

Annex II

Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

Annual Report for Year 2020 and Plan for Year 2021 (4 pages maximum)
Submission deadline: 31 January 2021

1. Title of your Regional Initiative: Ramsar Regional Initiatives for Central Asia

2. Work and activities undertaken during 2020

Provide a simple summary on your work undertaken by listing your activities, the results achieved and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. Build capacity and update the framework of the RRI-CA.	1.1 Initiate efforts on the involvement of Tajikistan to join the RRI-CA.	1.1 The Initiative is started. One letter with the offer of joining RRI-CA was sent to the Committee for Environmental protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. In response to the official letter negotiations on joining the RRI-CA are continuing.	Letter EMP-2020-L-035 on 19/03/2020
2. Promote RRICA and its goals and plans using national and regional platforms (conferences, workshops, websites, information bulletins etc.).	2.1 Initiate PR strategy of RRI-CA.	2.1 PR strategy of RRI-CA was initiated, but postponed till the money for second tranche is received	2.1 The preparation was postponed due to the absence of second tranche

	2.2 Raising awareness	<p>2.2 The awareness raising was done by using the following tools:</p> <p>1) website;</p> <p>2) Annual Central Asian Leadership Programme of CAREC and partners. Special session “Conservation and wise use of wetland resources - the importance of involving the local community (Examples from RRI-CA and other Ramsar Initiatives).” On 16th September;</p> <p>3) mass-media</p>	<p>1) website: https://carececo.org/en/main/news/news/2-fevralya-vsemirnyy-den-vodnopolotnykh-ugodiy/ https://carececo.org/main/news/news/tudakulskoe-i-kuymazarskoevodokhranilishcha-raspolozhennye-v-uzbekistane-vklyucheny-v-spisok-ramsar/</p> <p>2) Annual Central Asian Leadership Programme of CAREC http://calp.carececo.org/mobile/agenda</p> <p>3) Mass-media https://inbusiness.kz/ru/news/issledovanie-na-malom-taldykole-nuzhnoprovesti-poka-ego-ne-unichtozhili https://time.kz/articles/territory/2020/09/16/klikun-i-hohotun-zhdut-pomoshhi https://tumba.kz/V_Aktau_ishhut_sponsorov_dlja_razvitija_ozera_Karakol.html https://www.kazpravda.kz/fresh/view/ozero-nadezhdi https://bilimdinews.kz/?p=91943</p>
	2.3. Filming movie about RRI-CA in English and Russian as a promotional material.	2.3 The development of a short movie about RRI-CA in English and Russian was postponed due to limitation of RRI-CA budget and postponed tranche in 2021	2.3 Postponed till tranche in 2021
	2.4 Create promo materials (banner, roll ups and one pagers for RRICA).	The Roll up for RRI-CA was developed and approved by Ramsar Convention Secretariat. The review version of the Roll up can be found on CAREC’s website. The remaining promo materials will be developed after the second tranche is available.	https://carececo.org/upload/RRI-CA_Roll_up_Review_Mode_Sept2020.jpg

	2.5 Use promo materials on the CAREC platform	CAREC's website include a separate page for RRI-CA activities and materials, reflects RRI-CA news and visibility.	https://carececo.org/en/main/activity/projects/ramsarskaya-regionalnaya-initsiativa-tsentralnoy-azii-rri-tsa/
3. Development of regional projects, their funding and realization	3.1 Develop working process for fundraising opportunities.	3.1 Project concept "Arid zone waters: sustainable wetland management for wildlife and people" was prepared and sent on the call on Darwin Initiative". The proposal was submitted 1 September 2020.	Project proposal submitted. The application was not supported.
4. Raising awareness among the decision-makers on different levels on the value of wetlands	4.1. Identification of the national plans for the implementation of the Ramsar Strategy for 2016-2024.	4.1. The preparation of four National Reports – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan , were supported.	Four National Reports – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan https://carececo.org/main/activity/projects/ramsarskaya-regionalnaya-initsiativa-tsentralnoy-azii-rri-tsa/
	4.2. Development of coordination and monitoring to be taken for management and conservation of Ramsar Sites and potential Ramsar Sites located in the transboundary basin.	4.2. Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan prepared the researches concerned methods of monitoring and control: in the Amudarya zone - Lake Soltandag (Turkmenistan) and Lake Dengizkul (Uzbekistan) and two transboundary water basins - Lake Tuyamuyun and Lake Sarygamysh. Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan – wetlands studies on the eastern coast of the Caspian Sea. Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan researches concerned monitoring types of the Chu River Valley wetlands	The reports in Russian for transboundary wetlands in Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. The gathered data consisted of the frameworks in two countries of monitoring and lists of bird species for long-term monitoring; the environmental services used by local communities in Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan on the transboundary wetlands. The reports for transboundary wetlands in the Caspian Sea coast in Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. The data consisted of assessment of the Caspian Sea coast as a global Eastern Caspian Flyway; potential Ramsar Wetlands countries in the transboundary basin were identified. The report concerned monitoring types of the transboundary wetlands at the Chu River Valley basin in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. The

