

## Annex II

### Combined annual reporting and forward planning format

**Annual Report for Year 2020 and Plan for Year 2021** (4 pages maximum)  
**Submission deadline: 20 January 2020**

1. **Title of your Regional Initiative: RAMSAR CENTRE FOR EASTERN AFRICA (RAMCEA)**
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:

| <b>Objectives</b>  | <b>Activities</b>  | <b>Results/outputs</b>  | <b>Indicators</b>                    |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>To strengthen capacity for sustainable wetlands management in the region</b>                                | Support partner states to implement the Wise Use principles through sharing best practices and lessons learned | Some key lessons from the “Building Resilient Communities, Wetland Ecosystems and Associated Catchments in Uganda project” have been documented and awaiting consolidation.                                 | Lessons learnt report                |
| <b>To determine the status and trends of wetland resources in the region to guide decision making</b>          | Support and undertake Wetland Assessments in the region -098   | Wetland extents in Uganda measured using earth observations and geographical information system; pending is ground truthing to be done by National Biomass project.   | National wetland database for Uganda |
| <b>To Enhance the knowledge base and stakeholder awareness on sustainable wetland management in the region</b> | Maintain RAMCEA Website  | Regular updates and maintenance of the RAMCEA website continued during the reporting period.  | Functional website                   |
|  | Roll out the Earth Observation Tool box with the East African sub-region                                       | Test data was prepared and country-wide data for Uganda processed.<br>( <a href="https://owncloud.geoville.com/index.php/s/81j09m2fwnhSwRQ">https://owncloud.geoville.com/index.php/s/81j09m2fwnhSwRQ</a> ) | Test data                            |
|  | Prepare a Regional Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Action Plan                    | Preparation of the Regional CEPA Action Plan is ongoing   | Draft CEPA Action Plan               |
| <b>To undertake resource mobilization in support of wetland management</b>                                     | Prepare a Resource Mobilization Strategy that encompasses all opportunities within the sub-region              | Resource Mobilization Strategy - not done   | Nothing to show                      |
|  | Develop a sub-regional RAM Programme to assist partner   | Sub-regional RAM Programme - not done   | Nothing to show                      |

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|  | states to assess funding                            |  |   |
| <b>To facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Governing Council and Secretariat</b>                        | Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Governing Council | RAMCEA Regional Governing Council meeting – not done                     | Nothing to show   |
|  | Maintain the RAMCEA Offices                         | Secretariat and furnished office space secured                           | Functional Offices  |
| <b>Support the Ramsar Advisory Mission to Partner States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda)</b> | Undertake a rapid assessment of Ramsar sites        | Lutembe Bay Ramsar Site and Mabamba Bay Ramsar sites in Uganda assessed. | Draft status report for Lutembe<br>Reviewed management plan for Mabamba |

If felt useful, you may add narrative text to specify further your achievements, improvement of Ramsar implementation in the region, etc.

**In addition to the planned activities, the following achievements were also realized;**

RAMCEA is collaborating with the European Space Agency (ESRIN) as a partner organization to the GlobWetland Africa project extension on wetland inventory.

**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:

| <b>Activities</b>  | <b>Planned expenditures</b>  | <b>Actual expenditures</b>   |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Amount (currency) <b>CHF</b> | Amount (currency) <b>CHF</b> |
| Support partner states to implement the Wise Use principles through sharing best practices and lessons learned | 5,000                        | 00                           |
| Maintain RAMCEA Website  | 5,000                        | 4,250                        |
| Roll out the Earth Observation Tool box with the East African sub-region                                       | 5,000                        | 3,250                        |
| Prepare a Regional Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Action Plan                    | 10,000                       | 4,200                        |
| Finalize the Resource Mobilization Strategy that encompasses all opportunities within the sub-region           | 10,000                       | 00                           |
| Develop a sub-regional RAM Programme to assist partner states to assess funding                                | 10,000                       | 00                           |
| Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Governing Council  | 15,000                       | 00                           |
| Pay staff and maintain the RAMCEA Offices  | 25,000                       | 6,520                        |
| Undertake a rapid assessment of Ramsar sites   | 20,000                       | 8,000                        |
| Prepare a RAM implementation Action Plan for Uganda  | 5,000                        | 3,080                        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>110,000</b>               | <b>29,300</b>                |

| Sources of income                            | Income received- CHF |
|--|----------------------|
| Government of Uganda                         | 29,300               |
| <b>Ramsar core budget</b> (where applicable) | 00                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>29,300</b>        |

