RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

57th Meeting of the Standing Committee

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**Financial and budgetary matters – Report of the Subgroup on Finance
Status of annual contributions**

**Actions requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to:

i. take note of the status of annual contributions;

ii. note the actions listed in paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 to continue encouraging the payment of annual contributions;

iii. note the change in annual contributions receivable and in the annual provision against contributions receivable; and

iv. note the current status of the voluntary contributions of Contracting Parties in the Africa region.

**Background**

1. Article 6.6 of the Convention states:

“*Each Contracting Party shall contribute to the budget according to a scale of contributions adopted by unanimity of the Contracting Parties present and voting at a meeting of the ordinary Conference of the Contracting Parties.*”

2. Annual (assessed) contributions from Contracting Parties are used to finance the Convention’s core budget. Each year, the Secretariat invoices Parties for their annual contributions. Swiss franc (CHF) invoicing is based upon the approved core budget and the current United Nations Scale of Assessment, adjusted on a *pro rata* basis to reflect which States are Parties to the Convention at the beginning of the year.

3. In Resolution XIII.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* in paragraphs 17 and 18, the Conference of the Contracting Parties:

*“17. URGES Contracting Parties with outstanding contributions to make a renewed effort to settle them as expeditiously as possible to enhance the financial sustainability of the Convention through contributions by all Contracting Parties;*”and

*“18. REQUESTS the Secretariat to contact Contracting Parties that have outstanding contributions in excess of three years and assist them to identify appropriate options to rectify the situation and to request a plan for making payment of contributions, and to report back to each meeting of the Standing Committee and Conference of the Contracting Parties on activities taken in this regard and results achieved; and AGREES that the Standing Committee should continue to consider appropriate action concerning Parties that have neither paid their outstanding contributions nor submitted a payment plan for this purpose”*.

**Status of annual contributions as at 31 December 2018**

4. The table in Annex 1 presents for each Contracting Party, listed in alphabetical order, the status of annual contributions at 1January 2018, all payments received in 2018 and the status of contributions at 31 December 2018.

5. As of 31 December 2018, CHF 820K of contributions due for 2018 had not been received, which corresponds to 16.9% of the 2018 contributions expected (amounting to CHF 4,845K). The total due for prior years amounted to CHF 676K. Therefore, the total contributions due but not received by that date amounted to CHF 1,496K, which represented a decrease of CHF 390K compared to the equivalent total for 31 December 2017, or a decrease of 20.7%.

6. The contributions for 2018 that were not received, or not received in full, as at 31 December 2018 concerned 96 Contracting Parties (compared to 89 at the end of 2017).

7. In 2019, by 30 April, 14 Contracting Parties had paid contributions for 2018 and prior years, totalling CHF 280K. In addition, 37 Contracting Parties had paid contributions or partial contributions for 2019, totalling CHF 1,086K.

8. Table 1 below shows the status of contributions from 2014 to 2018 and the related provision for non-collection of contributions. The provision for the non-collection of contributions was reduced by CHF 57K to CHF 663K at the end of 2018.

*Table 1: Status of contributions and provision for non-collection, 2014-2018 (CHF ‘000)*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| Assessed contributions from Contracting Parties | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 | 3,779 |
| Voluntary contribution from United States of America | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 | 1,066 |
| Cumulative contributions not received | 943 | 1,349 | 1,277 | 1,886 | 1,496 |
| Provision for non-collection (i.e. provision against contributions not received) | 483 | 691 | 653 | 720 | 663 |

9. The provision for 2018 was calculated in accordance with the methodology used by other Conventions as approved in Decision SC53-36, with 20% provision on contributions not received within two years, 60% on contributions not received within three years, 80% on contributions not received within four years and 100% on contributions not received for five years or more.

