CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

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**SC52-06**

**Update on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance**

**Actions requested:**

Standing Committee is invited:

* to take note of the updated report on the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance;
* to advise on activities to be undertaken by regional representatives on the Standing Committee and those Contracting Parties directly concerned; and
* to instruct the Secretariat as appropriate on specific measures to be taken on the longest-running Article 3.2 files.

**Background**

1. This update fulfils the reporting requirements as determined by the 35th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC35) through decision SC35-28 that “the reporting on the status of Ramsar Sites should be an agenda item for every Standing Committee meeting”.
2. It provides an update on the status of Ramsar Sites based on information received by the Secretariat from 10 June 2015 to 3 February 2016. The previous update was submitted to Contracting Parties in Doc. SC51-16, which provided all information received by the Secretariat until the closure of COP12 on 9 June 2015.

**Overview**

*Newly designated Ramsar Sites*

1. As of 3 February 2016, a total of 2,231 Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) were designated, covering 214,936,005 hectares.
2. 21 new Ramsar Sites, covering a total of 1,041,377 hectares, were added to the List during the period under review. Annex 1 of this report provides a list of the Sites. Two Transboundary Ramsar Sites have been designated: the Wadden Sea, by Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands (composed of 13 existing Ramsar Sites); and the Olmany-Perebrody mires by Belarus and Ukraine (composed of two existing Ramsar Sites).

*Extensions, restrictions or deletions of existing Ramsar Sites (Article 2.5)*

1. During the period under review, two Parties significantly extended the boundaries and area of one existing Ramsar Site each: Madagascar (Parc national Tsimanampesotse, from 45,604 ha to 203,740 ha); and Mozambique (Zambezi Delta, from 688,000 ha to 3,171,172 ha).
2. No Ramsar Sites were deleted from the List during the review period.
3. The resulting trends in the total number and area of Ramsar Sites are shown at Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 1: Cumulative number of Ramsar Sites, 1974 – 3 February 2016

Figure 2: Cumulative area of Ramsar Sites, 1974 – 3 February 2016

**Regular updating of Ramsar Site information**

1. Between 10 June 2015 and 3 February 2016, eight Parties provided updated or missing data for 29 Ramsar Sites. More details are listed in Annex 2. In addition, five Parties submitted updated Ramsar Information Sheets (RIS) for 15 Sites that are currently being processed by the Secretariat, or for which further information has been requested from the Contracting Party.
2. For 1,308 Ramsar Sites (**58% of all 2,231 Sites**) within the territory of 142 Parties, significant information is out of date or missing. More information on the missing or outdated data is given in Annexes 3a and 3b.
3. During the period under review, paper maps for 342 Ramsar Sites have been scanned and uploaded into the Ramsar Sites Information Service. 72 more paper maps are in the process of being adapted so they can be uploaded. The number of Ramsar Sites that are missing maps completely has been reduced to 27 sites, although a further 32 maps are not adequate and are being followed up by the regional teams.
4. Paragraphs 12 and 13 of Resolution XII.6 urge the Parties in whose territories lie Ramsar Sites for which the RIS or map have not been submitted since the time of designation to provide such information as a matter of urgency and in advance of SC51. The Ramsar Secretariat has contacted all relevant Contracting Parties and the updated report on all outstanding cases is presented in Annex 3a.
5. Contracting Parties are requested through Resolution XII.6 to fulfil, as a matter of urgency, the terms of Resolution VI.13 and submit updated information on Ramsar Sites at least every six years using the most up-to-date format of the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS), now available online through the new Ramsar Sites Information Service, and also to use this RIS for designating new Sites and extending existing Sites.

**Changes in the ecological character of specific Ramsar Sites: Article 3.2 reports**

1. Article 3.2 requires Parties to inform the Secretariat if the ecological character of a Site has changed, is changing or is likely to change as the result of technological developments, pollution or other human interference. All Parties are encouraged to seek to restore their function and ecological character. Such cases are termed “Article 3.2 files”.
2. Annex 4a lists the status of the 128 Ramsar Sites with “confirmed Article 3.2 files” initially reported by the Administrative Authority or reported by third parties and confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
3. Annex 4b lists the status of 66 Ramsar Sites for which human-induced negative changes in ecological character have been reported by third parties, but have not yet been confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
4. The combined total of 194 Sites listed in Annexes 4a and 4b during the period under review represents a similar number to the one reported for the previous period. This suggests that wetlands are still threatened, but also suggests closer attention by the Parties to the potential loss of ecological character of Sites and the interest of civil society in the status of wetlands.
5. During the review period, the Secretariat received new confirmed Article 3.2 files regarding nine Ramsar Sites from Contracting Parties, and new files regarding six Ramsar Sites from other sources not yet confirmed by the Administrative Authority.
6. Annexes 4a and 4b also summarize the Sites for which no new information has been received. Information is particularly lacking for open files in Bangladesh (Sundarbans Forest Reserve, Site no. 560), Belize (Sarstoon Temash National Park, 1562), Greece (Messolonghi lagoons, 62; Amvrakikos gulf, 61; Axios Ludias Aliakmon delta, 59; Kotychi Lagoons, 63; Lake Vistonis Porto Lagos Lake Ismaris & adjoining lagoons, 55; Lakes Volvi & Koronia, 57; Messolonghi lagoons, 62; Nestos delta & adjoining lagoons, 56), India (Wular Lake, 461; Hairke Lake, 462; Sambhar Lake, 464; Ashtamudi Lake, 1204; Deepor Beel, 1207; East Calcutta Wetlands, 1208; Sasthamkotta Lake, 1212; Vembanand-Kol, 1214), and the Netherlands (Bargerveen, 581).
7. During the period under review, reported changes in ecological character were resolved and Article 3.2 files were reported by Administrative Authorities as closed for two Ramsar Sites.
8. As a result of the lack of regular updates and information on potential or open Article 3.2 files from Ramsar Sites, and as previously indicated to SC48, the Secretariat would like to receive from SC52 recommendations on how to give to the most serious Article 3.2 cases greater support to achieve rapid resolution of the issues. For this purpose, Annex 4a of this report also highlights the 107 longest-running files open for two years or more.
9. For Ramsar Sites for which no update has been received for six years or more, the Secretariat will follow up with the Administrative Authorities in the countries concerned, and Parties are urged to report to the Secretariat in time for SC52, and subsequently to each Standing Committee meeting, their status and any steps taken to address any changes or likely changes in their ecological character.
10. The Secretariat also requests that the regional representatives on the Standing Committee provide their support, for example by consulting directly with the Parties concerned, in order that “information on such changes [will] be passed without delay to the [Ramsar Secretariat]”, as stipulated in Article 3.2 of the Convention.

**Montreux Record and Ramsar Advisory Missions**

1. Of 126 open Article 3.2 files, 47 were included on the Montreux Record as of 3 February 2016. During this period, no other Sites were removed from the Montreux Record, and two Ramsar Advisory Missions were carried out in Italy (Laguna di Venezia: Valle Averto) and Norway (Nordre Tyrifjord).
2. The Secretariat will contact the concerned Parties to provide information at SC53 on all open Article 3.2 Files, including Montreux Record Sites, so that there is more consistency of approach with all Sites that are at risk of loss of ecological character.

**Annexes**

1. Newly designated Ramsar Sites added to the List, 10 June 2015 - 3 February 2016
2. List of Sites for which the Parties have provided updated Ramsar Information Sheets and maps, including missing RISs and maps, 10 June 2015 - 3 February 2016.

3a List of 40 Ramsar Sites for which either the RIS or an adequate map has never been submitted to the Secretariat since designation.

3b List of Contracting Parties from which at least one updated Ramsar Information Sheet is needed after six years or more of no update (1,305 Ramsar Sites).

4a Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur (Article 3.2).

4b Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur.