			gathered data consisted of potential transboundary Ramsar Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan wetlands; the main parameters to be monitored. More information presented at the brief report in English https://carececo.org/projects/Regional_Report_on_implementation_of_RRI-CA_Plan_Sep_2020.pdf
	4.3. Information collection from all available sources on current anthropogenic threats to Ramsar Sites and potential Ramsar Sites, especially concerning the Coronavirus COVID19 pandemic.	4.3.Data on current and potential threats for Ramsar sites were collected from all sources. Kazakhstan: data of existing and potential threats and measures to prevent degradation materials for Ramsar Sites of "Lakes of lower Turgai and Irgiz" and "Kulykol-Taldykol Lake System". Turkmenistan: the threats and measures to protect potential Ramsar Site of "Altyn KyoI". Uzbekistan: anthropogenic threats affecting Lake Dengizkul were updated. Kyrgyzstan: information on threats to the Ramsar Site of "Lake Issyk-Kul", especially with the situation of coronavirus COVID19 pandemic.	4.3 .Reports in Russian for threats and potential measures for Ramsar sites "Lakes of lower Turgai and Irgiz" and "Kulykol-Taldykol Lake System" (Kazakhstan), potential Ramsar sites "Altyn KyoI" (Turkmenistan), updates of threats for Ramsar sites Lake Dengizkul (Uzbekistan) and Lake Issyk-Kul (Kyrgyzstan). More information presented at the brief report in English https://carececo.org/main/activity/projects/ramsar-skaya-regionalnaya-initsiativa-tsentralnoy-azii-rr-itsa/ https://carececo.org/projects/Regional_Report_on_implementation_of_RRI-CA_Plan_Sep_2020.pdf
	4.4. Continued expansion of the list of nominated wetlands in Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan and lobbying for a potential Ramsar Site nomination in Kazakhstan.	4.4. Kyrgyzstan: nominations have been prepared for "The Left Bank of the Chu River" (interfluve of Alamedin and Ak-Suu) and "Toktogul Reservoir", based on available information and collection of missing information. Turkmenistan: three nominations were prepared –for "Kattashor-Yeraji" and "Zeyit-Kelif" as Ramsar sites and accreditation of Lake Altynkol as an urban wetland park. Uzbekistan: The nomination of Tudakul and Kuyumazar water reservoirs was completed.	"The Left Bank of the Chu River" (interfluve of Alamedin and Ak-Suu) and "Toktogul Reservoir" nominations for Ramsar sites (Kyrgyzstan) "Kattashor-Yeraji", "Zeyit-Kelif" nominations as Ramsar sites and "Altynkol Lake" as urban wetland nomination (Turkmneistan). "Tudakul" has been designated as the third Uzbekistan Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar Site no. 2433) on the 16th of September, 2020.