10. As of 31 December 2018, 108 Contracting Parties had paid all their contributions up to and including 2017 (as compared to 113 Parties that, at the end of 2017, had paid for the years up to 2016). Of these 108 Parties, 74 had also paid their full contributions for 2018. Eleven Contracting Parties had already paid a total of CHF 670K in 2018 towards their contributions for 2019. The Secretariat acknowledges, with appreciation, the consistent and prompt payment of these Contracting Parties.

11. A breakdown of the balances of outstanding contributions by the year due, at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2018, is shown in Table 2 below. The balances of contributions outstanding for over three years increased from CHF 363K at 31 December 2017 to CHF 425K at 31 December 2018. Table 2 also shows an overall decrease in balances of outstanding contributions of CHF 390K.

*Table 2: Balances of outstanding contributions, 31 December 2018 compared to 31 December 2017*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year due**  | **Outstanding contribution balances (CHF '000‘) 31/12/2017** | **Outstanding contribution balances (CHF '000)31/12/2018** | **Change (CHF '000)(2017-2018)**  |
| 2009 or before | 100 | 96 | -4 |
| 2010 | 26 | 21 | -5 |
| 2011 | 42 | 41 | -1 |
| 2012 | 45 | 44 | -1 |
| 2013 | 70 | 67 | -3 |
| 2014 | 80 | 76 | -4 |
| 2015 | 261 | 80 | -181 |
| 2016 | 295 | 100 | -195 |
| 2017 |  967 | 151 | -816 |
| 2018 |  | 820 | 820 |
| **Total** | **1,886** | **1,496** | **-390** |

**Actions for 2019**

12. In accordance with Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 18, the Secretariat will continue to engage with Contracting Parties on contributions not received, and especially those due for more than three years at the end of 2018, including the Contracting Parties that have never paid any contribution.

13. In accordance with Decision SC54-26, and in line with other Conventions, the Secretariat continues to publish the updated status of contributions on the Ramsar Convention website on a monthly basis[[1]](#footnote-1), in the same format as the status of contributions presented in Annex 1.

14. Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 19, “requests Regional Representatives in the Standing Committee to engage Parties from their respective regions with outstanding contributions to encourage them to identify appropriate options to rectify the situation”. Regional Representatives may wish to share with the Standing Committee their efforts, outcomes and challenges encountered in implementing this request from the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP13).

**African voluntary contributions**

15. At COP10, through Resolution X.2 on *Financial and budgetary matters,* paragraph 23, the Contracting Parties of Africa assessed with an annual contribution at less than CHF 2,000 agreed to increase their payments to that level. The difference between CHF 2,000 and their assessed contribution was to be in the form of a voluntary contribution specifically earmarked for African Regional Initiatives.

16. The voluntary contributions received from the Contracting Parties in the Africa region during 2018 (relating to 2018 and prior years) amounted to net CHF 7K. This increases the cumulative total Africa region voluntary contributions received from CHF 113K at the end of 2017 (SC54-7.2 Annex 2) to CHF 120K for the period from 2009 to the end of 2018. The voluntary contributions received from the Africa region during this period are shown in Annex 2.

17. All Africa region voluntary contributions earmarked for Regional Initiatives (AVC) from 2009 to 2015 were recorded in the WACOWET (Ramsar Regional Initiative for West African Coastal Zone Wetlands) project. Since 2015, AVC contributions have been recorded in the AVC project.

18. The IUCN oversight review (DOC. SC55-8.2) identified that (i) the combined amount of CHF 113K of AVC contributions was received into the WACOWET and AVC projects during the period 2009-2017, (ii) the combined WACOWET and AVC surplus balance at 31 December 2017 was CHF 80K (CHF 49K + 31K), and (iii) a net amount of CHF 33K was needed to replenish the AVC project.

19. Decision SC54-26 (see *Report and Decisions of the 54th Meeting of the Standing Committee*, Annex 5 Report of the Subgroup on Finance, Table 2) authorized the transfers of CHF 29K from WACOWET to complement funding of COP13 sponsored delegates, and of CHF 20K from WACOWET to the AVC project.

