Ramsar National Report to COP13

Section 1: Institutional Information

Important note: the responses below will be considered by the Ramsar Secretariat as the definitive list of your focal points, and will be used to update the information it holds. The Secretariat's current information about your focal points is available at http://www.ramsar.org/search-contact.

Name of Contracting Party

The completed National Report **must be accompanied by a letter** in the name of the Head of Administrative Authority, confirming that this is the Contracting Party's official submission of its COP13 National Report. It can be attached to this question using the "Manage documents" function (blue symbol below)
> Pakistan

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

Ramsar COP National Report Pakistan.jpg - Letter confirming submission of national report.

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Name and title

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Designated Non-Government National Focal Point for Matters Relating to The

Programme on Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA)

Name and title > Will be communicated later

Section 2: General summary of national implementation progress and challenges

In your country, in the past triennium (i.e., since COP12 reporting)

A. What have been the five most successful aspects of implementation of the Convention?

1)

> Recommendations of Ramsar Advisory Mission (RAM) in Pakistan (2012) have been incorporated in National Flood Protection Plan IV for effective flood plains management of the Indus River.

2)

> On the advise of RAM (2012), a ten member high level Pakistani delegation visited China to witness floodplain management of the Yangtze River.

3)

> As advised by the Ramsar Secretariat, RIS of existing Ramsar Sites of Pakistan are being updated.

4)

> World Wetland Day have been celebrated across the country for raising awareness on importance of wetlands and their wise use.

5)

> To control illegal trafficking of wildlife species especially fresh water turtles an active campaign was launched in Pakistan. Wildlife and customs authorities have seized a number of consignments being traded illegally. A series of awareness and capacity-building workshops were organized for the field staff of different departments to curb illegal wildlife trafficking in Pakistan.

B. What have been the five greatest difficulties in implementing the Convention?

1)

- > Natural calamities (droughts, flooding)
- 2)
- > Financial constraints

3)

- > Weak institutional capacity
- 4)
- > Lack of awareness

5)

> Management of Ramsar Sites by different depertments and lack of coordination in their activities.

C. What are the five priorities for future implementation of the Convention?

1)

> To update RIS of existing Ramsar Sites in Pakistan.

2)

> Implementation of the recommendations of RAM for floodplains management using the ecosystems approach.

3)

> Curbing illegal wildlife trade through effective enforcement.

4)

> Awareness raising on importance of wetlands and wise use of their resources.

5)

- Nomination of new Ramsar Sites.
- D. Do you (AA) have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Ramsar Secretariat?

- > The Secretariat may consider allocating resources for mainstreaming climate change impacts, mitigation and adaptation on wetlands.
- E. Do you (AA) have any recommendations concerning implementation assistance from the Convention's International Organisation Partners (IOPs)? (including ongoing partnerships and partnerships to develop) > Nil
- F. How can national implementation of the Ramsar Convention be better linked with implementation of other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), especially those in the 'biodiversity cluster' (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), World Heritage Convention (WHC), and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?
- > There should be close coordination among the implementing agencies of the biodiversity related conventions. It will enhance synergy and help to address cross-cutting issues. Majority of the enlisted conventions in Pakistan are being dealt by Ministry of Climate Change, so there is already a good linkage on the cross-cutting issues.
- G. How can implementation of the Ramsar Convention be better linked with the implementation of water policy/strategy and other strategies in the country (e.g., on sustainable development, energy, extractive industries, poverty reduction, sanitation, food security, biodiversity)?
- > By consultation and awareness of the relevant agencies provisions of the Convention may be highlighted in all relevant policy documents.
- H. Do you (AA) have any other general comments on the implementation of the Convention?
- > There should be sharing of regional expertise and data on implementation of the Convention.
- I. Please list the names of the organisations which have been consulted on or have contributed to the information provided in this report
- > Wildlife Departments/authorities of; Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, and Islamabad Capital Territory.

 Zoological Survey of Pakistan, IUCN and WWF Pakistan.

Section 3: Indicator questions and further implementation information

Goal 1. Addressing the drivers of wetland loss and degradation

Target 1

Wetland benefits are featured in national/ local policy strategies and plans relating to key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture, fisheries at the national and local level.

