

Wetland City Accreditation Nomination Form

PART I: SUMMARY

1. Country :
2. Candidate City for the Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention
3. Date of the creation of the City
4. Governing System of the City:
 - a. Municipalities authorities:
 - b. Municipality Board:
 - c. Administratives and Finance Organs:
5. Name of the Ramsar Site within or closest to the City:
6. Designation date of the Ramsar Site
7. Date of the latest update of the RIS of the Ramsar Site
8. Map of the City

Total : (ha)

	Land	Costal, Marine and Inland Wetland	Total
Area of the City:	_____ ha	_____ ha	_____ ha
Area of the Wetland:	_____ ha	_____ ha	_____ ha
TOTAL:	_____ ha	_____ ha	_____ ha

9. Delineation of the Ramsar Site
10. Criteria
 - a. Have one or more Ramsar Sites or other significant wetlands:
 - i. Ramsar Site
 - ii. Other significant wetlands,
 - iii. fully situated in its territory
 - iv. partly situated in its territory or in its close vicinity
 - b. measures for conservation of wetlands:
 - i. Conservation wetland services, e ;g wetland management
 - ii. Conservation of biodiversity
 - Measures for conservation of endemic and rare species
 - Measures for conservation of IUCN Red List and CITES species at local, regional and global level
 - Measures for conservation of species that have global importance
 - Measures for conservation of rare habitats with traditional type of land use that conserve biodiversity.
 - Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
 - iii. Conservation of hydrological integrity
 - c. Measures for wetland restoration and/or management measures
 - d. How does the City consider wetland in integrated spatial/land-use planning for wetlands under its jurisdiction

- e. The City delivers locally adapted information to raise public awareness about the values of wetlands, and encouraged the wise use of wetlands by stakeholders through, for example, establishing wetland education/information centres
- f. The City has established a local Wetland City of the Ramsar Convention committee with appropriate knowledge and experience on wetlands and representation of and engagement with stakeholders to support the Wetland City accreditation of the Ramsar Convention submission and the implementation of proper measures for fulfilling the obligations under the accreditation or existing equivalent forum
- g. Provide several type of ecosystem services

Regulating services

- Climate Regulation
- Waste Treatment & Disease Regulation
- Buffer Zones

Provisioning Services

- Marine Products
- Fresh Water
- Raw Materials
- Biochemical and Genetic Resources

Cultural services

- Inspirational
- Recreation and Tourism
- Science and Education

Supporting services

- Nutrient Cycling
- Biologically Mediated Habitats
- Primary Production

APPROVAL:

(Case of several authorities would like to join approval letters).

1 Signed by the authority in charge of xxxxx municipality:

Name and Position: _____

Date : _____

Address, email, telephone: _____

2 Signed by a Representative of the local communities

Nom complet et titre: _____

Name and Position: _____

Date: _____

Address, email, telephone: _____

PART II: DESCRIPTION

1. LOCATION (COORDINATES AND MAPS):

2. AREA:

3. LAND USE:

3.1 History:

3.2 Inhabitants:

3.3 Rules for land use and access:

3.4 Management/control of Natural Resources:

4. HUMAN POPULATION OF CITY AND WITHIN THE WETLAND:

	Permanent	Temporary
4.1 City	_____	_____
4.2 Wetlands	_____	_____
Total:	_____	_____

4.3 Local Community

4.4 Nearest Town:

4.5 Cultural importance:

4.6. Number of languages used (give details on local tongue)

5. BIOPHYSIC CHARACTERISTICS:

5.1 Description of the Site topography

5.2 Altitude:

5.3 Climate:

5.4 Geology, geomorphology, soils:

5.5 Climatic Zones:

5.6 Biologic Characteristics

6. ECOSYSTEM SERVICES:

6.1 Ecosystem services provided by the different ecosystems hosted by the City and the beneficiaries (Cf Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and The Economics of Ecosystem and biodiversity (TEEB) (<http://millenniumassessment.org/fr/Framework.html> and <http://www.teebweb.org/publications/teeb-study-reports/foundations/>)).

6.2 Some existing indicators as per city development plan/strategy are used to assess the socio economic development of the City? If yes which ones?

6.3 Describe the biodiversity that is providing some ecosystem services to the City and the Wetland e.g.; species inventory

6.4 Has an ecosystem services assessment has been done on the City and its wetland? If yes the results are mainstreamed within the management plan of the wetland?

7. MAINS OBJECTIVES FOR THE ACCREDITATION:

7.1 Describe the mains objectives of the proposed City Accreditation, in addition to biological and cultural diversity. Provide more precision on direct and indirect pressures and challenges.

7.2 Describe the indicators of the sustainable goals of the Candidate City for Accreditation. (Cf to Agenda 21, Rio+20 and SDG post 2015).

7.3 What are the main stakeholders involved within the management of the City and its wetland?

- Programme Led Project Delivery Group.
- Finance.
- Other Programme and Project Managers.
- Users.
- Customers.
- Public Relations.
- Residents and Community Groups.
- Municipality employees.
- NGOs/Associations.
- Farmers
- Regulators (Health & Safety, Central Government).
- Legal.
- Neighbouring Councils.
- Trade Unions.
- Pressure Groups.
- General Public.
- Suppliers and Subcontractors.

