 12 |
| Legal Services | 59 | 0 | 5 | 64 | 9 | 27 |  | 27 |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** | **5,081** | **196** | **1,232** | **6,509** | **3,857** | **1,663** | **0** | **989** |
| Rounding |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** |  |  |  |  | **(12)** |  |  | **978** |

**Annex 2**

**Projects financed by non-core funds for the period 1 January 2024 - 30 September 2024**

*(CHF ‘000s, includes possible rounding differences)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Project Number** | **Project Name** | | **Balance (deficit) at 31 December 2023** | **Income until 30 September 2024** | **Expenditure until 30 September 2024** | **Project transfers and cross charges** | **Balance (deficit) at 30 September 2024** |
|  |  | | (DR)/CR | (DR)/CR | (DR)/CR | (DR)/CR | (DR)/CR |
| **International Cooperation** | | |  |  |  |  |  | |
|  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| R100265 | SGA-Pre-2016 | | 148 | - | (7) | - | 141 |
| R100267 | SGA-RSIS | | 90 | - | (9) | - | 81 |
| R100364 | WFF-2014 | | 26 | - | - | - | 26 |
| R100365 | WFF - 2015-2021 | | 150 | - | - | - | 150 |
| R100408 | Nagao Wetland Fund (NEF Japan) | | 131 | 59 | (40) | - | 149 |
| R100409 | ROK 2023-2025 | | 182 | - | (31) | - | 152 |
| **Total of International Cooperation** | | | **726** | **59** | **(86)** | **-** | **699** | |
| **Listed Sites** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| R100110 | RAM | | 18 | - | - | - | 18 |
| R100108 | RAM (CH 2016) | | 45 | - | - | - | 45 |
| **Total of Listed Sites** | | | **63** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **63** | |
| **Other** |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| R100100 | Admin | | 333 | - | (7) | 13 | 339 |
| R100102 | RSIS redevelopment | | 38 | - | (5) | - | 33 |
| R100103 | Web redevelopment | | 21 | - | - | - | 21 |
| R100104 | Development | | 22 | - | - | - | 22 |
| R100105 | Science review | | 33 | - | - | - | 33 |
| R100106 | Strategic Plan 2016 | | 18 | - | - | - | 18 |
| R100190 | Water cycle | | 11 | - | (8) | - | 3 |
| R100311 | Rio Cruces | | 52 | - | - | - | 52 |
| R100642 | COP15 – Zimbabwe | | (7) | 599 | (9) | - | 584 |
| R100643 | COP15 sponsored delegates | | - | 90 | - | - | 90 |
| R100817 | Danone 2022-2024 | | 63 | 66 | (52) | - | 77 |
| R100904 | STRP non-core | | 145 | - | - | - | 145 |
| R100915 | Gender work | | 2 | 36 | (35) | (3) | 0 |
| R100916 | Capacity building non-core | | 33 | - | (9) | - | 24 |
| R100917 | National wetland inventories | | 251 | 50 | (47) | - | 254 |
| R100918 | Youth and wetlands | | 139 | (62) | - | - | 77 |
| R100919 | Ukraine Assessment | | 160 | 13 | (75) | (1) | 97 |
| R101006 | Climate change | | 50 | - | (16) | - | 34 |
| R101007 | Tropical peatlands | | 15 | 12 | (15) | - | 12 |
| R101008 | STRP workplan 2023-2025 | | 27 | 22 | (27) | (2) | 20 |
| **Total of Other** | | | **1,406** | **826** | **(302)** | **7** | **1,936** | |
| **Regional Initiatives** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| R100146 | Caribbean Wetlands | | (7) | 185 | (189) | (7) | (17) |
| R100200 | AVC, African Regional Initiatives | | 42 | 1 | - | - | 43 |
| **Total of Regional Initiatives** | | | **36** | **186** | **(189)** | **(7)** | **26** | |
|  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand Total** | |  | **2,231** | **1,071** | **(577)** | **0** | **2,724** |