1.1 Have wetland issues/benefits been incorporated into other national strategies and planning processes, including: {1.3.2} {1.3.3} KRA 1.3.i

Please select only one per square.

a) National Policy or strategy for wetland management	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
b) Poverty eradication strategies	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
c) Water resource management and water efficiency plans	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
d) Coastal and marine resource management plans	☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=Partially ☐ D=Planned ☐ X=Unknown ☐ Y=Not Relevant
e) Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
f) National forest programmes	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
g) National policies or measures on agriculture	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
h) National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans drawn up under the CBD	☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☐ C=Partially ☐ D=Planned ☐ X=Unknown ☐ Y=Not Relevant
i) National policies on energy and mining	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant

j) National policies on tourism	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
k) National policies on urban development	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
l) National policies on infrastructure	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
m) National policies on industry	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned ☑ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
n) National policies on aquaculture and fisheries {1.3.3} KRA 1.3.i	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
o) National plans of actions (NPAs) for pollution control and management	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
p) National policies on wastewater management and water quality	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant

1.1 Additional information

> National Wildlife Policy is being drafted and it will cover provisions of Ramsar Convention.

Target 2

Water use respects wetland ecosystem needs for them to fulfil their functions and provide services at the appropriate scale inter alia at the basin level or along a coastal zone

- 2.1 Has the quantity and quality of water available to, and required by, wetlands been assessed to support the implementation of the Guidelines for the allocation and management of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands (Resolution VIII.1, VIII.2) ? 1.24.

 ☑ C=Partially
- 2.2 Have assessments of environmental flow been undertaken in relation to mitigation of impacts on the ecological character of wetlands (Action r3.4.iv) \square C=Partially
- 2.3 Have Ramsar Sites improved the sustainability of water use in the context of ecosystem requirements?
- ☑ A=Yes
- 2.4 Have the Guidelines for allocation and management of water for maintaining ecological functions of wetlands (Resolutions VIII.1 and XII.12) been used/applied in decision-making processes. (Action 3.4.6.)
- ☑ C=Partially

2.5 Have projects that promote and demonstrate good practice in water allocation and management for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands been developed (Action r3.4.ix.)		
☑ A=Yes		
2.6 How many household/municipalities are linked to sewage system? SDG Target 6.3.1. ☑ F=Less than (households/municipalities) → 48% (
 2.7 What is the percentage of sewerage coverage in the country? SDG Target 6.3.1. ☑ F=Less than (percentage) > 58% urban, 5% rural (Source: UNICEF MICS) 		
2.8 What is the percentage of users of septic tank/pit latrine? SDG Target 6.3.1. ☑ F=Less than (percentage)		
2.9 Does the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology? SDG Target $6.3.1$. \square C=Partially		
2.10 How do the country use constructed wetlands/ponds as wastewater treatment technology perform? SDG Target 6.3.1. $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $		
2.11 How many centralised wastewater treatment plants exist at national level? SDG Target 6.3.1.		
☑ F=Less than (plants)		
2.12 How is the functional status of the wastewater treatment plants? SDG Target 6.3.1.		
☑ X=Unknown		
2.13 The percentage of decentralized wastewater treatment technology, including constructed wetlands/ponds is? SDG Target 6.3.1. $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $		
2.14 Is there a wastewater reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1. ☑ C=Partially		
2.15 What Is the purpose of the wastewater reuse system? SDG Target 6.3.1. $\hfill \square$ R=Agriculture		
Target 3 Public and private sectors have increased their efforts to apply guidelines and good practices for the wise use of water and wetlands. $\{1.10\}$		
3.1 Is the private sector encouraged to apply the Ramsar wise use principle and guidance (Ramsar handbooks for the wise use of wetlands) in its activities and investments concerning wetlands? $\{1.10.1\}$ KRA 1.10.i \square C=Partially		
3.2 Has the private sector undertaken activities or actions for the conservation, wise use and management of $\{1.10.2\}$ KRA $1.10.ii$ Please select only one per square.		

a) Ramsar Sites	 ✓ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant
b) Wetlands in general	☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned □ X=Unknown □ Y=Not Relevant

3.3 Have actions been taken to implement incentive measures $\,$ which encourage the conservation and wise use of wetlands? {1.11.1} KRA 1.11.i

☑ C=Partially

3.4 Have actions been taken to remove perverse incentive measures which discourage conservation and wise use of wetlands? $\{1.11.2\}$ KRA 1.11.i

☑ Z=Not Applicable

Target 4

Invasive alien species and pathways of introduction and expansion are identified and prioritized, priority invasive alien species are controlled or eradicated, and management responses are prepared and implemented to prevent their introduction and establishment.