7.4 What participatory procedure has been used to prepare the request for nomination?

7.5 How the involvement of the stakeholders in charge of the wetland has been encouraged?

7.6 What main resources (finance, logistic and human for the next 3 years) are secured to implement the objectives of the Accreditation and projects? (Provide formal engagements).

8. CONSERVATION:

8.1 At the City landscape and ecosystems scale (including soil, water and climate):

8.1.1 Describe and localise landscapes, ecosystems, habitats within the City

8.1.2 Describe the trend of the ecosystems and the natural and human impacts.

8.1.3 Which protection systems (including traditional systems) are there used to conserve the wetland and the other ecosystems of the City?

8.1.4 Which indicators or information can be used to assess the effectiveness of actions/strategies of implementation of the conservation?

8.2 At the species diversity scale:

8.2.1 Identify the mains species group or species of importance for the objective of the biodiversity conservation of the City, in particular endemic species and describe the plants and animals communities belong to.

8.2.2 What are the pressures on the key species? Quelles sont les pressions sur les espèces clés? What are the threats (Example the unsustainable forest management), their direct causes (driver of change), their hidden causes (overgrazing, fire, pollution) and their in-depth causes (economic, politic, social, etc.) and the areas impacted?

8.2.3 Which type of measures and indicators are currently used or planned to be used to assess the species group and pressures on them? Who is carrying out or will carry out this activity?

8.2.4 What actions have been carried out to reduce these pressures?

8.2.5 What actions are planned to reduce these pressures?

9. DEVELOPMENT:

9.1 Potential to promote sustainable development in terms of ecological and sociocultural point of view:

9.1.1 Describe how and why the City has the potential to serve as Site of Excellence/Model to promote the sustainable development.

9.1.2 How the changes and achievements will be assessed (which objectives and indicators)?

9.2 If tourism is developed:

9.2.1 Describe the types of tourism and the logistic available. Summarize and localise the mains tourism attractions in the City.

9.2.2 What is the number of visitors to the Wetland and the proposed City each year? (Please distinguish between day visitors, those who spend the night, those coming only to visit the Wetland and those passing by the City). Is there an upwards or downwards trend? or a particular objective?

9.2.3 How tourism activities are currently managed?

9.2.4 Indicate the possible positive and / or negative impacts of tourism, current and expected, and how they will be assessed?

9.2.5 How these impacts will they be managed and by whom?

9.3 Agriculture (including pasture) and other activities (including traditional and customary activities):

9.3.1 Describe the type of agriculture (including grazing) and other activities, the area covered and people involved (and according to gender if possible).

9.3.2 Indicate the possible positive and / or negative impacts of these activities on the Accreditation objectives.

9.3.3 What indicators are you using or will you use to assess the situation and its evolution?

9.3.4 What actions are being undertaken and what measures will you implement to enhance the positive impacts and minimize negative impacts on the Accreditation objectives?

9.4. Other types of activities positively or negatively contributing to sustainable development (local), including the impact / influence to the City and outside of its limits.

9.4.1 Describe the type of activities, the area covered and people involved (men and women).

9.4.2 Indicate the possible positive and/or negative impacts on the Accreditation objectives. Some results have they been achieved?

9.4.3 What indicators do you use, or will you use to assess the situation and its evolution?

9.4.4 What actions are being undertaken and what measures will be implemented to reinforce positive impacts or to reduce negative impacts on the Accreditation objectives.

9.5 Benefits of economic activities to local communities:

9.5.1 For activities described above, what income the local communities (men and women) benefit directly from the Wetland and how?

9.5.2 What indicators are used to evaluate such income or benefits?

9.6. Cultural and spiritual values; customary practices:

(Provide an overview of the values and practices, including cultural diversity).

9.6.1 Describe the cultural and spiritual values and customary practices taking into account the particular languages and dialects, rituals and traditional lifestyles. Some are they endangered or declining?

9.6.2 Identify activities to promote and/or revitalize these practices and values.

9.6.3 How do you plan to integrate cultural values in the development process: elements of identity, traditional knowledge, social organizations, etc.?

9.6.4 Specify whether indicators are used to assess these activities. If so, please specify and give more information. (Examples of indicators: existence and number of informal education programs and formal channels to transmit these values and practices, many awareness programs in place, the number of people speaking a language/dialect in danger)

10. LOGISTIC SUPPORT:

10.1 Research and Monitoring

10.1.1 Describe the current research projects as well as monitoring activities and the area in which they are (will be) undertaken to address specific issues related to the management of the Wetland. Please include partnerships with academic institutions

10.1.2 Summarize past research and monitoring activities related to the management of the Wetland.

10.1.3 State the research facilities available for Wetland and what role it will play in providing such infrastructure.

10.2 Sustainability Education and public awareness:

10.2.1 Describe the current and planned activities, indicating the targeted groups and number of people involved (such as "teachers" and "students") and the area covered.

