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**to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands**

**“Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future”**

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**Resolution XIII.24**

**The enhanced conservation of coastal marine turtle habitats and   
the designation of key areas as Ramsar Sites**

1. NOTING that six out of seven species of marine turtle (Dermochelyidae: *Dermochelys coriacea*; Cheloniidae: *Chelonia mydas*, *Caretta caretta*, *Eretmochelys imbricata*, *Lepidochelys olivacea*, *Lepidochelys kempii*, *Natator depressus*) have a conservation status ranging from vulnerable to critically endangered according to criteria of the IUCN Red List of threatened species; and ALSO NOTING that in order to live and survive these species depend on a variety of coastal habitats throughout their life cycle;

2. RECALLING that the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention has adopted several Resolutions that are relevant and can benefit the conservation of habitats important for marine turtles: Resolution VII.21 on *Enhancing the conservation and wise use of intertidal wetland*s; Resolution VIII.4 on *Wetland issues in Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)*; and Resolution VIII.32 on *Conservation, integrated management, and sustainable use of mangrove ecosystems and their resources*;

3. CONSIDERING that habitats that are home to endangered marine turtle species meet Criterion 2 of the Convention’s Criteria for Identifying Wetlands of International Importance and that, consequently, the Convention can play a role by encouraging Contracting Parties to strengthen their management and conservation actions related to the wetland habitats that are essential to these species;

4. ALSO CONSIDERING that marine turtles are included in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and Appendices I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), and are addressed by regional instruments and international organizations such as the Berne Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, the Abidjan Convention on Cooperation in the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Atlantic Coast of the West, Central and Southern Africa Region, the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC), the Cartagena Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment in the Wider Caribbean Region, the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, the CMS Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU), and the CMS MoU concerning Conservation Measures for Marine Turtles of the Atlantic Coast of Africa (African Atlantic Turtles MOU), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, and the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, under which their members have committed to enhance protection for marine turtles;

5. NOTING the existence of additional action plans such as, for example, the Pacific Islands Regional Marine Species Programme’s Marine Turtle Action Plan and the Single Species Action Plan for the loggerhead turtle *Caretta caretta* in the South Pacific Ocean, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the CMS in Quito in November 2014, and the development of the Single Species Action Plan for the conservation of the hawksbill turtle (in accordance with CMS COP12 Decision 12.17);

6. NOTING that some marine turtle subpopulations, such as northwest Atlantic loggerhead turtles, have increased as a result of significant conservation efforts, which include prohibiting or modifying fishing practices, designating protected areas and addressing light pollution;

7. CONCERNED that several regional populations of marine turtle are facing a high risk of extinction; NOTING the degradation of their coastal habitats, the significant impact of fisheries bycatch; and ALSO NOTING the excessively high mortality rates owing to egg collection, killing or poaching of adult females on the nesting beaches and the impact of native or introduced predators, as well as natural mortality of eggs and hatchlings;

8. CONSIDERING that marine and coastal feeding and nursery areas that are used by marine turtles during their life cycle such as, *inter alia*, estuaries, seagrass beds, coral reefs and mangroves, are often threatened physically and chemically by human activities such as urban, industrial, port and tourism development and infrastructure as well as discharges of wastewater and industrial effluents, and agricultural runoff;

9. RECOGNIZING the potential and demonstrated role of indigenous peoples[[1]](#footnote-2) and local communities including women and other vulnerable groups in marineturtle conservation and management;

10. CONSIDERING that the protection of nesting beaches, marine and coastal feeding areas, nurseries and growth areas will improve the survival rate of adult females, hatchlings and immature turtles and that their designation as Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) is a first step towards an enhanced protection;

11. NOTING that Resolution 12.25 on *Promoting Conservation of Critical Intertidal and Other Coastal Habitats for Migratory Species* adopted by the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to CMS (Manila, October 2017) urges those Parties to conserve intertidal and coastal habitats for migratory species;

12. FURTHER NOTING that CMS Resolution 12.23 on *Sustainable Tourism and Migratory Species* outlines general principles for ensuring that tourism activities benefit from and do not harm migratory species, including involvement of and benefits to local communities;