**Financial balance at 31 December 2020:** The total unspent is 1326 CHF

**For those initiatives receiving funding from the Convention in 2020,** 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: NA

#### 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>To strengthen capacity for sustainable wetlands management in the region</b>                                | Disseminate best practices and lessons learned  | Lessons learned from Uganda wetlands restoration project disseminated  | Reports   |
|  | Establish a Roster of Wetland Experts for the sub-region  | Wetland Experts Roster prepared  | Wetlands Experts Roster   |
| <b>To determine the status and trends of wetland resources in the region to guide decision making</b>          | Support Partner states to prepare country wetland maps using the globe wetland tool               | National Wetland maps for Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda  | Technical Reports<br>Wetland maps   |
| <b>To Enhance the knowledge base and stakeholder awareness on sustainable wetland management in the region</b> | Maintain RAMCEA Website   | Regular updates and maintenance of the RAMCEA website conducted.   | Functional website  |
|  | Roll out the Earth Observation Tool box with the East African sub-region                          | Roll out the Earth Observation tool box harmonize the classification system, and to undertake Ground-truthing to remove errors | Technical reports   |
|  | Prepare a Regional Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Action Plan       | Regional CEPA Action Plan prepared and disseminated  | CEPA Action Plan  |
| <b>To undertake resource mobilization in support of wetland management</b>                                     | Prepare a Resource Mobilization Strategy that encompasses all opportunities within the sub-region | Resource Mobilization Strategy prepared  | Resource Mobilization Strategy  |
| <b>To facilitate the operations of the RAMCEA Governing Council and Secretariat</b>                            | Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Governing Council   | RAMCEA Regional Governing Council meeting organized  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Discussions</li> <li>Approved annual work plan and budget</li> </ul> |

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|  | Hold 1 Pre-COP 14 meeting                    | COP 14 resolutions reviewed and RAMCEA Partner State position adopted for COP 14 | Pre- COP 14 resolutions for RAMCEA Partner States  |
|  | Maintain the RAMCEA Offices                  | RAMCEA offices fully functional  | Functional Offices   |
| <b>Support the Ramsar Advisory Mission to Partner States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda)</b> | Undertake a rapid assessment of Ramsar sites | At least 2 Ramsar sites per Partner State monitored and assessed                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desk Studies</li> <li>• Assessment reports</li> </ul> |

**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<br/>real expenditures<br/>amount (currency)</b> |
|---|---|
| 1. Support partner states to implement the Wise Use principles through sharing best practices and lessons learned | 5,000   |
| 2. Support Partner states to prepare country wetland maps using the globe wetland tool                            | 10,000  |
| 3. Maintain RAMCEA Website  | 5,000   |
| 4. Roll out the Earth Observation Tool box with the East African sub-region                                       | 5,000   |
| 5. Prepare a Regional Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Action Plan                    | 10,000  |
| 6. Finalize the Resource Mobilization Strategy that encompasses all opportunities within the sub-region           | 10,000  |
| 7. Develop a sub-regional RAM Programme to assist partner states to assess funding                                | 10,000  |
| 8. Hold 1 meeting of RAMCEA Regional Governing Council  | 10,000  |
| 9. Hold 1 Pre-COP 14 meeting for National Focal Points  | 15,000  |
| 10. Pay staff and maintain the RAMCEA Offices   | 15,000  |
| 11. Undertake a rapid assessment of Ramsar sites  | 20,000  |
| 12. Prepare a RAM implementation Action Plan for Uganda   | 5,000   |

| <b>Sources of Income</b>        | <b>Forecast/budgeted amount of income<br/>amount (currency)</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Donor name</b>               |   |
| Government of Uganda            | 45,000  |
| Other donors                    | 40,000  |
| Request from Ramsar core budget | 30,000  |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>115,000</b>  |

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During the year under review the demise of Mr. Paul Mafabi caused a huge setback in activity implementation. This has been addressed through the appointment of the replacement. Ms. Lucy Iyango. Uganda will continue to host the center until the matter is decided at the next Governing council meeting.

RAMCEA engaged in a number of collaborations, mainly with wetlands International, to review the Wetlands Policy and prepare a Wetlands Bill. This was aimed at strengthening networks for implementation of the various outputs.

Despite the above successes, much more is needed to achieve the vision and strategic directions of RAMCEA. Therefore, more effort is needed to mobilize resources, lobbying of the various partner states to support implementation of key outputs and creating of networks with other local, regional and international institutions that can finance and support implementation.