

## 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:** Indo Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative

**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
<b>1. Support functioning of IBRRI governance and participation in Ramsar Convention secretariat meetings</b>	1.1 Hold the IBRRI Steering Committee (SC) meeting 2020	SC Meeting held in Siem Reap, Cambodia on the 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.	SC Meeting Report Available
	1.2 Hold the IBRRI Technical Workshop 2020	Technical workshop held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, from the 26-28 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, with representatives from national governments, Ramsar IOPs and other NGOs working on wetlands in the region.	<a href="#">Meeting Report Available</a>  <a href="#">IBRRI Annual Meeting Webstory</a>
	1.3 Support participation of IBRRI to regional events	Two IBRRI representatives attended the Myanmar-Norwegian Environmental Agency Ramsar IOP meeting in Yangon, 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2020. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange knowledge on existing and planned wetland-related activities and to encourage collaboration in assisting the Government of Myanmar in addressing their capacity building needs for the future implementation of the National Wetland Policy and Strategic Actions. IBRRI also attended the online consultations for the Working Group for RRI, and was an observer at the online meeting of the sub-group on finance.	Meeting agenda, participant list
<b>2. Implement the sub-regional strategic plan for IBRRI</b>	2.1 Support activities and workshops based on the Strategic Plan	The IBRRI Technical Workshop initiated discussion on countries' Ramsar Site Designations and Management Plans, Wetland Species (both invasive and those that are endemic or threatened), CEPA Activities and Workplans.  IBRRI published the first Policy Brief on National Wetland policies in the IBRRI Region. The Policy Brief highlighted the potential for national wetland policies to support international climate change commitments.  IBRRI is supporting the Department of Freshwater Wetlands Conservation,	<a href="#">Meeting Report Available</a>  <a href="#">IBRRI National Wetland Policy Brief</a>  Sub-decree on establishing