**Annex 1**

**Newly designated Ramsar Sites added to the List[[1]](#footnote-2), 10 June 2015 - 3 February 2016**

| **Country** | **Site No.** | **Site Name** | **Designation Date** | **Area (ha)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Argentina | 2255 | Delta del Paraná | 03/10/2015 | 243,126 |
| Belarus | 2252 | Polesye Valley of River Bug | 29/05/2014 | 23,159 |
| Belarus | 2251 | Vileity | 30/09/2014 | 8,452 |
| Belarus | 2250 | Servech | 29/05/2014 | 9,068 |
| Belarus | 2244 | Dnieper River Floodplain | 29/05/2014 | 29,353 |
| Brazil | 2259 | Atol das Rocas Biological Reserve | 11/12/2015 | 35,186 |
| Burkina Faso | 2253 | Barrage de Tougouri | 02/02/2016 | 1,221 |
| Burkina Faso | 2254 | Bassin de Nakanbé-Mané | 02/02/2016 | 19,477 |
| Burkina Faso | 2258 | Barrage de Yalgo | 02/02/2016 | 4,522.36 |
| Cambodia | 2245 | Prek Toal Ramsar Site | 02/10/2015 | 21,342 |
| China | 2246 | Zhangye Heihe Wetland National Nature Reserve | 16/10/2015 | 41,165 |
| China | 2248 | Anhui Shengjin Lake National Nature Reserve | 16/10/2015 | 33,340 |
| China | 2249 | Guangdong Nanpeng Archipelago Wetlands | 16/10/2015 | 35,679 |
| France | 2247 | Marais Vernier et Vallée de la Risle maritime | 18/12/2015 | 9,564 |
| Iraq | 2240 | Sawa Lake | 03/03/2014 | 500 |
| Iraq | 2241 | Central Marshes | 07/04/2014 | 219,700 |
| Iraq | 2242 | Hammar Marsh | 07/04/2014 | 180,000 |
| Kuwait | 2239 | Mubarak Al-Kabeer Reserve | 05/09/2015 | 50,948 |
| Myanmar | 2256 | Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary | 02/02/2016 | 47,884 |
| Nepal | 2257 | Lake Cluster of Pokhara Valley | 02/02/2016 | 26,106 |
| United States of America | 2243 | Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain | 25/09/2015 | 1,584 |

**Annex 2**

**List of Sites for which the Parties provided updated Ramsar Information Sheets and maps, including missing RISs and maps, 10 June 2015 - 3 February 2016[[2]](#footnote-3).**

| Country | Site No. | Site Name | Designation Date | Area (ha) | Type |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Belgium | 1405 | Les Hautes Fagnes | 24/03/2003 | 9,974 | Update |
| Belgium | 1407 | Vallée de la Haute-Sûre | 24/03/2003 | 29,000 | Update |
| Ghana | 393 | Owabi Wildlife Sanctuary Ramsar Site | 22/02/1988 | 7,260 | Update |
| Ghana | 563 | Muni-Pomadze Ramsar Site | 14/08/1992 | 9,461 | Update |
| Ghana | 564 | Densu Delta Ramsar Site | 14/08/1992 | 5,893 | Update |
| Ghana | 565 | Sakumo Ramsar Site | 14/08/1992 | 1,364 | Update |
| Ghana | 566 | Songor Ramsar Site | 14/08/1992 | 51,133 | Update |
| Ghana | 567 | Keta Lagoon Complex Ramsar Site | 14/08/1992 | 101,023 | Update |
| Hungary | 182 | Szaporca | 11/04/1979 | 290 | Update |
| Hungary | 187 | Upper Kiskunság Alkaline Lakes | 11/04/1979 | 7,394 | Update |
| Hungary | 418 | Ócsai Turjános | 17/03/1989 | 1,146 | Update |
| Hungary | 420 | Lake Fertö | 17/03/1989 | 8,432 | Update |
| Hungary | 900 | Gemenc | 30/04/1997 | 19,770 | Update |
| Hungary | 901 | Béda-Karapancsa | 30/04/1997 | 8,669 | Update |
| Hungary | 902 | Lake Kolon at Izsák | 30/04/1997 | 3,059 | Update |
| Hungary | 904 | Pacsmag Fishponds Nature Conservation Area | 30/04/1997 | 439 | Update |
| Hungary | 1093 | Ipoly Valley | 14/08/2001 | 2,304 | Update |
| Hungary | 1409 | Csongrád-Bokrosi Sóstó sodic-alkaline pans | 04/12/2004 | 865 | Update |
| Hungary | 1745 | Borsodi-Mezöség | 20/02/2008 | 18,471 | Update |
| Madagascar | 962 | Parc national Tsimanampesotse | 25/09/1998 | 203,740 | Update |
| Mozambique | 1391 | Zambezi Delta | 03/08/2004 | 3,171,172 | Update |
| Netherlands | 1242 | Veluwerandmeren | 29/08/2000 | 6,124 | Update |
| Rwanda | 1589 | Rugezi-Burera-Ruhondo | 12/01/2005 | 6, 736 | Update |
| Zimbabwe | 2102 | Cleveland Dam | 03/05/2013 | 1,050 | Update |
| Zimbabwe | 2103 | Chinhoyi Caves Recreational Park | 03/05/2013 | 33 | Update |
| Zimbabwe | 2104 | Driefontein Grasslands | 03/05/2013 | 201,194 | Update |
| Zimbabwe | 2105 | Lake Chivero and Manyame | 03/05/2013 | 29,260 | Update |
| Zimbabwe | 2107 | Monavale Wetland | 03/05/2013 | 507 | Update |
| Zimbabwe | 2108 | Victoria Falls National Park | 03/05/2013 | 1,750 | Update |

**Annex 3a**

**List of 40 Ramsar Sites for which either the RIS or an adequate map has not been submitted to the Secretariat since designation**

(as of 3 February 2016)

| **Country** | **Site No.** | **Site Name** | **Designation Date** | **RIS** | **Map** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Azerbaijan** | 1075 | Agh-Ghol | 21/05/2001 | no | no |
| **Azerbaijan** | 1076 | Ghizil-Agaj | 21/05/2001 | yes | no |
| **Cape Verde** | 1575 | Curral Velho | 18/07/2005 | no | no |
| **Cape Verde** | 1576 | Lagoa de Rabil | 18/07/2005 | no | no |
| **Cape Verde** | 1577 | Lagoa de Pedra Badejo | 18/07/2005 | no | no |
| **Djibouti** | 1239 | Haramous-Loyada | 22/03/2003 | no | no |
| **Central African Republic** | 1590 | Les Rivières de Mbaéré-Bodingué | 05/12/2005 | no | no |
| **France** | 346 | Camargue | 01/12/1986 | yes | no |
| **France** | 786 | La Petite Camargue | 08/01/1996 | yes | no |
| **Germany** | 174 | Unteres Odertal, Schwedt | 31/07/1978 | no | no |
| **Germany** | 175 | Peitzer Teichgebiet | 31/07/1978 | no | no |
| **India** | 463 | Loktak Lake | 23/03/1990 | yes | no |
| **India** | 464 | Sambhar Lake | 23/03/1990 | yes | no |
| **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | 39 | Neyriz Lakes and Kamjan Marshes | 23/06/1975 | yes | no |
| **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | 42 | Hamun-e- Saberi and Hamun-e-Helmand | 23/06/1975 | yes | no |
| **Ireland** | 840 | Bannow Bay | 11/06/1996 | no | yes |
| **Ireland** | 841 | Trawbreaga Bay | 11/06/1996 | no | yes |
| **Ireland** | 842 | Cummeen Strand | 11/06/1996 | no | yes |
| **Kazakhstan** | 108 | Lakes of the lower Turgay and Irgiz | 11/10/1976 | yes | no |
| **Kuwait** | 2239 | Mubarak Al-Kabeer Reserve | 05/09/2015 | no | yes |
| **Netherlands** **[[3]](#footnote-4)** | 198 | Het Spaans Lagoen | 23/05/1980 | no | yes |
| **New Zealand** | 103 | Farewell Spit | 13/08/1976 | yes | no |
| **Pakistan** | 97 | Thanedar Wala | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| **Pakistan** | 98 | Tanda Dam | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| **Pakistan** | 99 | Kinjhar (kalri) Lake | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| **Pakistan** | 100 | Drigh Lake | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| **Pakistan** | 101 | Haleji Lake | 23/07/1976 | yes | no |
| **Pakistan** | 818 | Ucchali Complex (including Khabbaki, Uchhali and Jahlar Lakes) | 22/03/1996 | yes | no |
| **Papua New Guinea** | 961 | Lake Kutubu | 22/09/1998 | yes | no |
| **Papua New Guinea** | 591 | Tonda Wildlife Management Area | 16/03/1993 | yes | no |
| **Sao Tome and Principe** | 1632 | Ilots Tinhosas | 21/08/2006 | no | no |
| **Swaziland****[[4]](#footnote-5)** | 2121 | Hawane Nature Reserve and Dam | 15/06/2013 | no | no |
| **Swaziland 4** | 2122 | Sand River | 15/06/2013 | no | no |
| **Swaziland 4** | 2123 | Van Eck | 15/06/2013 | no | no |
| **Tajikistan** | 1082 | Karakul Lake | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| **Tajikistan** | 1083 | Kayrakum Reservoir | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| **Tajikistan** | 1084 | Lower part of Pyandj River | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| **Tajikistan** | 1085 | Shorkul and Rangkul Lakes | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| **Tajikistan** | 1086 | Zorkul Lake | 18/07/2001 | no | yes |
| **Zimbabwe** | 2106 | Mana Pools | 03/05/2013 | no | no |