- 4.1 Does your country have a comprehensive national inventory of invasive alien species that currently or potentially impact the ecological character of wetlands? {1.9.1} KRA 1.9.i
 ☑ D=Planned
- 4.2 Have national policies or guidelines on invasive species control and management been established or reviewed for wetlands? $\{1.9.2\}$ KRA 1.9.iii

☑ D=Planned

4.3 How many invasive species are being controlled through management actions.

☑ C=Partially

4.4 Have the effectiveness of wetland invasive alien species control programmes been assessed? \square B=No

Goal 2. Effectively conserving and managing the Ramsar Site network

Target 5

The ecological character of Ramsar Sites is maintained or restored through effective, planning and integrated management {2.1.}

- 5.1 Have a national strategy and priorities been established for the further designation of Ramsar Sites, using the Strategic Framework for the Ramsar List? {2.1.1} KRA 2.1.i
 ☑ C=Partially
- 5.2 Are the Ramsar Sites Information Service and its tools being used in national identification of further Ramsar Sites to designate? {2.2.1} KRA 2.2.ii
 ☑ A=Yes
- 5.3 How many Ramsar Sites have an effective, implemented management plan? {2.4.1} KRA 2.4.i ☑ F=Less than (sites)
- 5.4 For how many of the Ramsar Sites with a management plan is the plan being implemented? {2.4.2} KRA 2.4.i

 \square F=Less than (sites)

- 5.5 For how many Ramsar Sites is effective management planning currently being implemented (outside of formal management plans ? {2.4.3} KRA 2.4.i
 ☑ F=Less than (sites)
- 5.6 Have all Ramsar sites been assessed regarding the effectiveness of their management (through formal

management plans where they exist or otherwise through existing actions for appropriate wetland management ? {1.6.2} KRA 1.6.ii

☑ D=Planned

- 5.7 How many Ramsar Sites have a cross-sectoral management committee? $\{2.4.4\}$ $\{2.4.6\}$ KRA 2.4.iv \square F=Less than (sites)
- 5.8 For how many Ramsar Sites has an ecological character description been prepared (see Resolution X.15)? {2.4.5} {2.4.7} KRA 2.4.v

☑ Y=Not Relevant

5.9 Have any assessments of the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management been made? $\{2.5.1\}$ KRA 2.5.i \square B=No

Target 7

Sites that are at risk of change of ecological character have threats addressed {2.6.}.

7.1 Are mechanisms in place for the Administrative Authority to be informed of negative human-induced changes or likely changes in the ecological character of Ramsar Sites, pursuant to Article 3.2? {2.6.1} KRA 2.6.i

☑ A=Yes

7.1 Additional information

If 'Yes' or 'Some sites', please summarise the mechanism or mechanisms established

- > Such changes are reported through relevant provincial department, NGOs and media.
- 7.2 Have all cases of negative human-induced change or likely change in the ecological character of Ramsar Sites been reported to the Ramsar Secretariat, pursuant to Article 3.2? {2.6.2} KRA 2.6.i ☑ O=No Negative Change

Goal 3. Wisely Using All Wetlands

Target 8

National wetland inventories have been either initiated, completed or updated and disseminated and used for promoting the conservation and effective management of all wetlands {1.1.1} KRA 1.1.i

- 8.1 Does your country have a complete National Wetland Inventory? $\{1.1.1\}$ KRA 1.1.i \square A=Yes
- 8.2 Has your country updated a National Wetland Inventory in the last decade?
 ☑ C1=Partially
- 8.3 Is wetland inventory data and information maintained? $\{1.1.2\}$ KRA 1.1.ii \square C=Partially
- 8.4 Is wetland inventory data and information made accessible to all stakeholders? $\{1.1.2\}$ KRA 1.1.ii \square C=Partially
- 8.5 Has the condition* of wetlands in your country, overall, changed during the last triennium? {1.1.3}

Please describe on the sources of the information on which your answer is based in the free- text box below. If there is a difference between inland and coastal wetland situations, please describe. If you are able to, please describe the principal driver(s) of the change(s).