**Annex 3**

**Proposed estimated core budget 2025[[4]](#footnote-5)**

*(CHF ‘000s, includes possible rounding differences)*

| **2025 Ramsar Budget COP14 Approved**  **CHF ‘000s** | **Approved budget (COP14-approved)**  **(A)** | **COP14 authorised use of 2021 budget savings**  **(B)** | **Estimated 2024 carry-forward to 2025**  **(C)** | **Total estimated 2025 budget**  **(D)= (A)+(B)+(C)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **INCOME** |  |  |  |  |
| Parties’ Contributions | 3,779 | 0 | 0 | 3,779 |
| Voluntary contributions | 1,065 | 0 | 0 | 1,065 |
| Income Tax | 225 | 0 | 0 | 225 |
| Other Income (including Interest Income) | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **5,081** | **0** | **0** | **5,081** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **EXPENDITURE** |  |  |  |  |
| A. Secretariat Senior Management | **1,062** | **5** | **0** | **1,067** |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 1,022 | 0 | 0 | 1,022 |
| Travel | 40 | 5 | 0 | 45 |
| B. Resource Mobilization and Outreach | **508** | **45** | **67** | **620** |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 352 | 0 | 0 | 352 |
| CEPA Programme | 30 | 0 | 47 | 77 |
| Comms, Translations, Publications and Reporting Implementation | 60 | 40 | 11 | 111 |
| Web/IT support and Development | 56 | 0 | 9 | 65 |
| Travel | 10 | 5 | 0 | 15 |
| C. Regional Advice and Support | **1,316** | **10** | **302** | **1,628** |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 1,249 | 0 | 225 | 1,474 |
| Travel | 67 | 10 | 0 | 77 |
| Ramsar Advisory Missions | 0 | 0 | 77 | 77 |
| D. Support to Regional Initiatives | **100** | **0** | **155** | **255** |
| Regional networks and centres  (*NOTE: for consideration by SC65*) | 100 | 0 | 155 | 255 |
| E. Scientific and Technical Services | **817** | **5** | **233** | **1,055** |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 649 | 0 | 44 | 693 |
| Travel | 18 | 0 | 4 | 22 |
| Travel STRP Chair | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| STRP implementation | 35 | 5 | 14 | 54 |
| STRP meetings | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Strategic Plan SP5 (2022 - 2024) | 0 | 0 | 27 | 27 |
| SDG 6.61 (Inventories) | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| Ramsar Sites Information Service (maintenance and development) | 60 | 0 | 64 | 124 |
| Ramsar Sites Information Service (technical support for the triennium 2023-2025) | 0 | 0 | 50 | 50 |
| F. Administration/Web | **478** | **11** | **151** | **640** |
| Salaries, social costs and other benefits | 331 | 0 | 0 | 331 |
| Staff hiring and departure costs | 52 | 0 | 64 | 116 |
| Travel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Equipment/Office Supplies | 95 | 0 | 27 | 122 |
| Planning and Capacity building | 0 | 11 | 60 | 71 |
| G. Standing Committee Services | **150** | **0** | **35** | **185** |
| Standing Committee delegates’ support | 45 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Standing Committee meetings | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| SC translation | 60 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| Simultaneous interpretation at SC meetings | 35 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Effectiveness Working Group | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Enhance efficiency and collaboration (Res. XIV.3) | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Resolutions review (Res. XIII.4) | 0 | 0 | 25 | 25 |
| H. IUCN Administrative Service Charges (max.) | **541** | **0** | **8** | **549** |
| Administration, Human Resources, Finance & IT services | 541 | 0 | 8 | 549 |
| I. Miscellaneous - Reserve Fund | **109** | **120** | **27** | **256** |
| Staff Provisions | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Provision for outstanding contributions | 30 | 120 | 0 | 150 |
| Exchange rate gains / losses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Legal Services | 59 | 0 | 27 | 86 |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** | **5,081** | **196** | **978** | **6,254** |

1. See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/resolution-xiv1-financial-budgetary-matters>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/resolution-xiv1-financial-budgetary-matters>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. See <https://www.ramsar.org/document/sc63-com1-report-subgroup-finance-3-june-2024>. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Updated proposed core budget 2025 will be submitted to SC65 in July 2025 at COP15 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)