**Annex 3b**

**List of Contracting Parties from which at least one updated Ramsar Information Sheet is needed after six years or more of no update**

(reporting period 10 June 2015 to 3 February 2016)

| Country | Total designated  Sites | Sites requiring  information to  be updated[[5]](#footnote-6) | Sites for which updated information has been received by the Secretariat[[6]](#footnote-7) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Albania | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Algeria | 50 | 47 | 0 |
| Andorra | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Argentina | 22 | 15 | 4 |
| Armenia | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Australia | 65 | 16 | 25 |
| Austria | 23 | 11 | 7 |
| Azerbaijan | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Bahamas | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Bahrain | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Bangladesh | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Barbados | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Belarus | 20 | 1 | 8 |
| Belgium | 9 | 7 | 0 |
| Belize | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Benin | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Bhutan | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 11 | 8 | 0 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Botswana | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brazil | 13 | 3 | 8 |
| Bulgaria | 11 | 8 | 0 |
| Burkina Faso | 18 | 15 | 0 |
| Burundi | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Cambodia | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Cameroon | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| Canada | 37 | 1 | 35 |
| Cape Verde | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Central African Republic | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Chad | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Chile | 13 | 6 | 5 |
| China | 49 | 1 | 25 |
| Colombia | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| Comoros | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Congo | 13 | 7 | 0 |
| Costa Rica | 12 | 1 | 11 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Croatia | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Cuba | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Cyprus | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Czech Republic | 14 | 12 | 0 |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Denmark | 43 | 0 | 13 |
| Djibouti | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dominican Republic | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Ecuador | 18 | 4 | 9 |
| Egypt | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| El Salvador | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Estonia | 17 | 8 | 0 |
| Fiji | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Finland | 49 | 49 | 0 |
| France | 44 | 25 | 8 |
| Gabon | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Gambia | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Georgia | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Germany | 34 | 16 | 18 |
| Ghana | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Greece | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Grenada | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Guatemala | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Guinea | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Honduras | 9 | 0 | 6 |
| Hungary | 29 | 0 | 16 |
| Iceland | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| India | 26 | 25 | 0 |
| Indonesia | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 24 | 22 | 0 |
| Iraq | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Ireland | 45 | 45 | 0 |
| Israel | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Italy | 52 | 7 | 44 |
| Jamaica | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Japan | 50 | 34 | 2 |
| Jordan | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Kazakhstan | 10 | 8 | 0 |
| Kenya | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Kiribati | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kuwait | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Latvia | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Lebanon | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Lesotho | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Liberia | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Libya | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Liechtenstein | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lithuania | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| Luxembourg | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Madagascar | 10 | 6 | 0 |
| Malawi | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Malaysia | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Mali | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Malta | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Marshall Islands | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Mauritania | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Mauritius | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Mexico | 142 | 118 | 3 |
| Monaco | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mongolia | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| Montenegro | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Morocco | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| Mozambique | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Myanmar | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Namibia | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Nepal | 10 | 6 | 3 |
| Netherlands | 54 | 1 | 11 |
| New Zealand | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Nicaragua | 9 | 0 | 8 |
| Niger | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Nigeria | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| Norway | 63 | 4 | 1 |
| Oman | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pakistan | 19 | 19 | 0 |
| Palau | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Panama | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Papua New Guinea | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Paraguay | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Peru | 13 | 10 | 3 |
| Philippines | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| Poland | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| Portugal | 31 | 22 | 6 |
| Republic of Korea | 21 | 3 | 9 |
| Republic of Moldova | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Romania | 19 | 5 | 0 |
| Russian Federation | 35 | 14 | 21 |
| Rwanda | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Saint Lucia | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Samoa | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Senegal | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| Serbia | 10 | 9 | 0 |
| Seychelles | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Sierra Leone | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Slovakia | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| Slovenia | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| South Africa | 22 | 20 | 0 |
| South Sudan | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Spain | 74 | 66 | 0 |
| Sri Lanka | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Sudan | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Suriname | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sweden | 66 | 7 | 44 |
| Switzerland | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tajikistan | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Thailand | 14 | 11 | 0 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Togo | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Tunisia | 41 | 20 | 0 |
| Turkey | 14 | 13 | 0 |
| Turkmenistan | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Uganda | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Ukraine | 33 | 0 | 33 |
| United Arab Emirates | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| United Kingdom | 170 | 167 | 0 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| United States of America | 38 | 21 | 2 |
| Uruguay | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Uzbekistan | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Viet Nam | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Yemen | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Zambia | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Zimbabwe | 6 | 0 | 0 |

**Annex 4a**

**Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur (Article 3.2)**

Open files where information was received by the Secretariat from the Administrative Authority and which have been followed up by the Secretariat. This list contains Article 3.2 files open at the time of COP12 and also those open files closed since 10 June 2015.