 20. The balance remaining, at 31 December 2018, of the Africa region voluntary contributions is CHF 91K. A summary of this balance is shown in Table 3 below. In accordance with Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 24, the Secretariat will inform Ramsar Regional Initiatives in Africa of this balance. In the same Resolution, Regional Initiatives in Africa are invited to submit requests to the Secretariat to access available funds in accordance with the provisions of Resolution XIII.9 on *Ramsar Regional Initiatives 2019-2021*. Regional Representatives at the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC58) will be invited to decide on the requests submitted and inform the Secretariat accordingly (Resolution XIII.2, paragraph 25).

*Table 3: Balance of Africa region voluntary contributions at 31 December 2018*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Balance of Africa region voluntary contributions****(CHF ‘000)** |
| Combined surplus balance of the WACOWET and AVC projects at 31 December 2017 (IUCN oversight review and Appendix A of the 2017 Financial Statements)  | 80 |
| Net amount to replenish the AVC project (IUCN oversight review) (a)  |  33 |
| Transfer of funds from WACOWET to complement funding of COP13 sponsored delegates per Decision SC54-26 (*Report and Decisions of the 54th Meeting of the Standing Committee*, Annex 5 Report of the Subgroup on Finance, Table 2) | -29 |
| **Net AVC contributions received in 2018** | **7** |
| **Balance of Africa region voluntary contributions** | **91** |

Notes: (a) the Secretariat proposes to transfer the CHF 33K from core surplus to the non-core AVC project
(See document SC57 Doc.7.1, Table 2).