		Kazakhstan: to lobby for the nomination of Lake Karakol into the Ramsar List	Kazakhstan: five on-line meetings were held with university and high school students of Aktau city on problems of Karakol Lake; a volunteer team of ecopatrol named "Keepers of Lake Karakol" was formed; training on the territory of the "Taldykol" Urban Nature Park (Nur-Sultan) was held. More information presented in English at the brief report https://carececo.org/projects/Regional_Report_on_implementation_of_RRI-CA_Plan_Sep_2020.pdf
5. Ensuring an effective, two way communication between the Contracting Parties in Central Asia and the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention.	5.1. Submission of periodic RRI-CA reports to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat	5.1 Reports were sent on the regular basis.	5.1. Reports were presented on ongoing basis.
	5.2. Identifying the needs of countries with respect to implementation of the Convention.	5.2 The needs of countries were identified through: expert reviews and consultation of RRI-CA members	5.2 First version of the Regional Report describing the Activities and results of RRI-CA is available on CAREC's website: https://carececo.org/projects/Regional_Report_on_implementation_of_RRICA_Plan_Sep_2020.pdf . The final versions will be submitted with the final financial report on the 15th January 2021. https://carececo.org/main/activity/projects/ramsar-skaya-regionalnaya-initsiativa-tsentralnoy-azii-rri-tsa/

3. Financial report for Year 2020

Provide a summary of income and expenditures. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

	Activities	Planned expenditures	Actual expenditures
1.	Salary to Technical Secretary	12540	10450
2.	Transport cost for the Chair of the Coordinated Committee of RRI-CA technical secretary	2389	0
3.	Participation in the 58th Meeting of Standing Committee	2000	0
4.	PR actions (filming video about RRI-CA in eng and rus+articles about wetlands in eng and rus+roll ups and banner for COP14)	2000	250
5.	Regional meeting	0	0
6.	Workshops with training activity devoted to the best practice of the Ramsar sites' management in Turkmenbashi (Turkmenistan)	12000	11067
7.	Administration costs	2000	1757
8.	Finance management for RRI-CA	2000	1472
9.	Unforeseen expenditures (translation of the reports)	1000	933
	Total	35 929	25929

Sources of Income	Forecast/budgeted amount of income
Request from Ramsar core budget	15 000
Residuals (from 2019)	10 929
Total	25 929

Financial balance at 31 December 2020: total unspent and uncommitted balance left to be carried over to 2020 0 CHF

The plan for 2020 was implementer at possible capacity. The majority of the Activities are implemented and/or being finalized. However, in order to successfully achieve all the objectives of the plan for 2020 it is quite significant for RRI-CA to receive the remaining tranche of 10000 CHF, which were not included in the first tranche.

4. Work and activities planned for Year 2021

Provide a simple summary of your planned work, by listing your activities, their anticipated results and your indicators of success according to the format below:

Objectives	Activities	Results/outputs	Indicators
1. Preparation the mitigation measures for conservation of Ramsar sites and potential Ramsar sites - "Lakes of lower Turgai and Irgiz" and "Kulykol-Taldykol Lake System" in Kazakhstan, Dengizkul and Zhyltyrbas lakes in Uzbekistan, Lake Issyk-Kol in Kyrgyzstan and Altyn Kol lake in Turkmenistan	1. Analysis of collected materials on threats to "Lakes of lower Turgai and Irgiz" and "Kulykol-Taldykol Lake System" in Kazakhstan, to Dengizkul and Zhyltyrbas lakes in Uzbekistan, to Lake Issyk-Kol in Kyrgyzstan and Altyn Kol lake in Turkmenistan in 2020, especially in light of increasing and emerging anthropogenic threats due to the consequences of the Coronavirus COVID19 pandemic	1.The mitigation measures for conservation of Ramsar sites and potential Ramsar sites - "Lakes of lower Turgai and Irgiz" and "Kulykol-Taldykol Lake System" in Kazakhstan, Dengizkul and Zhyltyrbas lakes in Uzbekistan, Lake Issyk-Kol in Kyrgyzstan and Altyn Kol lake in Turkmenistan are prepared	1. The mitigation measures transferred to Administrative Authorities in all 4 countries
2. Celebration of Wetlands Day on February 2, 2021, and the 50th Anniversary of the Ramsar Convention, and the 5th anniversary of the establishment of the RRI-CA	2. Preparation of PR materials to mark the celebration of Wetlands Day on February 2, 2021, and the 50th anniversary of the Ramsar Convention, and the 5th anniversary of the establishment of the RRI-CA – to print banners about Ramsar Convention 50 Anniversary and 5 Anniversary of RRI-CA, organize the special events on-line in every country of RRI-CA for celebration of the Wetlands Day, 2 February 2021	2. The banners are printed and delivered to 4 countries	2. The banners are placed at the events
3. Nomination dossier for Ramsar site in Uzbekistan: Zhyltyrbas Lake & Sudochoye Lake	3. The preparation of nomination dossier	3. Nomination dossier	3. The nomination put in the Ramsar Convention Internet Form