| Site No. | Contracting Party | Site Name | Date of opening | Date of closure | Montreux Record | Short summary of the issue | Status as of 3 February 2016 | First reported by [[7]](#footnote-8) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1290 | **Albania** | Butrint\* | 12/10/2009 |  |  | Urban developments, fish farm, new road. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | Other |
| 1598 | **Albania** | Lake Shkodra and River Buna\* | 14/03/2008 |  |  | Urban developments, removal of vegetation. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | Other |
| 759 | **Argentina** | Laguna de Llancanelo\* | 02/07/2001 |  | X | Potential change in the ecological character due to oil activities, invasive species and transbasin diversion of Rio Grande to Atuel river. | Change in ecological character is being actively addressed by the AA. Last report in COP12 National Report. | AA |
| 620 | **Armenia** | Lake Sevan\* | 2010 |  |  | Organic pollution of water, fish stocks diminished. Reported by AA. | Updated report received from AA in September 2013. Overfishing continues, but water quality has improved. | AA |
| 321 | **Australia** | The Coorong, lakes Alexandrina and Albert Wetlands \* | 13/05/2007 |  |  | Site has deteriorated due to prolonged drought in the Murray River caused by decreased rainfall and water over allocation for agriculture and urban use. | A situation update was provided in November 2015. | AA |
| 337 | **Australia** | Macquarie Marshes\* | 20/07/2009 |  |  | Reduction in inundation frequency; declines in the diversity, distribution and health of key wetland vegetation communities; disappearance of grasslands and colonization by dry land species | Response strategy was released in March 2013 and is currently being implemented. A situation update was provided in November 2015. | AA |
| 993 | **Australia** | Gwydir Wetlands: Gingham and Lower Gwydir (Big Leather) Watercourses\* | 14/06/1999 |  |  | In September 2003, damage to the site was reported due to illegal land-use activities, and legal action was taken against the parties concerned. The site has since suffered from insufficient water to parts of the site. | A situation update was provided in November 2015.. | AA |
| 272 | **Austria** | Donau-March-Thaya-Auen\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Transport infrastructures planned. RAM 22 (April 1991) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2010. Potential problem addressed but not yet solved, problem may appear again or become more acute in the future. | AA |
| 532 | **Austria** | Pürgschachen Moor | 27/11/2015 |  |  | Hydrological management (drains and excavation pond) | Update from AA received in February 2016. | AA |
| 327 | **Belgium** | Schorren van de Beneden Schelde\* | 22/12/1987 |  | X | Lowering of the water table & eutrophication. RAM 1 ( Feb 1988) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 329 | **Belgium** | De Ijzerbroeken te Diksmuide en Lo-Renige\* | 17/05/1999 |  | X | Depleted water quantity and quality. | Secretariat visit in November 2013. Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. | AA |
| 1562 | **Belize** | Sarstoon Temash National Park\* | 20/05/2009 |  |  | Concession to perform seismic testing for oil and natural gas. | Awaiting update from AA since country visit in October 2013. | Other |
| 1105 | **Bosnia and Herzegovina** | Hutovo Blato\* | 31/08/2010 |  |  | New road crossing the RS, bird poaching, urban developments. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. Change in ecological character is partially addressed according to RIS updated in 2012. | Other |
| 64 | **Bulgaria** | Srebarna\* | 02/04/1992 |  | X | Erosion of the river bed, eutrophication, vegetation succession. RAM 28 (April 92). RAM 47 (October 01) | Updated RIS received 31/01/2013. Threats ongoing. Conservation and reforestation efforts implemented. | AA |
| 239 | **Bulgaria** | Durankulak Lake\* | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Wind farm planned within the Site. Ongoing court case reported by AEWA in December 2015 | Awaiting further update from AA since 2010. New threat reported in 2013. EIA Carried out but AEWA requested to the Deputy Ministry of Environment a revision of the EIA. | AA |
| 222 | **Chile** | Carlos Anwandter Sanctuary\* | 06/10/2006 |  | X | Large mortality of Black-necked Swans related to impacts of waste discharge from an upstream cellulose factory. | Change in ecological character is actively addressed. Last report in COP12 National Report. | AA |
| 877 | **Chile** | Laguna Santa Rosa y Negro Francisco | 28/08/2014 |  |  | Change in ecological character by mining activities | Change in ecological character is actively addressed. Report in National Report to COP12. | AA |
| 951 | **Colombia** | Sistema Lagunar  Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta | 23/03/2015 |  |  | Change in the ecological character due to agriculture, and water diversion | Letter from the AA on 25 November 2015 requesting a RAM. | Other |
| 540 | **Costa Rica** | Palo Verde\* | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Changes in the ecological character of the Site, particularly its hydrological characteristics, due agricultural and cattle ranching activities in the surrounding area. | Change in ecological character is actively addressed | AA |
| 811 | **Costa Rica** | Caribe Nordeste\* | 15/11/2010 |  |  | Change in the ecological character by open artificial channels. | Updated report received from AA in March 2014. Ongoing follow up by Secretariat based on decisions of the International Court of Justice | AA |
| 583 | **Croatia** | Kopacki Rit\* | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Deforestation, drainage, poaching. RAM 55 (September 2005) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. | Other |
| 585 | **Croatia** | Delta Neretve\* | 30/11/2005 |  |  | Planned 3 hydropower plants, irrigation projects, urban developments, reed burning, illegal hunting. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 494 | **Czech Republic** | Sumava peatlands\* | 05/06/2001 |  |  | Change of management practices, reduction of non intervention areas, increased logging activities. RAM 44 (June 2001) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. | Other |
| 495 | **Czech Republic** | Trebon fishponds\* | 18/09/1994 |  | X | Intensive fish farming, eutrophication, hunting, habitat destruction. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. | AA |
| 635 | **Czech Republic** | Floodplain of lower Dyje River\* | 06/06/2005 |  | X | Planned navigation canal. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. | AA |
| 638 | **Czech Republic** | Litovelske Pomoravi\* | 26/02/1997 |  | X | Overexploitation of the aquifer, plans for a navigation canal. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. | AA |
| 639 | **Czech Republic** | Poodrí\* | 06/06/2005 |  | X | Planned navigation canal | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012. | AA |
| 141 | **Denmark** | Ringkøbing Fjord\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Increasing euthropication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds. RAM 36 (September 1996) | Awaiting further update from AA since October 2013 | AA |
| 389 | **Denmark** | Heden on Jameson Land (Greenland) \* | 28/04/2008 |  | X | Construction of a road, runway and harbour in the most important moulting area for barnacle geese. Confirmed by AA. RAM 61 ( June 2009) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2011 | Other |
| 787 | **DR Congo** | Virunga National Park\* | 05/09/2007 |  |  | Oil exploration scheme within the Park | Joint RAM conducted by WHC/IUCN/ICCN/Ramsar in March 2014. | Other |
| 407 | **Egypt** | Lake Bardawil\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Effect of the closing of the channels between the lagoon and the sea | Preliminary inventory assessment done. Awaiting update from AA | Other |
| 408 | **Egypt** | Lake Burullus\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Siltation, drainage and pollution | Confirmation of wetland loss and degradation by TdV report of March 2015. GIS monitoring by CP ongoing. Site chosen as pilot site for GlobWetland-Africa | Other |
| 893 | **Georgia** | Wetlands of Central Kolkheti\* | 27/07/2005 |  |  | Oil terminal and railway construction at the site. RAM 54 (August 2005) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2010 | AA |
| 82 | **Germany** | Wattenmeer, Ostfriesisches Wattenmeer & Dollart\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Dike plans. RAM 19 (September 1990) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2010 to close this file. | AA |
| 561 | **Germany** | Mühlenberger Loch\* | 23/01/2001 |  |  | Reduction of the site due to industrial expansion. RAM 46 (September 2001) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2010 | AA |
| 55 | **Greece** | Lake Vistonis Porto Lagos Lake Ismaris & adjoining lagoons\* | 05/07/1990 |  | X | Agricultural, domestic and industrial runoff, increase of salinity, urban developments. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 56 | **Greece** | Nestos delta & adjoining lagoons\* | 07/07/1990 |  | X | Decreasing groundwater levels. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 57 | **Greece** | Lakes Volvi & Koronia\* | 06/07/1990 |  | X | Pollution from agricultural, domestic and industrial runoff. | Awaiting update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 59 | **Greece** | Axios Ludias Aliakmon delta\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Pollution, dam and irrigation networks considerably altered river hydrology. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 61 | **Greece** | Amvrakikos gulf\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Increased salinity and depleted water levels due to irrigation. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 62 | **Greece** | Messolonghi lagoons\* | 07/07/1990 |  | X | Construction works changed the hydrology and geomorphology of the area, overgrazing, illegal fishing, urban developments, waste disposal. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 63 | **Greece** | Kotychi lagoons\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Illegal hunting, agricultural runoff, pollution, overgrazing. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2006 | Other |