* 'Condition' corresponds to ecological character, as defined by the Convention Please select only one per square.

a) Ramsar Sites	□ N=Status Deteriorated □ O=No Change □ P=Status Improved
b) Wetlands generally	□ N=Status Deteriorated ☑ O=No Change □ P=Status Improved

8.6 Based upon the National Wetland Inventory if available please provide a baseline figure in square

kilometres for the extent of wetlands (according to the Ramsar definition) for the year 2017. SDG Target 6.6

☑ E=Exact Number (km2)

> 7800 Square kilometres

Target 9

The wise use of wetlands is strengthened through integrated resource management at the appropriate scale, inter alia, within a river basin or along a coastal zone $\{1.3.\}$.

9.1 Is a Wetland Policy (or equivalent instrument) that promotes the wise use of wetlands in place? $\{1.3.1\}$ KRA 1.3.i

If 'Yes', please give the title and date of the policy in the green text box $\ \square$ B=No

9.2 Have any amendments to existing legislation been made to $\mbox{reflect Ramsar commitments?} \{1.3.5\}\{1.3.6\}$

☑ A=Yes

9.2 Additional information

- > In some provinces, wildlife laws have been amended to reflect implementation of all conventions including Ramsar.
- 9.3 Do your country's water governance and management systems treat wetlands as natural water infrastructure integral to water resource management at the scale of river basins? $\{1.7.1\}$ $\{1.7.2\}$ KRA 1.7.ii

☑ D=Planned

- 9.4 Have Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) expertise and tools been incorporated into catchment/river basin planning and management (see Resolution X.19)? {1.7.2}{1.7.3}
 ☑ D=Planned
- 9.5 Has your country established policies or guidelines for enhancing the role of wetlands in mitigating or adapting to climate change? $\{1.7.3\}$ $\{1.7.5\}$ KRA 1.7.iii
- 9.6 Has your country formulated plans or projects to sustain and enhance the role of wetlands in supporting and maintaining viable farming systems? {1.7.4} {1.7.6} KRA 1.7.v
 ☑ C=Partially
- 9.7 Has research to inform wetland policies and plans been undertaken in your country on:

{1.6.1} KRA 1.6.i

Please select only one per square.

a) agriculture-wetland interactions	☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ D=Planned
b) climate change	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ D=Planned
c) valuation of ecoystem services	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ D=Planned

9.8 Has your country submitted a request for Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention, Resolution XII.10 ?

☑ B=No

Target 10

The traditional knowledge innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities relevant for the wise use of wetlands and their customary use of wetland resources, are documented, respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with a full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities at all relevant levels.

10.1 Have the guiding principles for taking into account the cultural values of wetlands including traditional knowledge for the effective management of sites (Resolution VIII.19) been used or applied?.(Action 6.1.2/6.1.6)

☑ C1=Partially

- 10.2 Have case studies, participation in projects or successful experiences on cultural aspects of wetlands been compiled. Resolution VIII.19 and Resolution IX.21? (Action 6.1.6)

 ☐ B=No
- 10.3 Have the guidelines for establishing and strengthening local communities' and indigenous people's participation in the management of wetlands been used or applied. (Resolution VII. 8) (Action 6.1.5)
 ☑ D=Planned
- 10.4 Traditional knowledge and management practices relevant for the wise use of wetlands have been documented and their application encouraged (Action 6.1.2)

 ☑ D=Planned

Target 11

Wetland functions, services and benefits are widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated. {1.4.}

- 11.1 Has an assessment been made of the ecosystem benefits/services provided by Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? $\{1.4.1\}$ KRA 1.4.ii
- 11.2 Have wetland programmes or projects that contribute to poverty alleviation objectives or food and water security plans been implemented? {1.4.2} KRA 1.4.i
 ☑ C=Partially
- 11.3 Have socio-economic values of wetlands been included in the management planning for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? {1.4.3}{1.4.4} KRA 1.4.iii
 ☑ C=Partially
- 11.4 Have cultural values of wetlands been included in the management planning for Ramsar Sites and other wetlands? $\{1.4.3\}\{1.4.4\}$ KRA 1.4.iii \square C=Partially

Target 12

Restoration is in progress in degraded wetlands, with priority to wetlands that are relevant for biodiversity conservation, disaster risk reduction, livelihoods and/or climate change mitigation and adaptation. {1.8.}

- 12.1 Have priority sites for wetland restoration been identified? {1.8.1} KRA 1.8.i $\ \square$ B=No
- 12.2 Have wetland restoration/rehabilitation programmes, plans or projects been effectively implemented? {1.8.2} KRA 1.8.i

☑ Y=Not Relevant

Target 13

Enhanced sustainability of key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries when they affect wetlands, contributing to biodiversity conservation and human livelihoods

13.1 Have actions been taken to enhance sustainability of key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries when they affect wetlands?