10.2.2 What equipment and financial resources are (will be) provided for these activities?

10.3 Contribution to the Global Network of City Accredited by the Ramsar Convention:

10.3.1 How will the city contribute to the proposed Global Network of Cities Accredited by the Ramsar Convention? E.g. case studies

10.4 Internal and external communication channels and media used in accredited City:

10.4.1 Is there a website of the accredited City? If so, what is the URL?

10.4.2 Is there a newsletter? If so, how often will it be published?

10.4.3 The Accredited City uses a social network (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)?

11. GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT OF THE ACCREDITATED CITY AND COORDINATION:

[Describe the following features in the event that the City would be accredited.]

11.1 Structure of the management and coordination:

11.1.1 What is the national legal status of the City?

11.1.2 What is the legal status of Accreditation Cities?

11.1.3 What are the competent administrative authorities on different areas of the City?

11.1.4 Clarify the respective competencies of these different authorities, distinguishing between different areas and also indicating if the zone or not is subject of a decentralization of authority.

11.1.5 Describe the land use and land tenure.

11.1.6 Are there a single manager/coordinator of certification, or more responsible of the Accreditation? Who appoint him/them (national authorities, environmental administration, local elected officials)?

11.1.7 Are there any advisory or decision-making bodies in place (eg scientific council, board, orientation, general assembly of the communities living in the city) for the different areas or for the entire the city? If so, describe their composition, role and competence, and indicate the frequency of their meetings.

11.1.8 Is there a coordination structure set up specifically for the Accreditation and its implementation?

- If yes, describe in detail its operation, composition and the task of each group in the structure, role and jurisdiction.
- Please also indicate if it is an autonomous structure or is under the authority of the central government, local manager / coordinator?

11.1.9 How the management / coordination do fits the local situation?

11.1.10 Is there an evaluation or monitoring of the effectiveness of the management process?

11.2 Conflicts within the Wetland:

11.2.1 Describe the conflict on access to resources in the area (and specify the exact period of conflict). If the Wetland helped prevent or resolve some of these conflicts, explain what has been resolved or avoided, and how each area is covered?.

11.2.2 If Wetland management is fraught with conflicts of jurisdiction between different administrative authorities, indicate which.

11.2.3 Explain the means used to resolve these conflicts and their effectiveness.

11.3 Representation, participation and consultation of the population:

11.3.1 At what stage of the Wetland development the local communities are involved: Ramsar Site designation, development of the management plan / cooperation, implementation of the plan, daily management of Wetland? Give practical examples to illustrate.

11.3.2 By what mechanism local people (including women and indigenous communities) were they /are they represented in the planning and management of the Wetland (eg representative assembly, consultation of associations)?.

11.3.3 Description of the particular situation of young people of the proposed Accreditation City (potential impacts of Wetland on youth, regardless of their interests and needs, means incentives in place to encourage young people to actively participate in the governance of the Wetland) .

11.3.4 Which stakeholders make up that performance: companies, associations, environmental associations, unions, etc.?

11.3.5 What are the terms of access to the representative body of the local population (financial participation, election of representatives, traditional authorities)?.

11.3.6 What is the frequency of this consultation (permanent assembly, simple consultation on specific projects)? Fully describe this consultation. What are the roles of relevant stakeholders in relation to the role of coordinating / managing Wetland?

11.3.7 What consultation mechanisms were used and who was involved? Are these consultations mechanisms established for specific purposes or for the long term? What is the impact of population representation on decision-making: decision-making nature, or advisory or simple information from populations?

11.3.8 Is there gender equity within the community decision-making processes? Gender interests and needs receive the same degree of consideration within the Wetland? What incentives or programs are in place to encourage their representation and participation? (an assessment on gender impact has been conducted?)

11.4 Plan / management policy/ cooperation:

11.4.1 Is there a plan / policy / management cooperation for the Wetland?

11.4.2 Who are the actors involved in the preparation of the management plan / the cooperation scheme? How are they involved?

11.4.3 Local authorities formally approved the plan / policy / management cooperation? Local authorities mainstreamed these documents within other policies? If so, provide details.

11.4.4 What is the duration of the plan / policy / management cooperation? How often is it revised or renegotiated?

11.4.5 Describe the contents of the management plan / cooperation. Is it detailed or comprehensive guidance measures? Give examples of such measures or guidelines recommended by the plan. (Please attach a copy)

11.4.6 Indicate how this management plan/cooperation with the objectives of the proposed Accreditation.

11.4.7 Is the plan mandatory? Is it based on a consensus?

11.4.8 What are the authorities responsible for its implementation, particularly in the Wetland? Please provide evidence of the role of these authorities.

11.4.9 What factors promotes or opposes its implementation? (full membership of the local population, conflicts between different levels of decision).

11.4.10 The City and its Wetland are integrated into national / regional strategies? Conversely, how to integrate local / municipal plans in planning the Wetland development?

11.4.11 List the main source of funding and an estimate of the annual budget.

11.5 Conclusions:

11.5.1 In your opinion, what will ensure satisfactory operation of the City Accredited and structures in place? Explain why and how, particularly with regard to the fulfillment of the purpose of the Resolution XII.10.

11.5.2 Is there any other type of accreditation holding by the City?