| 488 | **Guatemala** | Laguna del Tigre\* | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Threat of natural resource extraction including logging, oil related activities and hunting as well as disordered settlement of communities. | Change in ecological character is partially addressed. Secretariat working with the AA to address the issue. |  |
| 1163 | **Guinea** | Niger-Mafou | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1164 | **Guinea** | Niger-Niandan-Milo | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1165 | **Guinea** | Niger Source | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1166 | **Guinea** | Niger-Tinkisso | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1167 | **Guinea** | Sankarani-Fié | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 1168 | **Guinea** | Tinkisso | 01/03/2014 |  |  | Extractive Industry (Mining) | Letter received from AA in March 2014 requesting for a RAM. Secretariat requested a desk study | AA |
| 722 | **Honduras** | Parque Nacional Jeannette Kawas\* | 19/06/2006 |  |  | Change in the ecological charactee due to building of touristic infrastructure. | Updated report received from AA in COP12 National Report (August 2014). Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA. | Other |
| 167 | **Iceland** | Myvatn-Laxá region\* | 22/04/2010 |  |  | Plans to build a new dam, geothermal infrastructure, urban developments and tourism pressures. RAM 76 (August 2013) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2013 | AA |
| 230 | **India** | Keoladeo National Park\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Shortage of water due to decreased rainfall during monsoon and dam upstream that controls the water flow to the site. | Awaiting update from AA since 2008 | AA |
| 463 | **India** | Loktak Lake\* | 16/06/1993 |  | X |  | Awaiting update from AA since 2008 | AA |
| 554 | **Indonesia** | Berbak | 23/11/2015 |  |  | Peat and forest fires of 2015 that burned across Kalimantan and Sumatra, including large areas of the Berbak National Park Ramsar Site. | A situation update was provided in Novermber 2015 during SC51 meeting. | AA |
| 38 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Urmia Lake\* | 05/09/2011 |  |  | Lake is drying out because of climate change and mismanagement of water resources in the lake basin | The problem is being addressed actively; latest update was provided in 2016 | AA |
| 39 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Neiriz lakes and Kamjan marshes\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Drainage of water from site; agricultural activities | Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008 | AA |
| 40 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Anzali Mordab (Talab) complex\* | 31/12/1993 |  | X | Changing water levels; increased eutrophication which led to the spread of Phragmites australis; outbreak of water hyacinth (2016) | The problem is being addressed actively by JICA project at the site; latest update was provided in 2016 | AA |
| 41 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Shadegan Marshes & mudflats of Khor-al Amaya & Khor Musa\* | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Chemical pollution; Proposed drainage of site for agricultural development | Awaiting update on the condition of the site since 2008 | AA |
| 42 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Hamun -e- Saberi & Hamun - e - Helmand\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Insufficient water flow into the site has led to it drying out. | The AA is working to address the issue; latest update was provided in 2014 | AA |
| 44 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Hamun-e-Puzak south end\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Insufficient water flow into the site has led to it drying out. | The AA is working to address the issue; latest update was provided in 2014 | AA |
| 45 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Shurgol, Yadegarlu & Dorgeh Sangi Lakes\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X |  | The problem is being actively addressed; latest update was provided in 2016 | AA |
| 53 | **Iran, Islamic Republic of** | Gavkhouni Lake and marshes of the lower Zaindeh Rud | 01/02/2016 |  |  | Severe degradation because of water over-extraction and pollution of Zaindeh Rud; groundwater over-extraction for agriculture. | On-going, requested RAM (unofficially) | Other |
| 1718 | **Iraq** | Hawizeh Marsh\* | 28/04/2010 |  | X | Changes in hydrology due to the construction of dams upstream, and water control structures; Decline in rainfall; Oil exploration | On-going; action is being taken to address the change in ecological character. Last update was received in June 2015 during COP12. | AA |
| 133 | **Italy** | Stagno di Molentargius\* | 22/05/2012 |  |  | The site is drying out. Under review by AA. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | Other |
| 190 | **Italy** | Laguna di Marano: Foci dello Stella \* | 27/01/2009 |  |  | Erosion of salt marshes decreased numbers of wintering birds. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | Other |
| 423 | **Italy** | Laguna di Venezia: Valle Averto | 15/07/2014 |  |  | Plans to dig a deep water shipping channel across the lagoon | Answer received from AA in December 2014. Joint RAM with WHC in October 2015 | Other |
| 135 | **Jordan** | Azraq Oasis\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Drying out of the oasis due to increased abstraction of water and reduced rainfall | Additional information received in December 2013. The problem is on-going but action is also being taken to address the issue | AA |
| 108 | **Kazakhstan** | Lakes of the lower Turgay & Irgyz\* | Pre COP11 |  |  | Decrease in water supply that is affecting wildlife, flora and also human settlements dependent on it; Barrages across the River Turgay and its tributaries cut water supply | Waiting for an update on the conditions of the site from AA since 2008. | Other |
| 1231 | **Kyrgyz Republic** | Issyk-Kul State Reserve with the Lake Issyk-Kul\* | 12/11/2002 |  |  | Inadequate treatment of wastewater before it is discharged into the lake. | Updated report received from AA in August 2014; issue is being actively addressed. | AA |
| 1588 | **Kyrgyz Republic** | Karatal-Japyryk State Reserve with the lakes Son-Kol and Chatyr-Kol\* | 01/11/2012 |  |  | Son-Kol has issues with overgrazing, illegal fishing and inadequate tourism management | Updated report received from AA in August 2014 | AA |
| 869 | **Malawi** | Lake Chilwa\* | 01/08/2013 |  |  | Mineral extraction | Letter received from AA in August 2013 requesting for a RAM. Draft desk study for RAM received on 22 October 2013 - commented and sent back to CP for correction and improvement | AA |
| 1287 | **Malaysia** | Pulau Kukup/ | 10/04/2014 |  |  | Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil. | Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June 2014. | Other |
| 1288 | **Malaysia** | Sungai Pulai | 10/04/2014 |  |  | Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil. | Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June 2014. | Other |
| 1289 | **Malaysia** | Tanjung Piai | 10/04/2014 |  |  | Proposed ship-to-ship (STS) transfer activities within the Kukup port limits; STS will use super tankers as floating storage terminals for crude oil. | Project is in planning phase; EIA has not yet been conducted but is being planned; the Ministry is monitoring the progress of the project and will share more details with the Secretariat as it becomes available. Latest update was provided in June 2014. | Other |
| 732 | **Mexico** | Marismas Nacionales | 05/08/2014 |  |  | Building of Las Cruces Hydroelectric Project. | Report by AA. Last report in COP12 National Report. | AA |
| 1346 | **Mexico** | Parque Arrecifal Veracruzano\* | 24/09/2013 |  |  | Threat by a proposal to expand Veracruz port. | Last report in COP12 National Report Secretariat working with AA to address the issues. AA waiting for the decision of the Court. | Other |
| 1351 | **Mexico** | Playa Tortuguera X'cacel-X'cacelito\* | 12/04/2011 |  |  | Building of the touristic project Punta Carey. | Last report in COP12 National Report. | Other |
| 784 | **Montenegro** | Skadarsko Jezero\* | 24/12/2009 |  |  | Pollution by an aluminium plant, bird disturbance and poaching. RAM 56 (October 2005) | Awaiting further update from AA since 2011 | Other |
| 581 | **Netherlands** | Bargerveen\* | 2005 |  |  | Wind farm construction adjacent to the RS in drained peatlands, court case in Germany and EC. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2005 | Other |
| 289 | **Netherlands** | Waddensea\* | 17/07/2012 |  |  | Industrial developments in the area. Coal fuelled power plant planned at the edge of the RS. | Update received from the AA in June 2015. Awaiting further information from AA. | Other |
| 1140 | **Nicaragua** | Humedales de San Miguelito | 23/10/2014 |  |  | Interoceanic Nicaragua Channel | Secretariat working with AA to address the issues. | AA |
| 1138 | **Nicaragua** | Refugio de Vida Silvestre del Rio San Juan\* | 30/11/2010 |  |  | Project for the improvement of the navigation of the San Juan River. | Secretariat working with AA to address the issues. | AA |
| 1139 | **Nicaragua** | Sistema de Humedales de la Bahia de Bluefields\* | 15/01/2007 |  | X | Potential changes in the ecological character as a consequence of the proposed construction of an all-weather road. | Change in ecological character is partially addressed | AA |
| 13 | **Norway** | Aakersvika\* | 01/03/2007 |  |  | Planned road expansion. RAM 56 (April 2010) | Update received January 2016 | Other |