4. Nomination dossier for Ramsar sites Altynasyr in Turkmenistan.	4. The preparation of nomination dossier and maps for nominated sites	4. Nomination dossier and maps	4. The nomination text has been prepared
5. Monitoring and practical conservation of the Lake Karakol ecosystem (Kazakhstan)	5. Activities on monitoring and practical conservation of the Lake Karakol and preparation of the concept of "Lake Karakol Educational Center" in Aktau	5. Monitoring and practical conservation of the Lake Karakol are implemented. The concept of "Lake Karakol Educational Center" in Aktau	5. The monitoring and practical conservation is continued. The concept of "Lake Karakol Educational Center" in Aktau have been submitted the Administrative Authority of Aktau
6. Nomination dossier for Ramsar site: Lakes San Tash Konur-olon (valley Konur-Olon and Alabash), and network of high-mountainous lakes Dzhuuku	6. The preparation of nomination dossier lakes San Tash Konur-olon (valley Konur-Olon and Alabash), and network of high-mountainous lakes Dzhuuku	6. Nomination dossier lakes San Tash Konur-olon (valley Konur-Olon and Alabash), and network of high-mountainous lakes Dzhuuku	6. The nomination text put in the Ramsar Convention Internet Form
7. Environmental assessment of the Aydar-Arnasay lake system (Ramsar site no. 1841) for updating the Ramsar information sheet in Uzbekistan	7.1 Evaluate and analyze the wetland based on existing records as well as field visits to the area; 7.2 Conduct monitoring of nesting and migrating birds (May, June, August) 7.3 Make a brief description of the state of ecosystems in the Aydar-Arnasay lake system, including the state of vegetation; identify anthropogenic factors that affect the state of lands; analyze ecosystem services	7.1 Updated Ramsar Information Sheet of Aydar-Arnasay Lakes System; 7.2. Inserting information into the national database for further planning of conservation and sustainable use of natural resources of the site. 7.3 Report with a brief description of the state of ecosystems of the Aydar-Arnasay lake system, anthropogenic factors and analysis of ecosystem services	7.1.The requirements of the Ramsar Convention for regular updating of the RIS and monitoring at Ramsar sites are fulfilled; 7.2 The national base was used by decision makers at least once in 2022. 7.3 Materials were handed over to the State Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan. A plan of action to minimize the impact on the ecosystems of the Ramsar Site is prescribed to the regional branches of the State Committee on Ecology. Trainings and seminars on the results of the survey were conducted.
8. Development of tourist potential in Lake Karakol	8.1.Carry out cleaning of the shores of Lake Karakol from spontaneous dumps of household and industrial waste.	8.1.A photo report on the "before and after" principle	8.1 Sanitary well-being on the territory of the WBU was ensured - people began to walk on the territory of the WBU without fear