13. NOTING that 248 Ramsar Sites and 76 Contracting Parties (listed at Annex 1 of the present Resolution) already provide habitat for at least one species of marine turtle;

14. RECOGNIZING that the African Atlantic Turtles MoU and the IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU of CMS have adopted resolutions the application of which can help improve the conservation of marine turtles; and

15. RECALLING that an MoU has been signed between the IAC Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and that its goal is to join the efforts made in the frameworks of the two Conventions, with the aim of building capacities of the Parties of both Conventions to identify and strengthen the conservation and wise use of Ramsar Sites;

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16. ENCOURAGES the Contracting Parties whose coastlines contain marine turtle breeding areas, nesting beaches, coastal migration corridors and feeding and nursery areas to identify index nesting and foraging sites and ensure the populations are monitored as precisely as possible, in order to improve our knowledge of the distribution, numbers and state of health of each of the species involved;

17. ENCOURAGES the Contracting Parties to strengthen the conservation and management of the identified index nesting and foraging sites, and notably, if possible, to designate them as Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites), based on Criterion 2 of the Convention’s Criteria for Identifying Wetlands of International Importance, and to strengthen this designation through the promulgation of the appropriate protective measures in accordance with their legislation and the availability of resources, in particular through the creation of marine protected areas, as appropriate;

18. ENCOURAGES the Contracting Parties to develop and implement management plans for these sites, by integrating specific means for the conservation, protection or restoration of coastal habitats for the different marine turtle species, and to integrate these site management plans with coastal zone management plans;

19. ENCOURAGES the Contracting Parties to consult each other, and work through existing regional agreements, MoUs and action plans, such as those mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present Resolution, to protect habitats in networks that allow for greater safety for marine turtles during their life cycle and in their movements;

20. STRESSES the urgent need to take the measures required, whenever possible, to reduce threats to nesting areas, such as noise and light pollution and beach erosion, and to control native predators and eradicate introduced predators at these sites, to develop best practices to guide the interaction of humans and marine turtles by raising the awareness of inhabitants of and visitors to coastal zones, leveraging the prestigious Ramsar brand and the Convention’s communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness (CEPA) programme;

21. ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties with marine turtle habitats to promote the wise use of these wetlands by working with local communities, relevant stakeholders and institutions to raise awareness of the importance of conserving marine turtles, their nests and their habitats, and to halt poaching and the exploitation of marine turtle products, including through, *inter alia*, fostering alternative sustainable livelihoods, including sustainable eco-tourism;

22. ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties to review their Ramsar Site management plans to seek to ensure they include marine turtle conservation actions, as appropriate; and RECOMMENDS enhancement of synergies and better coordination with Ramsar Regional Initiatives and existing networks rather than establishment of new arrangements;

23. URGES Contracting Parties to undertake collaborative research on impacts of climate change on marine turtles and their wetland habitats; and REQUESTS the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, consistent with its scope, mandate and prio‎rity thematic work areas for 2019-2021, in developing its proposed work plan for presentation at the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee, to consider developing methods to rapidly assess climate vulnerability of wetlands, particularly those important as habitats for marine turtles; and

24. REQUESTS the Secretariat to work with the Secretariats of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals as well as their respective memoranda of understanding, (including the the CMS MoUs on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia and on Conservation Measures for Marine Turtles of the Atlantic Coast of Africa) to enhance marine turtle conservation in Ramsar Sites; and ALSO REQUESTS that, where possible and subject to the availability of resources, these Secretariats work with Ramsar Contracting Parties to include marine turtle conservation actions in their Ramsar Site management plans.