| 307 | **Norway** | Nordre Øyeren\* | 20/08/2010 |  |  | Road expansion from two to four lines and establishment of a pipeline for sewage. | Awaiting further update from AA since June 2013 | AA |
| 308 | **Norway** | Ilene & Pesterødkilen\* | 21/01/2005 |  |  | Pollution accident, urban developments and new road system | Awaiting further update from AA since June 2013 | AA |
| 802 | **Norway** | Nordre Tyrifjord\* | 03/03/2013 |  |  | Planned new main road and railway line. RAM 79 (July 2015) | Awaiting further update from AA since July 2015. | AA |
| 805 | **Norway** | Giske Wetland System\* | 01/03/2012 |  |  | Shelterbelt planting and building and overgrowing. | Awaiting further update from AA since June 2013 | AA |
| 809 | **Norway** | Froan Nature Reserve & Landscape Protection Area\* | 19/03/2004 |  |  | Fish farm potentially affecting site's ecological character. Confirmed by AA. | Awaiting further update from AA since June 2013 | Other |
| 310 | **Norway** | Ørlandet\* | 18/07/2012 |  |  | Planned air base extension | Awaiting further update from AA since September 2014 | Other |
| 99 | **Pakistan** | Kinjhar (Kalri) Lake\* | 05/02/2009 |  |  | Industrial waste pollution from feeder river to the lake; decline in waterbirds and water not suitable for drinking | Waiting for an update on the condition of the site from AA since 2009 | Other |
| 101 | **Pakistan** | Haleji Lake\* | 14/04/2009 |  |  | Plan to develop right bank outfall drain next to the site | Waiting for an update on the condition of the site and the progress of the project from AA since 2009 | Other |
| 1067 | **Pakistan** | Jubho Lagoon\* | 18/12/2008 |  |  | Pollution | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 | Other |
| 656 | **Philippines** | Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary (OIWS) \* | 01/08/2012 |  |  | Proposed reclamation project in Cordova coastal area, a nearby island of OIWS | Ongoing discussions to address the issue. Latest update from AA in August 2014. | Other |
| 2124 | **Philippines** | Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA) \* | 13/02/2014 |  |  | Proposed reclamation of the Manila Bay, specifically, areas adjacent to LPPCHEA. Petitions were filed to avert the reclamation projects. | Issue is being actively addressed. Latest update from AA in August 2014. | AA |
| 521 | **Romania** | Danube Delta\* | 18/08/2004 |  |  | Possible transboundary influences due to the reopening of a navigable waterway (Bistroe channel). | Updated report received from AA in May 2013 | AA |
| 1074 | **Romania** | Small Island of Braila\* | 28/04/2005 |  |  | Works to improve navigation conditions potentially affecting the site ecological character. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2009 | AA |
| 2650 | **Romania** | Olt – Danube Confluence\* | 10/07/2012 |  |  | Planned construction of a dam | Awaiting further update from AA since September 2012 | Other |
| 139 | **Senegal** | Bassin du Ndiael\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Agro-industrial projects | PREFELAG and Alliance Ecosystem projects very active in the site to restore its ecological integrity report in COP12. | AA |
| 1392 | **Serbia** | Slano Kopovo\* | 01/11/2006 |  |  | Water deficit result of hydromelioration activities and successive dry years. | Updated report received from AA in September 2013 | Other |
| 1014 | **Sierra Leone** | Sierra River Estuary\* | 01/01/2013 |  |  | Urban development (Expansion of Freetown City) | Letter received from AA in January 2013 requesting for a RAM. Desk study received in January 2015. ToR to be drafted | AA |
| 586 | **Slovenia** | Secovlje salt pans\* | 05/03/2007 |  |  | Illegal hunting. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2008 | AA |
| 991 | **Slovenia** | Skocjan Caves\* | 27/04/2007 |  |  | Implementation of the national location plan for drinking water supply. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2007 | Other |
| 343 | **South Africa** | Blesbokspruit\* | 06/05/1996 |  | X | Pollution from underground mine water | Situation report expected from AA since March 2014 | AA |
| 526 | **South Africa** | Orange River Mouth\* | 26/09/1995 |  | X | Collapse of salt marsh component of the site as a result of diamond mining activities and dam construction | Update expected from AA since March 2014 | AA |
| 593 | **Spain** | Delta del Ebro | 28/07/2014 |  |  | Upstream water abstraction & pollution, sediment retention | Awaiting further update from AA since February 2015 | Other |
| 234 | **Spain** | Doñana\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Intensive agriculture, dam construction, pollution, overfishing, overexploitation of the aquifers, tourism pressures, drainage, gas and oil exploitation, navigation disturbance. RAM 51 (October 2002). RAM 70 (January 2011). | New threats reported in 2013. Updated report received from AA in July 2014. | Other |
| 2069 | **Spain** | Lagunas de Ruidera\* | 22/11/2012 |  |  | Lack of management plan and tourism pressures threatening the site's ecological character | Updated report received from AA in March 2015. | Other |
| 235 | **Spain** | Las Tablas de Daimiel\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Overexploitation of the aquifer. Guadiana river ceased flowing in the RS. RAM 2 (March 1988) | Updated report received from AA in March 2014. | Other |
| 449 | **Spain** | S'Albufera de Mallorca\* | 01/04/2009 |  |  | Golf course development. RAM 68 (October 2010) | Awaiting further update from AA since March 2014. | Other |
| 454 | **Spain** | Albufera de Valencia\* | 16/03/2004 |  |  | Urban developments. RAM 58 (December) 2006 | Awaiting further update from AA since March 2014. | Other |
| 599 | **Spain** | Laguna y Arenal de Valdoviño\* | 10/01/2012 |  |  | Drainage operation critically lowered the water level of the lagoon, dune vegetation destruction due to human pressures. | Updated report received from AA in February 2015. | Other |
| 706 | **Spain** | Mar Menor\* | 08/10/2007 |  |  | Eutrophication and water extraction. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 726 | **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** | Prespa Lake\* | 28/03/2006 |  |  | Eutrophication, overexploitation. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 736 | **Togo** | Reserve de faune de Togodo\* | 01/01/2014 |  |  | Dam Construction | Draft EIA available and Secretariat advised and guided AA for its involvement with the validation process | AA |
| 203 | **Tunisia** | Ichkeul\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Hydraulic development works in catchment area | Removal process ongoing. Final report expected since November 2014. RIS update received from NFP in November 2015 | AA |
| 1715 | **UAE** | Ras al Khor\* | 15/04/2013 |  |  | Opening of the Business Bay Canal causing possible changes in salinity and hydrodynamics | Latest information was provided in Jan 2016; ecological character of the site is being monitored | Other |
| 394 | **Uganda** | Lake George\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Oil and gas activities | Awaiting update from AA since 2009. The Head of AA sent a request for a RAM in November 2015 | AA |
| 1637 | **Uganda** | Lutembe Bay | 25/11/2015 |  |  | Some extractive industries are working around this site | The Head of AA sent a request for a RAM in November 2015 | AA |
| 1640 | **Uganda** | Murchison Falls-Albert Delta | 25/11/2015 |  |  | Some extractive industries are working around this site | The Head of AA sent a request for a RAM in November 2015 | AA |
| 756 | **Ukraine** | The Northern Part of the Dniester Liman | 15/08/2014 |  |  | 330kV high voltage transmission line project potentially crossing the RS. Reported by 3rd Party-under review by AA. | Updated report received from AA in September 2014. Location of the transmission line to be confirmed. | Other |
| 766 | **Ukraine** | Tyligulskyi Liman\* | 05/10/2012 |  |  | Land reclamation, pollution, anthropogenic disturbances, changes in the hydrology. | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 764 | **Ukraine** | Dniester-Turunchuk Crossrivers Area\* | 05/10/2012 |  |  | Operation of the Novodnestrovsk Plant as well as the Dniester Hydroelectric Power Station as artificially regulated flooding threatens fish species and reduces the diversity of the site | Awaiting further update from AA since 2012 | AA |
| 77 | **United Kingdom** | Ouse Washes\* | 31/10/2000 |  | X | Water management problems. RAM 49 (November 2001) | Updated report received from AA in September 2015 | AA |
| 298 | **United Kingdom** | The Dee Estuary\* | 04/07/1990 |  | X | Industrial and transport developments. RAM 34 (November 1994) | Updated report received from AA in September 2015 | Other |
| 1043 | **United Kingdom** | South East Coast of Jersey | 02/12/2008 | 10/08/2015 |  | Plans for a new road and construction of an incinerator. Confirmed by AA. | Update received in July 2015. Case closed. | Other |
| 1077 | **United Kingdom** | Diego Garcia\* | 08/04/2009 |  |  | Discharge of untreated sewage, hazardous pollutants in the lagoon, introduction of invasive species, biomass reduction in the reefs, underwater sound pollution, overfishing. | Updated report received from AA in October 2015. | Other |
| 936 | **United Kingdom** | Carlingford Lough | 17/02/2015 | 08/2015 |  | Projected ferry route to pass around Ramsar | Case closed in August 2015 - Additional issues reported in January 2016 by third party. | Other |
| 374 | **United States of America** | Everglades\* | 16/06/1993 |  | X | Changes in the natural water flows and nutrient enrichment due to agricultural practices and development in the surrounding area. | Change in ecological character is being actively addressed | AA |
| 2001 | **United States of America** | Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs | 31/03/2014 |  |  | Possible construction of a very large open-pit iron ore mine near the headwaters of the Bad River. | Issues addressed by the AA and the National Wetlands Committee. | AA |