		<p>Cambodia in consultations to establish Boeung Snae Wetland as a protected area, with the goal of nominating the area as a Ramsar Site.</p> <p>Supported the Department of Water Resources and Department of Law, Lao PDR in translating and revising the Decision on Wetland Management Decree, and provided technical support to the management plan meetings for Xe Champhone Ramsar Site.</p> <p>Provided financial and technical support to Wildfowl &amp; Wetlands Trust to develop a management plan for Boeung Prek Lapouv Protected Landscape, Cambodia, a wetland that meets several Ramsar criteria, and developed plans for potential nomination.</p> <p>IBRRI also supported the development of a management plan for Phu My Species and Habitat Conservation Area, an IBA and part of the Kien Gang Biosphere Reserve</p> <p>IBRRI supported the first round of stakeholder consultations on the management plan for Kaper Estuary - Laemson Marine National Park - Kraburi Estuary Ramsar Site, Thailand and is leading the development of the full management plan, in coordination with ONEP.</p> <p>In November, IBRRI posted a call for proposals for small grants (up to 20,000 EUR) on Ecosystem-based Adaptation in wetlands in the IBRRI region. A total of 36 proposals were received from the 5 countries, and the selection committee then chose 16 grants for funding. The implementation will take place from January-August 2021.</p> <p>IBRRI signed an MOU with RRC-EA, focusing on optimizing communications and supporting the development of</p>	<p>Boeung Snae as a protected landscape and map of wetland developed.</p> <p>Translated Decision on Wetland Management Decree. Draft logframe for Xe Champhone Ramsar Site <a href="#">Xe Champhone Webstory</a></p> <p>Draft Management Plan with Zoning</p> <p>Final MP Available (in Vietnamese)</p> <p>Draft logframe for Kaper Estuary - Laemson Marine National Park - Kraburi Estuary Ramsar Site <a href="#">Ranong Webstory</a></p> <p><a href="#">IBRRI Call for Proposals</a></p> <p>Signed MOUs <a href="#">Webstory IUCN</a></p>
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		<p>national CEPA Action Plans in the five IBRRI countries.</p> <p>IBRRI also signed an MOU with EAAFP, aiming to support the designation and management of Flyway Network Sites and Ramsar sites in the region.</p>	<p><a href="#">Webstory RRC-EA</a></p> <p><a href="#">Webstory EAAFP</a></p>
<b>3. Strengthen knowledge of key Ramsar tools and guidelines</b>	3.1 Translate two key Ramsar documents into local languages and disseminate	Steering Committee Representatives from each of the five IBRRI countries have each selected four Ramsar documents (including the Wise Use Handbook on National Wetland Policies, The Fourth Strategic Plan,, Ramsar Technical Report on Valuing Wetlands, among others) that they have determined are most useful for wetland management in their respective countries. Four of the countries have selected to translate the IBRRI Strategic Plan. All documents have been translated and are being printed.	Translated documents for all countries available
	3.2 Organise at least one regional training on Sustainable Wetland Agriculture with FAO	Cancelled due to COVID-19. IBRRI is planning to hold a virtual meeting on invasive species in the region in 2021 instead.	
	3.3 Organise/ support 1 national or transboundary training	Transboundary discussions were postponed due to COVID-19, and are now planned for 2021 between Thailand and Myanmar at the Kraburi Estuary Ramsar Site. The site provides a unique opportunity to restart government discussions on transboundary wetlands, building on previous discussions between the two governments on coral reefs in the region. In addition, a transboundary platform between Cambodia and Viet Nam on the Mekong Delta will be established to discuss flood management.	
<b>4. Strengthen awareness of the Ramsar Convention in the IBRRI region</b>	4.1 Provide support for World Wetlands Day or a CEPA activity in the 5 IBRRI countries	IBRRI supported WWD activities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand, with events including games, skits, art contests, wetland cleanups and bird watching.	<a href="#">IBRRI WWD Webstory</a>
	4.2 Communication outputs for IBRRI published	Published the first edition of the <a href="#">IBRRI Newsletter</a> in August, highlighting stories from wetlands throughout IBRRI, the IBRRI annual meeting, a Ramsar site in the region and the wetlands policy brief, among others. The newsletter has been shared with IBRRI governments, partners and other RRIs working in the region.	

		<p>IBRRI has developed an <a href="#">IBRRI webpage</a>, hosted by the IUCN Asia page. The establishment of an online IBRRI presence was discussed during the IBRRI SC meeting in February 2020.</p> <p>IBRRI Webstories and Media Pieces in 2020:  -70 Citizen Journalism news reports on wetlands</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. -<a href="#">Wetlands of Southeast Asia</a></li> <li>2. -<a href="#">Citizen Journalism for the Mekong</a></li> <li>3. -<a href="#">IBRRI Annual Meeting</a></li> <li>4. -<a href="#">IBRRI World Wetlands Day Celebrations</a></li> <li>5. -<a href="#">Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Boeung Tonle Chhmar Ramsar Site</a></li> <li>6. -<a href="#">Enhancing Capacity of Thai wetland managers</a></li> <li>7. -<a href="#">Women in Nature</a></li> <li>8. -<a href="#">Citizen Journalism highlights the importance of wetlands</a></li> <li>9. -<a href="#">Developing a management plan for Xe Champhone Ramsar site</a></li> <li>10. -<a href="#">Developing a management plan for Thailand’s largest Ramsar site</a></li> <li>11. -<a href="#">Demonstrating Wise Use at Moeyungyi Ramsar Site</a></li> <li>12. -<a href="#">Policy Brief: National Wetland Policies</a></li> <li>13. -<a href="#">Strengthening partnerships for wetlands conservation in Indo-Burma, three Ramsar Regional Initiatives sign Memoranda of Understanding</a></li> <li>14. -<a href="#">MOU BETWEEN RRC-EA &amp; IUCN-ARO</a></li> <li>15. -<a href="#">Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Planning Guidance Note</a></li> <li>16. -<a href="#">Village VA Tool</a></li> <li>17. -<a href="#">Species VA Tool</a></li> <li>18. -<a href="#">Habitat VA Tool</a></li> <li>19. -<a href="#">Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative (IBRRI) announces call for small grant proposals for Ecosystem-based Adaptation in wetlands</a></li> <li>20. -<a href="#">EAAFP Secretariat and Indo-Burma Ramsar Regional Initiative (IBRRI) signed MoU to strengthen wetland and migratory waterbirds conservation</a></li> <li>21. -<a href="#">Wetland stakeholders develop a management plan for the wise use and conservation of the Bang Pakong River</a></li> </ol>
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If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