**Annex 1**

**Existing Ramsar Sites with coastal and marine turtle habitats[[2]](#footnote-3)**

Sources :

Ramsar Sites information service : <https://rsis.ramsar.org/>

Information on Ramsar Sites in the western hemisphere with sea turtles present and so included in this list can also be found in the report prepared by the Secretariat of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles with the support of the Ramsar Secretariat entitled *Wetlands of international importance and sea turtle conservation*. The link for the report is:

<http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/publicaciones/humedales-tortugas-marinas-ing-peq.pdf>

Species involved (nesting beaches, nursery areas, feeding areas)\*:

*Lepidochelys olivacea* = Lo (IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable)

*Lepidochelys kempii* = Lk (IUCN Red List status: Critically Endangered)

*Chelonia mydas* = Cm (IUCN Red List status: Endangered)

*Chelonia agassizii* or *C. mydas agassizii* = Ca (IUCN Red List status: Endangered)

*Caretta caretta = Cc* (IUCN Red List status: Endangered)

*Eretmochelys imbricata* = Ei (IUCN Red List status: Critically Endangered)

*Dermochelys coriacea* = Dc (IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable)

*Natator depressus* = Nd (IUCN Red List status: Data Deficient)

\*Note: Depending on the description of the Site, there may be errors in the identification of species or lack of knowledge about existing habitats

**Africa**

| **Site no.** | **Country** | **Name of Site** | **Species present** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1898 | Algeria | Vallée de l'oued Soummam | Cc |
| 1961 | Algeria | Ile de Rachgoun (Wilaya de Aïn Temouchent) | Cc (Dc) |
| 1017 | Benin | Basse Vallée du Couffo, Lagune Côtiere, Chenal Aho, Lac Ahémé | Lo, Dc, Cm, Ei |
| 1018 | Benin | Basse Vallée de l'Ouémé, Lagune de Porto-Novo, Lac Nokoué | Lo, Dc, Cm, Ei |
| 1575 | Cabo Verde | Curral Velho | Cc |
| 1576 | Cabo Verde | Lagoa de Rabil | Cc |
| 1577 | Cabo Verde | Lagoa de Pedra Badejo | Cc |
| 2182 | Cabo Verde | Salinas of the English Port | Cc |
| 1741 | Congo | Conkouati-Douli | Dc, Cm, Lo |
| 2325 | Congo | Bas-Kouilou-Yombo | Dc, Lo |
| 1581 | Côte d’Ivoire | Complexe Sassandra-Dagbego | Dc, Lo |
| 1239 | Djibouti | Haramous-Loyada | Cc, Cm |
| 788 | Democratic Republic of the Congo | Parc marin des Mangroves | Lo |
| 407 | Egypt | Lake Bardawil | Cc, Cm |
| 408 | Egypt | Lake Burullus | Cc, Cm |
| 1310 | Equatorial Guinea | Río Ntem o Campo | Cm, Lo |
| 1311 | Equatorial Guinea | Reserva Natural del Estuario del Muni | Cm, Lo |
| 351 | Gabon | Wonga-Wongué | Dc |
| 352 | Gabon | Petit Loango | Dc, Cm, Ei |
| 353 | Gabon | Setté Cama | Dc, Cm, Ei |
| 1652 | Gabon | Parc National Akanda | Ei, Dc, Lo, Cm |
| 1653 | Gabon | Parc National Pongara | Dc, Cm, Ei, Lo |
| 1656 | Gabon | Parc national de Pongara | Dc, Lo, Ei, Cm |
| 1657 | Gambia | Tanbi Wetlands Complex | Cm |
| 1840 | Gambia | Niumi National Park | Cm |
| 563 | Ghana | Muni-Pomadze Ramsar Site | Cm |
| 564 | Ghana | Densu Delta Ramsar Site | Lo, Dc, Cm |
| 565 | Ghana | Sakumo Ramsar Site | Dc, Lo, Cm |
| 566 | Ghana | Songor Ramsar Site | Lo, Cm, Dc |
| 567 | Ghana | Keta Lagoon Complex Ramsar Site | Dc, Lo, Cm |
| 572 | Guinea | Iles Tristao | Cm, Lo, Ei |
| 618 | Guinea | Ile Blanche | Ei |
| 2198 | Guinea-Bissau | Archipel Bolama-Bijagós | Cm, Dc, Lo, Cc, Ei |
| 2082 | Kenya | Tana River Delta | Ei, Cm, Lo, Cc, Dc |
| 1026 | Libya | Ain El Shakika | ?? |
| 1027 | Libya | Ain El Zarga | ?? |
| 2285 | Madagascar | Barrière de Corail Nosy Ve Androka | Ei, Cm |
| 2288 | Madagascar | Zones Humides de Sahamalaza | Ei, Cm |
| 2302 | Madagascar | Mangroves de Tsiribihina | Ei, Cm |
| 2303 | Madagascar | Iles Barren | Dc, Cc, Ei, Cm, Lo |
| 250 | Mauritania | Parc national du Banc d’Arguin | Cm[[3]](#footnote-4), Cc |
| 666 | Mauritania | Parc national du Diawling | Cm, Cc |
| 1044 | Mauritania | Chat Tboul | Cm, Cc |
| 1473 | Morocco | Cap des Trois Fourches | Cc |
| 288 | Senegal | Parc national du Delta du Saloum | Cm |
| 2326 | Senegal | Kalissaye | Cm |
| 2327 | Senegal | Réserve Naturelle d’Intérêt Communautaire de la Somone | Cm |
| 2328 | Senegal | Réserve Naturelle Communautaire de Palmarin | Dc |
| 344 | South Africa | Turtle Beaches – Coral Reefs of Tongaland | Cc, Dc |
| 1859 | Sudan | Dongonab Bay-Marsa Waiai | Cm, Ei |
| 1860 | Sudan | Suakin-Gulf of Agig | Ei, Cm |
| 1722 | Togo | Zones Humides du Littoral du Togo | Dc Lo, Cm |
| 1704 | Tunisia | Iles Kneiss avec leurs zones intertidales | Cc |
| 2012 | Tunisia | Iles Kerkennah | Cc, Cm, Dc |
| 1443 | United Republic of Tanzania | Rufiji-Mafia-Kilwa Marine Ramsar Site | Ei, Cm, Dc, Cc, Lo |