**Annex 4b**

**Status of Ramsar Sites with reports of human-induced negative changes having occurred, occurring or likely to occur**

(as of 3 February 2016)

Open files where information has been received by the Secretariat from sources other than Contracting Parties, and where this has been followed up with the Administrative Authorities concerned. Inclusion here does not imply that the Conference of the Contracting Parties, Secretariat or Party concerned considers that a given site is facing negative change. Files closed during the reporting period are included.

The Secretariat is awaiting further information on these cases by the Administrative Authority.

| Site No. | Contracting Party | Site Name | Date of opening | Date of closure | Short summary of the issue | Status as at 3 February 2016 |
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| 1056 | **Algeria** | Complexe de zones humides de la plaine de Guerbes-Sanhadja | 01/02/2016 |  | Ecological disaster due to desertification, grazing and agriculture activities | Africa Team is working to contact NFP on the issue |
| 267 | **Australia** | Western port | 01/11/2010 | 19/11/2015 | Threat from the proposed expansion of the Port of Hastings | Latest update received from AA in November 2015 indicating that the Victorian Government has decided against the development at the site (closed) .Awaiting confirmation whether the port expansion will be at Western Port or another site |
| 269 | **Australia** | Gippsland Lakes | 30/11/2009 |  | Dredging of the Lakes’ entrance caused an increase in the salinity of the site, but declining freshwater flows and increased nutrients; invasion of European shore crab and marine algal species. | Latest updated received from AA in July 2015 indicating that an assessment will be conducted to understand if there has been a human-induced change to the site. |
| 560 | **Bangladesh** | Sundarbans Reserve Forest | 09/06/2011 |  | Construction of Coal-fired power plant about 14 km away from the site; Plans to develop a coal mine in Phulbari; the extracted coal is transferred to Mongla port (near Sundarbands), then transported to an off-shore reloading facility inside the site. | Waiting for an update on the condition of the site as well as the status of the project from AA since 2011 |
| 1180 | **Burundi** | Parc National de la Rusizi | 01/01/2013 |  | Large Scale Sugar Cane Plantation | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2012 |
| 243 | **Canada** | Fraser River | 09/12/2015 |  | WesPac Midstream’s proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal | Response from AA on 10/12/2015  ECCC is involved in the review of the Wespac LNG project and plans to provide advice related to its mandate as part of the evaluation of the project. |
| 1781 | **Colombia** | Laguna del Otun | 10/06/15 |  | Gold mining | Letter from AA on the 25 November 2015. There are plans to extend the site. |
| 1740 | **Congo** | Cayo-Loufoualeba | 2010 |  | Extractive industry (Mining) | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2010. AA promised in 2012 to transform RAM recommendations into action Plan |
| 143 | **Denmark** | Nissum Fjord | 17/11/2009 |  | Increasing eutrophication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds. | Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013. |
| 146 | **Denmark** | Ulvedybet & Nibee Bredning | 17/11/2009 |  | Increasing eutrophication leads to decrease of populations of staging and wintering waterbirds. | Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013. |
| 356 | **Denmark** | Vadehavet | 17/11/2009 |  | Drainage and agricultural intensification, destruction of meadows. | Under review by AA. Email received from AA in October 2013. |
| 788 | **DR Congo** | Parc national des Mangroves | 2009 |  | Construction work (Port) | Update received from third party in February 2015 |
| 1810 | **France** | Rhin supérieur | 18/04/2012 | 26/06/2015 | Urban developments. | Information received from AA in June 2015 that the project was abandoned. Case closed in June 2015. |
| 54 | **Greece** | Evros Delta | 24/10/2008 |  | Lack of coherent management. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2006 |
| 460 | **Iceland** | Thjörsárver | 22/04/2010 |  | Plans for a hydropower plant & dam. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012. |
| 461 | **India** | Wular Lake | 14/02/2014 |  | Unplanned development and illegal encroachment | Awaiting update from AA since 2014 |
| 462 | **India** | Harike Lake | 14/02/2014 |  | Reduction in size of the lake | Awaiting update from AA since 2014 |
| 464 | **India** | Sambhar | 27/04/2009 |  | Unauthorized salt extraction; excess pumping of groundwater; Proposed construction of the world's biggest solar power generating facility close | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 1204 | **India** | Ashtamudi Lake | 13/06/2012 |  | Kollam Corporation dumping solid waste to the banks of the Lake; also illegal construction of solid waste treatment plant. | Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 1207 | **India** | Deepor Beel | 23/05/2013 |  | Fishing, siltation, illegal constructions and encroachment; factory chemical wastes dumped into the wetland (several fish of different species have been found dead). Proposed construction of a Railway line next to the Elephant Corridor. | Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 1208 | **India** | East Calcutta Wetlands | 27/08/2010 |  | Threat of urban encroachment and noxious pollutant escalation. | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 1212 | **India** | Sasthamkotta Lake | 05/05/2013 |  | Drought, waste dumping and lack of management | Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 1214 | **India** | Vembanand-Kol | 30/08/2010 |  | Industrial project given permit to start at the Ramsar Site; The Banyan Tree Resort does not conform with the environmental regulations | Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 415 | **Ireland** | Clara Bog | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 416 | **Ireland** | Morgan Bog | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 417 | **Ireland** | Raheenmore Bog | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 846 | **Ireland** | Lough Corrib | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 847 | **Ireland** | Lough Derravaragh | 27/06/2012 |  | Peat extraction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 117 | **Italy** | Pian di Spagna e Lago Mezzola | 25/07/2012 |  | Road and environmental centre construction within the Site. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2012 |
| 1812 | **Italy** | Lagustelli di Percile | 10.03.2015 |  | Improper/lack of management of the Site - water abstraction/deviation, euthrophication and unauthorized tourist activity | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since March 2015. |
| 1454 | **Jamaica** | Palisadoes | 15/10/2010 |  | Severe degradation and adverse ecological change due to the constructing of a highway | Last report in National Report to COP12 (August 2014). Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA. |
| 1597 | **Jamaica** | Portland Bight | 19/09/2013 |  | Threat by a proposal to build a logistics/ trans-shipment port by China Harbour Engineering Company | Last report in National Report to COP12 Secretariat is addressing the issue with the AA. |
| 1856 | **Kazakhstan** | Ural River Delta and adjacent Caspian Sea Coast | preCOP11 |  | Construction of an oil response base | We are waiting for an update from AA on the condition of this site since 2011 |