The IBRRI Annual meeting was held just before the shutdown of international travel due to COVID-19. It provided an opportunity for the wetlands managers from the five countries to learn from each other and share their plans for 2020. The meeting also allowed IBRRI members to gauge the Ramsar Initiative’s progress against the Strategic Plan. Considerable progress has been made in wetland conservation in the region, including designating new Ramsar sites, the development of national wetlands inventories and national CEPA action plans and the drafting of new wetland policies.

IBRRI is supporting the development of Ramsar site management plans for a number of sites in the region. These plans are being developed through a consultative process with communities, local governments and national governments in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam. Myanmar is also working closely with the Norwegian

Environment Agency to develop management plans for newly designated Ramsar sites.

CEPA activities continue to increase in the region, with a growing awareness of the importance of wetlands. In 2019, IBRRI supported citizen journalism trainings in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam. The news reports on wetlands and their benefits were aired between 2019-2020, with 70 reports aired in local languages on TV, internet and local newspapers at the national level. The launch of the IBRRI Newsletter allows partners to share news, publications and upcoming events with other interested parties.

COVID-19 significantly impacted the regional training on wetlands agriculture, which has now been cancelled. Instead, IUCN plans to organize a webinar on invasive species management in 2021. Travel restrictions also impacted the implementation of transboundary dialogues and two study visit exchanges between (1) Lao PDR and Thailand and (2) Cambodia and Viet Nam. Initially, they were postponed until late 2020, however IBRRI is currently discussing whether they will be possible in the near future, or whether an dialogue will need to take place in a virtual format.

IBRRI launched the call for proposals for small grants on Ecosystem-based Adaptation in wetlands, funding CSOs, universities and governments in the region to implement the grants. The grants will be implemented from January-August 2021, and lessons learned will be shared during an event at the end of the project.

### 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 (CHF) from the Ramsar Core Budget	Actual Expenditures from the Ramsar Core Budget	Planned Expenditures from Co-funding from other Water and Wetlands Projects	Actual Expenditures from Co-funding from other Water and Wetlands Projects (Mekong WET and others) (CHF)
1.1 Hold the IBRRI Steering Committee (SC) meeting 2020	20,000	21,053	0	4,501
1.2 Hold the IBRRI Technical Workshop 2020	15,000	8,065	0	0
1.3 Support participation of IBRRI to regional/ international events	0	532	5,000	0
2.1 Support activities and workshops based on the Strategic Plan	0	16,440	28,000	37,376
3.1 Translate two key Ramsar documents into local languages and disseminate	0	9,756	10,000	7,603

3.2 Organise one regional training	0	0	20,000	0
3.3 Organise/support 1 national or transboundary trainings	0	0	15,000	0
4.1 Provide support for World Wetlands Day or a CEPA activity in the 5 IBRRI countries	10,000	5,099	0	3,720
4.2 Communication outputs for IBRRI published	0	0	10,000	16,702
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,000 CHF</b>	<b>60,945 CHF</b>	<b>88,000 CHF</b>	<b>69,902 CHF</b>

Sources of income	Income received
BMU-IKI Mekong WET Project	69,902 CHF
Ramsar budget balance from 2018/2019	45,945 CHF
Ramsar core budget 2020	15,000 CHF
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,847 CHF</b>

**Financial balance at 31 December 2020:** total unspent and uncommitted balance left to be carried over to 2021, or deficit: **0 CHF**

**For those initiatives receiving funding from the Convention in 2021,** please explain how this funding has been spent or committed, and compare this to the plan on which the funding request was based. Explain any significant scope or timetable changes:

There is no remaining balance. IBRRI has requested an additional 10,000 CHF to support the costs of printing the translated Ramsar documents in the five languages (four documents each). The printed documents will be distributed to the relevant government stakeholders and other organisations working on wetlands within the countries.