**Asia**

| **Site no.** | **Country** | **Name of Site** | **Species present** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 920 | Bahrain | Hawar Islands | Cc, Cm, Ei, Dc |
| 560 | Bangladesh | Sundarbans Reserved Forest | Lo |
| 1150 | China | Huidong Harbor Sea Turtle National Nature Reserve | Cm |
| 1726 | China | Fujian Zhangjiangkou National Mangrove Nature Reserve | Dc, Lo, Cc, Cm |
| 2249 | China | Guangdong Nanpeng Archipelago Wetlands | Cc, Cm, Lo, Ei, Dc |
| 1205 | India | Bhitarkanika Mangroves | Lo |
| 1210 | India | Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary | Ei, Lo, Cm |
| 2192 | Indonesia | Tanjung Puting National Park | Ei |
| 1015 | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | Sheedvar Island | Ei, Cm |
| 1546 | Japan | Keramashoto Coral Reef | Ei, Cm, Cc |
| 1559 | Japan | Yakushima Nagata-hama | Cc, Cm |
| 2062 | Japan | Yonahawan | Ei, Cc, Cm |
| 980 | Lebanon | Tyre Coast Nature Reserve | Cc, Cm |
| 1079 | Lebanon | Réserve Naturelle des Iles des Palmiers | Cc, Cm, Dc |
| 2280 | Myanmar | Meinmahlakyun Wildlife Santuary | Ei, Cm, Lo |
| 1063 | Pakistan | Astola Island | Ei, Cm |
| 1066 | Pakistan | Jiwani Coastal Wetland | Lo, Cm |
| 1070 | Pakistan | Ormara Turtle Beaches | Ei, Cm, Lo |
| 1284 | Pakistan | Indus Delta | Lo, Cm |
| 1010 | Philippines | Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park | Ei, Cm |
| 2084 | Philippines | Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park | Ei, Cm |
| 2271 | Philippines | Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands Conservation Area | Ei, Cm, Lo |
| 1910 | Sri Lanka | Vankalai Sanctuary | Cm, Lo, Cc |
| 1931 | Sri Lanka | Kumana Wetland Cluster | Cm, Lo, Cc |
| 1182 | Thailand | Had Chao Mai Marine National Park - Ta Libong Island Non-Hunting Area - Trang River Estuaries | Ei, Cm |
| 2152 | Thailand | Ko Kra Archipelago | Ei, Cm |
| 2153 | Thailand | Ko Ra-Ko Phra Thong Archipelago | Lo, Cm, Ei, Dc |
| 657 | Turkey | Göksu Delta | Cc |
| 1619 | Turkey | Yumurtalik Lagoons | Cc, Cm |
| 2125 | United Arab Emirates | Mangrove and Al Hafeya Protected Area | Ei, Cm, Cc |
| 2191 | United Arab Emirates | Sir Bu Nair Island Protected Area | Ei, CM, Cc |
| 2293 | United Arab Emirates | Bul Syayeef | Ei, Cm |
| 2203 | Viet Nam | Con Dao National Park | Dc, Ei, Cm, Lo |