| 1744 | **Mauritius** | Blue Bay Marine Park | 28/10/2015 |  | Construction of beach hotel and mini city at the back with residential unit, shopping area and office facilities. Site Connected to Mare-aux-Songes palaeontological: sanctuary of the extinct Dodo bird | The Secretariat sent several emails (24/08/2015; 02/09/2015 and 25/10/2015) to the Head of AA. The Head of AA replies on 31/08/2015 without any tangible answer |
| 1777 | **Mexico** | Manglares de Nichupte | 2/04/2015 |  | Building of an oil station | The AA is addressing the issues |
| 1777 | **Mexico** | Manglares de Nichupte | 20/01/2016 |  | Threats to the ecological character  due to development projects | Waiting response from AA to the communication sent by the Secretariat |
| 1478 | **Morocco** | Embouchure de la Moulouya | 2010 |  | Pollution | RAM report ongoing implementation. Update received in August 2014 |
| 1391 | **Mozambique** | Marromeux Complex | 2008 |  | Oil and Gas exploration | Ongoing work to address the issue. AA is updating the RIS |
| 1964 | **Mozambique** | Lac Niassa and its Coastal Zone | 2012 |  | Oil Exploration | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2012 |
| 194 | **Netherlands** | Naardermeer | 16/10/2005 |  | Urban developments and tourism pressures. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2005 |
| 307 | **Norway** | Nordre Øyeren | 27/11/2015 |  | Raising of water level in mid-may - affecting waders during spring migration | Under revision by AA. |
| 818 | **Pakistan** | Uchhali Complex Lake | 06/04/2014 |  | Proposed reconstruction of road through the wetland site; recommendation is to build the road at a lower level which would have a lower impact. | Waiting for an update on the proposed project from AA since 2014 |
| 212 | **Portugal** | Ria Formosa | 11/03/2009 |  | New resort project close to the river. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 1594 | **Republic of Korea** | Seocheon Tidal Flat | 29/04/2009 |  | Proposed reclamation of the intertidal mudflats | Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 1029 | **Republic of Moldova** | Lower Prut Lakes | 20/05/2005 |  | Oil drilling next to the RS. | Awaiting update from AA since 2010. |
| 110 | **Russian Federation** | Kandalaksha Bay | 04/05/2012 |  | Plans for the construction of a gas plant within the RS. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 111 | **Russian Federation** | Volga Delta | 16/11/2012 |  | Development of oil and gas industry. | Awaiting information from AA since 2010. |
| 674 | **Russian Federation** | Kuban Delta: Group of limans between rivers Kuban & Protoka. | 30/11/2010 |  | Oil exploitation. | No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since March 2013 |
| 675 | **Russian Federation** | Kuban delta: Akhtaro-Grivenskaya group of limans | 30/11/2010 |  | Oil exploitation | No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since March 2013 |
| 682 | **Russian Federation** | Selenga Delta | 19/11/08 |  | Artificial fluctuation of water levels due hydropower plants in lake Baikal. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 683 | **Russian Federation** | Torey Lakes | 27/07/2009 |  | Channel construction. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2009 |
| 695 | **Russian Federation** | Moroshechnaya River | 30/01/2007 |  | Oil exploitation activities. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2007 |
| 699 | **Russian Federation** | Pskovsko-Chudskaya Lowland | 16/11/2012 |  | Urban developments, uncontrolled fishing, hunting and tourism pressures. Fish do not reach places upstream, changes in migration routes. | No answer from AA. Awaiting information from AA since November 2012 |
| 819 | **Serbia** | Stari Begi/Carska Bara Special Nature Reserve | 29/10/2007 | 18/11/2015 | Shipyard building in the surrounding area of the RS. | Shipyard is not operational. Case closed in November 2015. |
| 1600 | **Slovenia** | Lake Cerknica and its environ | 22/04/2008 |  | Water pollution. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2010 |
| 888 | **South Africa** | Seekoeivlei Nature Reserve | 2013 |  | Raw Sewage Problem | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetland from AA since 2013 |
| 452 | **Spain** | Complejo Intermareal Umia-O Grove | 20/01/2014 |  | Heavy metals pollution. Under revision by AA. Not confirmed yet. | Awaiting update from AA since January 2014. |
| 592 | **Spain** | Aiguamolls de l'Empordà | 10/01/2012 |  | Wet meadows destruction for rice agriculture and overexploitation of the aquifer. | Awaiting update from AA since October 2013 |
| 705 | **Spain** | Ria del Eo | 19/05/2009 |  | Potential urban developments. | Under revision by AA. Not confirmed yet. Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 231 | **Switzerland** | Bolle di Magadino | 01/06/2013 |  | Planned airport extension | Awaiting update from AA since July 2013. |
| 935 | **Syrian Arab Republic** | Sabkhat al-Jabbul Nature Reserve | 23/11/2010 |  | Waste water is being discharged into the lake | Waiting for an update on the situation and the condition of the wetlands from AA since 2010 |
| 945 | **Turkey** | Gediz Delta | 05/02/2013 |  | Urban developments and proposed project for rehabilitation of Izmir Bay and Harbour. Planned to stock dredged materials in the coastal area. | No answer from AA. Awaiting update from AA since 2013 |
| 659 | **Turkey** | Seyfe Lake | 05/12/2014 |  | Elements of management plan have not implemented, causing drying up of Seyfe Lake | Under revision by AA. Awaiting update since February 2015. |
| 1640 | **Uganda** | Murchison Falls-Albert Delta Wetland System | 02/02/2015 |  | Oil and gas activities | The case was orally presented by AA during the 2015 WWD in Kampala at a meeting with Government Officials and Uganda partners. In November 2015 an official letter has been received from AA on that subjec |
| 926 | **United Kingdom** | Avon Valley | 21/07/2014 | 27/07/2015 | The ecosystem has been degraded and consequently the number of wading birds is decreasing. | Case closed in July 2015. |
| 396 | **United Kingdom** | Pagham Harbour | 16/04/2015 | 22/07/2015 | Plan for 32 ha of polytunnels | Case closed in July 2015. |

1. This list includes Sites with earlier date of designation [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. This list does not include Sites for which the review of the RIS or map is in process but not yet completed [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. In overseas territories. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Accession Sites, for which the RIS and map are currently being compiled by the Contracting Party with the assistance and support from the Ramsar Secretariat [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Not including Sites for which information has been received by the Secretariat (next column). This column includes Ramsar Sites that reach six years in 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. Numbers in this column are the numbers of Sites for which the Administrative Authorities have submitted an updated RIS that is currently being processed by the Secretariat and/or for which further information or clarification has been requested from the Contracting Party. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. Other: first reported by a third party and confirmed by the Administrative Authority

   AA: first reported by the Administrative Authority

   \* 107 Longest-running unresolved Article 3.2 files (open for two years or more) [↑](#footnote-ref-8)