#### 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
<b>1. Support functioning of IBRRI governance and participation in</b>	1.1 Hold the IBRRI Steering Committee (SC) meeting 2021	Review of Strategic Plan implementation and 2021 work plan	Minutes available

<b>Ramsar Convention Secretariat meetings</b>	1.2 Hold the IBRRI Technical Workshop 2021	IBRRI Technical Committee discussion on implementation of workplan and updates of ongoing activities	Report available
	1.3 Support participation of IBRRI to regional/international events	Involvement and comments of IBRRI on relevant matters during the meetings. The IBRRI Chair will participate in COP14 to provide updates on the work of the RRI	Participation and comments at COP14.
<b>2. Implement the sub-regional strategic plan for IBRRI</b>	2.1 Hold training on wetland invasive species in the IBRRI region to share lessons learned and best practices.	Increased ability of wetland managers and decision makers to control the spread of invasive species at Ramsar sites.	Training report
	2.2 Support Ecosystem-based Adaptation in wetlands through small grants to NGOs and governments in the five countries	Strengthened understanding of climate change vulnerability and applying EbA in wetlands in IBRRI region.	Case studies with lessons learned from grantees.
	2.3 Hold small grant workshop to share lessons learned on EbA best practices in wetlands.	Increased understanding of EbA options in IBRRI wetlands.	Meeting reports with best practices
<b>3. Strengthen knowledge of key Ramsar tools and guidelines</b>	3.1 Organise two transboundary platforms	Increased understanding between local wetlands managers in two countries on transboundary issues and how to strengthen the Ramsar network in the region.	Number of trainings held, number of participants, improved understanding of Ramsar implementation
	3.2 Organise transboundary study tour exchanges between Ramsar site managers in IBRRI countries	Enhanced understanding of Ramsar site management approaches in the region.	Reports and photos of the exchange visits.
<b>4. Strengthen awareness of the Ramsar Convention in the IBRRI region</b>	4.1 Provide support for World Wetlands Day or a CEPA activity in the 5 IBRRI countries	Technical and small-scale financial support provided to World Wetland Day and/or CEPA events in the five countries	Webstories on WWD activities and events.
	4.2 Communication outputs for IBRRI published	At least 5 webstories or media reports at national and regional levels mention IBRRI.	Number of media reports published

**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:

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Forecast/budgeted expenditures real expenditures</b>
1.1 Hold the IBRRI Steering Committee (SC) meeting 2021	2,500 CHF
1.2 Hold the IBRRI Technical Workshop 2020	2,500 CHF
1.3 Support participation of IBRRI to regional/international events	5,000 CHF
2.1 Hold training on wetland invasive species in the IBRRI region to share lessons learned and best practices.	5,000 CHF
2.2 Support Ecosystem-based Adaptation in wetlands through small grants to NGOs and governments in the five countries	323,000 CHF
3.1 Organise two transboundary platforms	48,000 CHF
3.2 Organise transboundary study tour exchanges between Ramsar site managers in IBRRI countries	65,000 CHF
4.1 Provide support for World Wetlands Day or a CEPA activity in the 5 IBRRI countries	5,000 CHF
4.2 Communication outputs for IBRRI published	10,000 CHF
<b>Total</b>	<b>466,000 CHF</b>

<b>Sources of Income</b>	<b>Forecast/budgeted amount of income</b>
BMU-IKI (Mekong WET Project)	441,0000
<b>Request from Ramsar core budget</b>	25,000 CHF
<b>Total</b>	<b>466,000 CHF</b>