**Annex 1**

**Status of Assessed Contributions as at 31 December 2018 (in CHF)**

| Country | **Status as of 1 January 2018** | **Received in 2018** | **Status as of 31 December 2018** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Not received for prior years** | **Anticipated for 2018** | **Paid for future years** | **For prior years** | **For 2018** | **For future years** | **Not received for prior years** | **Not received for 2018** | **Received for future Years** |
| Albania |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Algeria |  -  |  7,872  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,872  |  -  |
| Andorra |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Antigua and Barbuda |  10,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  10,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Argentina |  43,616  |  43,616  |  -  |  43,616  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  43,616  |  -  |
| Armenia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Australia |  -  |  114,272  |  114,272  |  -  |  -  |  114,250  |  -  |  -  |  114,250  |
| Austria |  -  |  35,206  |  -  |  -  |  35,206  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Azerbaijan |  -  |  2,934  |  -  |  -  |  2,934  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bahamas |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  942  |  -  |  -  |  58  |  -  |
| Bahrain |  2,151  |  2,151  |  -  |  2,151  |  2,151  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bangladesh |  4,500  |  1,000  |  -  |  4,500  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Barbados |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belarus |  -  |  2,738  |  -  |  -  |  2,738  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belgium |  -  |  43,274  |  -  |  -  |  43,274  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Belize |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Benin |  -0  |  1,000  |  -  |  -0  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Bhutan |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Botswana |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Brazil |  517,050  |  186,933  |  -  |  517,050  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  186,933  |  -  |
| Bulgaria |  -  |  2,200  |  -  |  -  |  2,200  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Burkina Faso |  2,373  |  1,000  |  -  |  -0  |  -  |  -  |  2,373  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Burundi |  3,151  |  1,000  |  -  |  -0  |  -  |  -  |  3,151  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cabo Verde |  12,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  12,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cambodia |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Cameroon |  6,247  |  1,000  |  -  |  0  |  -  |  -  |  6,247  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Canada |  -  |  142,828  |  -  |  -  |  142,828  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Central African Republic |  10,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  10,000  |  395  |  -  |  -  |  605  |  -  |
| Chad |  -  |  1,000  |  2,845  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,845  |
| Chile |  -  |  19,510  |  -  |  -  |  17,623  |  -  |  -  |  1,887  |  -  |
| China |  387,313  |  387,313  |  -  |  387,313  |  286,695  |  -  |  -  |  100,618  |  -  |
| Colombia |  15,745  |  15,745  |  -  |  15,745  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  15,745  |  -  |
| Comoros |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Congo |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Costa Rica |  -  |  2,298  |  147  |  -  |  1,917  |  -  |  -  |  234  |  -  |
| Côte d'Ivoire |  4,517  |  1,000  |  -  |  4,517  |  156  |  -  |  -  |  844  |  -  |
| Croatia |  -  |  4,841  |  -  |  -  |  4,841  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Cuba |  13,325  |  3,178  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  13,325  |  3,178  |  -  |
| Cyprus |  -  |  2,103  |  -  |  -  |  2,103  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Czech Republic |  -  |  16,821  |  2,016  |  -  |  14,805  |  15,226  |  -  |  -  |  15,226  |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo |  18,846  |  1,000  |  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  18,846  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Denmark |  -  |  28,556  |  -  |  -  |  28,556  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Djibouti |  15,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  15,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Dominican Republic |  7,003  |  2,249  |  -  |  3,473  |  -  |  -  |  3,530  |  2,249  |  -  |
| Ecuador |  9,580  |  3,276  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  9,580  |  3,276  |  -  |
| Egypt |  7,432  |  7,432  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  7,432  |  7,432  |  -  |
| El Salvador |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  988  |  -  |  -  |  12  |  -  |
| Equatorial Guinea |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Estonia |  -  |  1,858  |  -  |  -  |  1,858  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Eswatini |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Fiji |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Finland |  -  |  22,297  |  -  |  -  |  22,297  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| France |  -  |  237,590  |  237,190  |  |  400  |  237,590  |  -  |  -  |  237,590  |
| Gabon |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Gambia |  6,261  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,261  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Georgia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Germany |  -  |  312,403  |  -  |  -  |  312,403  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Ghana |  979  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  979  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Greece |  -  |  23,030  |  -  |  -  |  23,030  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Grenada |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Guatemala |  1,369  |  1,369  |  -  |  1,369  | -  |  -  |  -  | 1,369 |   |
| Guinea |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Guinea-Bissau |  19,367  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  19,367  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Honduras |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  3  |  -  |  -  |  3  |
| Hungary |  -  |  7,872  |  -  |  -  |  7,858  |  -  |  -  |  14  |  -  |
| Iceland |  -  |  1,125  |  -  |  -  |  1,125  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| India |  -  |  36,037  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  36,037  |  -  |
| Indonesia |  -  |  24,644  |  -  |  -  |  24,644  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) |  31,265  |  23,030  |  -  |  23,059  |  -  |  -  |  8,206  |  23,030  |  -  |
| Iraq |  6,308  |  6,308  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,308  |  6,308  |  -  |
| Ireland |  -  |  16,380  |  20,379  |  -  |  -  |  16,380  |  -  |  -  |  20,379  |
| Israel |  -  |  21,026  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  21,026  |  -  |
| Italy |  -  |  183,266  |  -  |  -  |  183,266  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Jamaica |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  15  |  -  |  -  |  15  |
| Japan |  -  |  473,323  |  -  |  -  |  473,323  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Jordan |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Kazakhstan |  -  |  9,339  |  -  |  -  |  9,339  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Kenya |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Kiribati |  2,545  |  1,000  |  -  |  963  |  -  |  -  |  1,582  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic of  |  |  583  |  |  |  |  |  -  |  583  |  -  |
| Kuwait |  -  |  13,936  |  -  |  -  |  13,936  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Kyrgyzstan |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Latvia |  -  |  2,445  |  -  |  -  |  2,445  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lebanon |  5,104  |  2,249  |  -  |  2,249  |  -  |  -  |  2,855  |  2,249  |  -  |