	8.2. Identification of tourist routes on Lake Karakol and laying of ecological trails along them	8.2 An ecological trail on Lake Karakol was developed	8.2 Recommendations for the development of an ecological trail were submitted to the state authorities for inclusion as a new tourist route in the passport of the Karakiya-Karakol nature reserve
9. Monitoring and environmental assessment of the lakes San Tash Konur-olon (valley Konur-Olon and Alabash), and network of high-mountainous lakes Dzhuku)	<p>9.1 Conduct a wetland assessment and analysis based on existing stock materials as well as those collected during field trips directly to the area;</p> <p>9.2 Conduct monitoring of nesting and migrating birds (May, June, August)</p> <p>9.3 Make a brief description of the state of ecosystems of lakes San Tash Konur-olon (valley Konur-Olon and Alabash), and network of high-mountainous lakes Dzhuku), including state of vegetation; identify anthropogenic factors that affect the condition of the sites; analyze ecosystem services</p>	<p>9.1 Updated Ramsar Information Sheet of San-Tash Lake, Konur-Olon (Konur-Olon and Alabash valley) and Juuku network of high-mountain lakes</p> <p>9.2 Introduction of information into the national database for further planning of conservation and sustainable use of natural resources of the site.</p> <p>9.3 Report with a brief description of the state of ecosystems of San Tash Konur-olon lakes (valley Konur-Olon and Alabash), and network of high-mountainous lakes Dzhuku), anthropogenic factors and analysis of ecosystem services</p>	<p>9.1 The following have been fulfilled Ramsar Convention requirements for regular updating of RIS and monitoring at Ramsar sites have been fulfilled;</p> <p>9.2 National database used for decision-making in 2020</p> <p>9.3 Based on the collected materials, decisions on management of lakes San Tash Konur-olon (valley Konur-Olon and Alabash), and network of high-mountainous lakes Dzhuku)</p>
10. Nomination dossier for Ramsar sites Molla Kurban and Turkmen Bay in Turkmenistan	10. The preparation of nomination dossier Ramsar sites Molla Kurban and Turkmen Bay	10. Nomination dossier Ramsar sites Molla Kurban and Turkmen Bay	10. The nomination for Ramsar sites Molla Kurban and Turkmen Bay has been prepared
11. Creation of PR strategy for development of Ramsar propaganda through RRI-CA	11. Development of a PR strategy based on the best examples available in the Ramsar Convention and other international treaties	11. PR-strategy developed	11. PR-strategy began to be implemented in practice in the form of involvement in actions

<p>12. Establish a framework for developing Ramsar site management plans in the form of a database of all organizations that are associated with Ramsar sites, and begin to develop the base for Action Plans involving all stakeholders in the sustainable management of the sites</p>	<p>12. Establish a database of all organizations that manage, depend on, use for recreational purposes, control Ramsar Sites for all 4 countries to provide a basis for a Ramsar Sites Management Plan. Analyze the data obtained, develop a flowchart of connection between different wetlands' stakeholders, discuss the results of the analysis in an on-line workshop, communicate the results to the relevant national agencies, and display the results for public use.</p>	<p>12. A database for all four countries of all stakeholders involved in the management and use of all ecosystem services of the Ramsar Sites. Flowcharts for the creation the bases of Ramsar Sites' Management Plans. One on-line workshop to discuss and finalize results.</p>	<p>12. Developments have been submitted to national agencies. Preparation of management plans for Ramsar sites in four countries initiated</p>
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For those initiatives requesting funding from the Convention for 2021, please provide a financial summary of your 2021 plan. If you use another currency than Swiss Franc (CHF), please provide an average exchange rate to allow conversion into CHF:

	Activities 2021	Unreceived tranche of 10000 CHF for finalizing activities in 2020	Forecast/budgeted expenditures 2021
1.	Salary to Technical Secretary	2090	11119
2.	Transport cost for the Chair of the Coordinated Committee of RRI-CA technical secretary		
3.	Participation in the 59th Meeting of Standing Committee		
4.	PR actions (filming video about RRI-CA in eng and rus+articles about wetlands in eng and rus+roll ups and banner for COP14)	500	
5.	PR Strategy		800
6.	Regional meeting		
7.	Ramsar sites stakeholders' database for 4 countries		6000
8.	Country Actions	6572	9200
9.	Finance management for RRI-CA	528	3616
	Subtotal		30735
10.	Administration costs (Utilities, Commucation and Etc.)	243	2151
11.	Unforeseen expenditures (Translations of 4 experts Reports)	67	1000
	Total	10000	33887

Sources of Income	Forecast/budgeted amount of income
Request from Ramsar core budget	33 887
Unreceived tranche of 10000 CHF for finalizing activities in 2020	10 000
Total	43 886