☑ D=Planned

13.2 Are Strategic Environmental Assessment practices applied when reviewing policies, programmes and plans that may impact upon wetlands? $\{1.3.3\}$ $\{1.3.4\}$ KRA 1.3.ii \square C=Partially

13.3 Are Environmental Impact Assessments made for any development projects (such as new buildings, new roads, extractive industry) from key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries that may affect wetlands? $\{1.3.4\}$ $\{1.3.5\}$ KRA 1.3.iii

13.3 Additional information

> Under law, EIAs are mandatory for all mega projects.

Goal 4. Enhancing implementation

Target 15

Ramsar Regional Initiatives with the active involvement and support of the Parties in each region are reinforced and developed into effective tools to assist in the full implementation of the Convention. {3.2.}

- 15.1 Have you (AA) been involved in the development and implementation of a Regional Initiative under the framework of the Convention? {3.2.1} KRA 3.2.i
 ☑ B=No
- 15.2 Has your country supported or participated in the development of other regional (i.e., covering more than one country) wetland training and research centres? {3.2.2}

 ☑ B=No

Target 16

Wetlands conservation and wise use are mainstreamed through communication, capacity development, education, participation and awareness {4.1}

16.1 Has an action plan (or plans) for wetland CEPA been established? {4.1.1} KRA 4.1.i

Even if no CEPA plans have been developed, if broad CEPA objectives for CEPA actions have been established, please indicate this in the Additional information section below *Please select only one per square.*

a) At the national level	□ A=Yes ☑ B=No □ C=In Progress □ D=Planned
b) Sub national level	□ A=Yes ☑ B=No □ C=In Progress □ D=Planned
c) Catchement/basin level	□ A=Yes ☑ B=No □ C=In Progress □ D=Planned
d) Local/site level	□ A=Yes ☑ B=No □ C=In Progress □ D=Planned

- 16.2a How many centres (visitor centres, interpretation centres, education centres) have been established? {4.1.2} KRA 4.1.ii
- a) at Ramsar Sites
- ☑ E=Exact Number (centres)
- > 10
- 16.2b How many centres (visitor centres, interpretation centres, education centres) have been established? {4.1.2} KRA 4.1.ii
- b) at other wetlands
- ☑ E=Exact Number (centres)
- > 10
- 16.3 Does the Contracting Party {4.1.3} KRA 4.1.iii Please select only one per square.

a) promote stakeholder participation in decision- making on wetland planning and management	☑ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
b) specifically involve local stakeholders in the selection of new Ramsar Sites and in Ramsar Site management?	☐ A=Yes ☐ B=No ☑ C=Partially ☐ D=Planned

- 16.4 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral National Ramsar/Wetlands Committee? $\{4.1.6\}$ KRA 4.3.v \square B=No
- 16.5 Do you have an operational cross-sectoral body equivalent to a National Ramsar/Wetlands Committee? {4.1.6} KRA 4.3.v
 ☑ C=Partially
- 16.6 Are other communication mechanisms (apart from a national committee) in place to share Ramsar implementation guidelines and other information between the Administrative Authority and a), b) or c) below? {4.1.7} KRA 4.1.vi:

Please select only one per square.

a) Ramsar Site managers	□ A=Yes □ B=No □ C=Partially □ D=Planned
b) other MEA national focal points	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned
c) other ministries, departments and agencies	□ A=Yes □ B=No ☑ C=Partially □ D=Planned

- 16.7 Have Ramsar-branded World Wetlands Day activities (whether on 2 February or at another time of year), either government and NGO-led or both, been carried out in the country since COP12? {4.1.8}
 ☑ A=Yes
- 16.7 Additional information
- Celebration of World Wetlands Days
- 16.8 Have campaigns, programmes, and projects (other than for World Wetlands Day-related activities) been carried out since COP12 to raise awareness of the importance of wetlands to people and wildlife and the ecosystem benefits/services provided by wetlands? $\{4.1.9\}$ \square B=No