| Lesotho |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Liberia |  12,110  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  12,110  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Liechtenstein |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Lithuania |  -  |  3,521  |  -  |  -  |  3,521  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Luxembourg |  -  |  3,129  |  -  |  -  |  3,129  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Madagascar |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Malawi |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Malaysia |  -  |  15,745  |  -  |  -  |  15,745  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Mali |  -  |  1,000  |  7,055  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  6,055  |
| Malta |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Marshall Islands |  2,161  |  1,000  |  -  |  -0  |  -  |  -  |  2,161  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Mauritania |  19,577  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  19,577  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Mauritius |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Mexico |  -  |  70,167  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  70,167  |  -  |
| Monaco |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Mongolia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Montenegro |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Morocco |  -  |  2,640  |  -  |  -  |  2,640  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Mozambique |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Myanmar |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  970  |  -  |  -  |  30  |  -  |
| Namibia |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Nepal |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  2,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Netherlands |  -  |  72,465  |  -  |  -  |  72,465  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| New Zealand |  -  |  13,104  |  -  |  -  |  13,104  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Nicaragua |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Niger |  10,192  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  10,192  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Nigeria |  61,222  |  10,219  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  61,222  |  10,219  |  -  |
| North Macedonia |  8,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  7,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Norway |  -  |  41,514  |  -  |  -  |  41,514  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Oman |  4,978  |  5,525  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,978  |  5,525  |  -  |
| Pakistan |  2,792  |  4,547  |  -  |  2,792  |  1,054  |  -  |  -  |  3,493  |  -  |
| Palau |  15,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  15,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Panama |  -  |  1,662  |  -  |  -  |  1,662  |  108  |  -  |  -  |  108  |
| Papua New Guinea |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Paraguay |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Peru |  -  |  6,650  |  831  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,819  |  -  |
| Philippines |  -  |  8,068  |  183  |  -  |  7,885  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Poland |  -  |  41,122  |  -  |  -  |  41,102  |  -  |  -  |  20  |  -  |
| Portugal |  44,968  |  19,168  |  -  |  19,168  |  -  |  -  |  25,800  |  19,168  |  -  |
| Republic of Korea |  -  |  99,701  |  -  |  -  |  99,701  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Republic of Moldova  |  -  |  1,000  |  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Romania |  -  |  8,997  |  -  |  -  |  8,997  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Russian Federation |  24,336  |  150,994  |  -  |  24,336  |  126,658  |  -  |  -  |  24,336  |  -  |
| Rwanda |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Saint Lucia |  13,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  13,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Samoa |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Sao Tome and Principe |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  11,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Senegal |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Serbia |  -  |  1,565  |  -  |  -  |  1,565  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Seychelles |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Sierra Leone |  1,377  |  1,000  |  -  |  -0  |  -  |  -  |  1,377  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Slovakia |  -  |  7,824  |  -  |  -  |  7,824  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Slovenia |  -  |  4,107  |  -  |  -  |  4,107  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| South Africa |  -  |  17,799  |  -  |  -  |  17,799  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| South Sudan |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  4,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Spain |  119,455  |  119,455  |  -  |  119,455  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  119,455  |  -  |
| Sri Lanka |  -  |  1,516  |  -  |  -  |  1,516  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| State of Libya |  53,754  |  6,112  |  -  |  5,651  |  -  |  -  |  48,103  |  6,112  |  -  |
| Sudan |  12,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  12,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Suriname |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Sweden |  -  |  46,746  |  -  |  -  |  46,746  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Switzerland |  -  |  55,743  |  -  |  -  |  55,743  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Syrian Arab Republic |  1,174  |  1,174  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,174  |  1,174  |  -  |
| Tajikistan |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Thailand |  -  |  14,229  |  -  |  -  |  14,229  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Togo |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Trinidad and Tobago |  3,324  |  1,662  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  3,324  |  1,662  |  -  |
| Tunisia |  2,742  |  1,369  |  -  |  -0  |  -  |  -  |  2,742  |  1,369  |  -  |
| Turkey |  -  |  49,777  |  -  |  -  |  49,777  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Turkmenistan |  5,542  |  1,271  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,542  |  1,271  |  -  |
| Uganda |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |
| Ukraine |  -  |  5,036  |  -  |  -  |  5,036  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| United Arab Emirates |  -  |  29,534  |  -  |  -  |  29,534  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| United Kingdom |  -  |  218,227  |  -  |  -  |  218,227  |  218,227  |  -  |  -  |  218,227  |
| United Republic of Tanzania |  8,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  8,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| United States of America |  -  |  1,065,799  |  |  -  |  1,065,799  |  55,054  |  -  |  -  |  55,054  |
| Uruguay |  5,202  |  3,863  |  -  |  5,202  |  3,863  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Uzbekistan |  14,180  |  1,125  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  14,180  |  1,125  |  -  |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |  177,542  |  27,920  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  177,542  |  27,920  |  -  |
| Viet Nam |  4,886  |  2,836  |  -  |  4,886  |  2,836  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |
| Yemen |  10,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  10,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Zambia |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  1,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Zimbabwe |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  -  |  5,000  |  1,000  |  -  |
| Total | **1,886,560**  | **4,845,083**  | **385,918**  | **1,210,493**  | **3,651,025**  | **657,854**  | **676,067**  | **820,039**  | **669,753**  |

