

## Potential financial implications of draft resolutions

### Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to note the projected administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions submitted to SC59 for consideration.

### Background

1. Rule 14 of the Convention on Wetlands Rules of Procedure state that the Secretariat shall report, within 24 hours of the opening of the meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, on the projected administrative and financial implications of all substantive agenda items submitted to the meeting and before decisions on these items are taken by the Conference of the Parties.
2. As the Rules of Procedure apply *mutatis mutandis* to meetings of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat has prepared Table 1 below which identifies the projected administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions submitted to SC59 for consideration.
3. The proposed actions including the use of consultants in Table 1 are taken from the draft resolutions submitted by Parties. The Secretariat has noted with an asterisk (\*) administrative and financial implications provided by proponents, and with a double asterisk (\*\*) estimates provided by the Secretariat.

Table 1: Projected administrative and financial implications of draft resolutions

Document	Draft Resolution	Proposed Action	Staff Days	Cost (CHF)
SC59 Doc.24.1	Draft resolution on Guidance on protection, management and restoration of Mediterranean wetlands as Nature-based solutions to address environmental and climate changes	Secretariat to coordinate collaboration with other international frameworks with a consultant to prepare a policy roadmap	**3	*5,000
		Consultant to establish an appropriate platform for cooperation among regional initiatives on the role of wetlands as NbS	**2	*15,000

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SC59 Doc.24.2	Draft Resolution on review of the Ramsar criteria, and delisting of Ramsar Sites located in territories which are not recognized at the UN level as part of the territory of the submitting country	Consultant to support the Scientific and Technical Review Panel to review the existing Criteria for Identifying Wetlands of International Importance and guidelines, in the light of including criteria other than those based on environmental aspects	**3	**5,000
SC59 Doc. 24.3	Draft Resolution on development of legal indicators to measure the effectiveness of the Ramsar Convention	Recruitment by the Secretariat of a consultant to assist in the formulation of legal indicators	**2	*18,000
		Oversight of the development of legal indicators by the Effectiveness Working Group and the Standing Committee	**0	*No financial implications
SC59 Doc.24.4	Draft resolution on Guidance on Conservation and Management of Small Wetlands	The Scientific and Technical Review Panel, based on the latest scientific knowledge and feedback from Contracting Parties, to develop and improve the guidance, and include in the Ramsar Framework for Wetland Inventory and handbooks.	**2	*No financial implications
SC59 Doc.24.5	Draft Resolution on Integrating wetland conservation and restoration into national sustainable development strategy	The Secretariat to enhance closer cooperation with the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and other multilateral environmental agreements to promote global mainstreaming of wetland conservation and restoration.	**10	*No financial implications

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SC59 Doc.24.6	Draft resolution on Wetland education in the formal education sector	The Secretariat to include wetland education as an indicator in National Reports, analyse the progress of development and implementation of wetland education programmes based on National Reports in cooperation with the CEPA Oversight Panel, and report the progress to the Contracting Parties through the COPs towards the goal of mainstreaming wetland education in formal education	**2	*No financial implications
		The Secretary General to coordinate with UNESCO and work to synergise Ramsar Convention's goal of mainstreaming wetland education in formal education with UNESCO's ESD for 2030 Roadmap.	**10	*No financial implications
SC59 Doc.24.7	Draft Resolution on the Ramsar Wetland Awards	The Ramsar Wetland Award recipients shall receive a trophy and a certificate. The Ramsar Wetland Merit Awards recipients shall receive a trophy and a certificate.	*0	**1,200
SC59 Doc.24.8	Draft Resolution on Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention	Secretariat to support the Wetland City Accreditation process (10 days per annum for support staff)	*30	*No financial implications