Target 17

Financial and other resources for effectively implementing the fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 from all sources are made available. {4.2.}

- 17.1a Have Ramsar contributions been paid in full for 2015, 2016 and 2017? $\{4.2.1\}$ KRA 4.2.i \square A=Yes
- 17.1b If 'No' in 17.1 a), please clarify what plan is in place to ensure future prompt payment > Paid for 2015 & 2016 and payment for 2017 is under process.
- 17.2 Has any additional financial support been provided through voluntary contributions to non-core funded Convention activities? $\{4.2.2\}$ KRA 4.2.i \square B=No
- 17.3 [For Contracting Parties with a development assistance agency only ('donor countries')]: Has the agency provided funding to support wetland conservation and management in other countries? {3.3.1}

KRA 3.3.i

☑ Z=Not Applicable

17.4 [For Contracting Parties with a development assistance agency only ('donor countries')]: Have environmental safeguards and assessments been included in development proposals proposed by the agency? {3.3.2} KRA 3.3.ii

☑ Z=Not Applicable

17.5 [For Contracting Parties that have received development assistance only ('recipient countries')]: Has funding support been received from development assistance agencies specifically for in-country wetland conservation and management? {3.3.3}

☑ Z=Not Applicable

17.6 Has any financial support been provided by your country to the implementation of the Strategic Plan?

☑ B=No

Target 18

International cooperation is strengthened at all levels {3.1}

- 18.1 Are the national focal points of other MEAs invited to participate in the National Ramsar/Wetland Committee? {3.1.1} {3.1.2} KRAs 3.1.i & 3.1.iv
 ☑ D=Planned
- 18.2 Are mechanisms in place at the national level for collaboration between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the focal points of UN and other global and regional bodies and agencies (e.g. UNEP, UNDP, WHO, FAO, UNECE, ITTO)? {3.1.2} {3.1.3} KRA 3.1.iv
- 18.3 Has your country received assistance from one or more UN and other global and regional bodies and agencies (e.g. UNEP, UNDP, WHO, FAO, UNECE, ITTO) or the Convention's IOPs in its implementation of the Convention? {4.4.1} KRA 4.4.ii.

- 18.4 Have networks, including twinning arrangements, been established, nationally or internationally, for knowledge sharing and training for wetlands that share common features? $\{3.4.1\}$
- 18.5 Has information about your country's wetlands and/or Ramsar Sites and their status been made public (e.g., through publications or a website)? {3.4.2} KRA 3.4.iv
 ☑ C=Partially
- 18.6 Has information about your country's wetlands and/or Ramsar Sites been transmitted to the Ramsar Secretariat for dissemination? {3.4.3} KRA 3.4.ii ☑ A=Yes
- 18.7 Have all transboundary wetland systems been identified? {3.5.1} KRA 3.5.i
 ☑ D=Planned
- 18.8 Is effective cooperative management in place for shared wetland systems (for example, in shared river basins and coastal zones)? $\{3.5.2\}$ KRA 3.5.ii
- 18.9 Does your country participate in regional networks or initiatives for wetland-dependent migratory species? $\{3.5.3\}$ KRA 3.5.iii

Target 19

Capacity building for implementation of the Convention and the 4th Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016 – 2024 is enhanced.

19.1 Has an assessment of national and local training needs for the implementation of the Convention been made? {4.1.4} KRAs 4.1.iv & 4.1.viii

☑ B=No

- 19.2 Are wetland conservation and wise-use issues included in formal education programmes?
 ☑ C=Partially
- 19.3a How many opportunities for wetland site manager training have been provided since COP12? $\{4.1.5\}$ KRA 4.1.iv
- a) at Ramsar Sites
- ☑ C=Partially
- 19.3b How many opportunities for wetland site manager training have been provided since COP12? $\{4.1.5\}$ KRA 4.1.iv
- b) at other wetlands
- ☑ C=Partially
- 19.4 Have you (AA) used your previous Ramsar National Reports in monitoring implementation of the Convention? {4.3.1} KRA 4.3.ii
- ☑ A=Yes