**Annex 2**

**Voluntary Contributions from Contracting Parties in the Africa region**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Contracting Party | Voluntary contributions paid up to 31 December 2017 (CHF) | Voluntary contributions paid for / in 2018 (CHF) | Total voluntary contributions received for up to 31 Dec. 2018 (CHF) | Total potential voluntary contributions 2009-2018 (CHF) |
| Benin | 9,000 | 956 | 9,956 | 10,000 |
| Botswana | 6,000 |   | 6,000 | 10,000 |
| Burkina Faso | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Burundi | 1,000 |   | 1,000 | 10,000 |
| Cameroon | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Cape Verde | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Central African Republic | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Chad | 9,000 | 1,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Comoros | 4,000 |   | 4,000 | 10,000 |
| Congo | 3,246 |   | 3,246 | 10,000 |
| Congo, the Democratic Republic of | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 4,000 |   | 4,000 | 10,000 |
| Djibouti | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Eswatini | 0 |   | 0 | 6,000 |
| Gabon | 1,625 |   | 1,625 | 10,000 |
| Gambia | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Ghana | 5,000 |   | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Guinea | 5,000 |   | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Kenya | 9,000 | 1,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Lesotho | 3,795 |   | 3,795 | 10,000 |
| Liberia | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Madagascar (a) | 8,000 | -85 | 7,916 | 10,000 |
| Malawi | 5,929 |   | 5,929 | 10,000 |
| Mali | 9,000 | 1,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Mauritania | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Mauritius | 3,000 | 1,000 | 4,000 | 10,000 |
| Mozambique | 3,000 |   | 3,000 | 10,000 |
| Namibia | 7,000 |   | 7,000 | 10,000 |
| Niger | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Rwanda | 3,000 |   | 3,000 | 10,000 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Senegal | 2,000 |   | 2,000 | 10,000 |
| Seychelles | 4,000 |   | 4,000 | 10,000 |
| Sierra Leone | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| South Sudan | 0 |   | 0 | 5,000 |
| Sudan | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Tanzania, United Republic of | 0 |   | 0 | 10,000 |
| Togo | 1,191 |   | 1,191 | 10,000 |
| Tunisia | 0 |   | 0 | 5,080 |
| Uganda | 5,840 | 1,988 | 7,828 | 10,000 |
| Zambia | 200 |   | 200 | 10,000 |
| Zimbabwe | 0 |   | 0 | 6,000 |
| Total | **112,826** | **6,860** | **119,686** | **422,080** |

Notes: (a) Madagascar 2018 contribution is net of 2018 contribution received less correction made in 2018 (Decision SC54-26).

1. See https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/status\_contributions.pdf; the table is also accessible from <https://www.ramsar.org/about/the-ramsar-convention-secretariat>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)