**Europe**

| **Site no.** | **Country** | **Name of Site** | **Species present** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1290 | Albania | Butrint | Cc, Dc |
| 62 | Greece | Messolongi Lagoons | Cc, Cm |
| 63 | Greece | Kotychi lagoons | Cc |
| 2311 | Italy | Massaciuccoli lake and marsh | Cc |
| 2135 | Montenegro | Tivat Saline (Tivatska solila) | Cc |
| 1804 | Portugal | Ilhéus das Formigas e Recife Dollabarat | Cc |

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

| **Site no.** | **Country** | **Name of Site** | **Species present** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1488 | Antigua and Barbuda | Codrington Lagoon | Dc, Ei, Cm |
| 885 | Argentina | Bahía de Samborombón | Cm, Cc, Dc |
| 640 | Brazil | Reentrancias Maranhenses Protected Area | Cm, Cc, Ei |
| 1021 | Brazil | Parcel Manoel Luis State Park | Ei, Cm |
| 1902 | Brazil | Abrolhos Marine National Park | Cc, Dc, Ei, Cm |
| 2259 | Brazil | Atol das Rocas Biological Reserve | Cm, Cc, Ei |
| 2298 | Brazil | Taim Ecological Station | Cc, Dc, Cm, Ei, Lo |
| 2305 | Brazil | Guaraqueçaba Ecological Station | Cm, Ei, Dc, Lo, Cc |
| 2310 | Brazil | Environmental Protection Area of Cananéia-Iguape-Peruíbe | ?? |
| 2317 | Brazil | Guaratuba | ?? |
| 2333 | Brazil | Fernando de Noronha Archipelago | Ei, Cm, Lo, Cc, Dc |
| 2337 | Brazil | Amazon Estuary and its Mangroves | Dc, Cc, Ei, Cm, Lo |
| 2390 | Brazil | Cabo Orange National Park | Ei |
| 951 | Colombia | Sistema Delta Estuarino Del Rio Magdalena, Cienaga Grande de Santa Marta | Dc, Ei, Cm, Cc |
| 1387 | Colombia | Delta del Río Baudó | Lo, Dc, Ei, Cm |
| 610 | Costa Rica | Tamarindo | Dc, Lo, Ca |
| 783 | Costa Rica | Gandoca-Manzanillo | Cm, Dc, Ei |
| 811 | Costa Rica | Humedal Caribe Noreste | Cc, Cm, Ei, Dc |
| 1234 | Cuba | Ciénaga de Lanier y Sur de la Isla de la Juventud | Cm, Cc |
| 2210 | Dominican Republic | Humedales de Jaragua | Ei, Cc, Cm, Dc |
| 502 | Ecuador | Manglares Churute | Ca, Lo, Cm, Dc |
| 503 | Ecuador | Zona Marina Parque Nacional Machalilla | Ca, Lo, Cm, Dc |
| 1202 | Ecuador | Humedales del Sur de Isabela | Ca, Lo, Cm, Dc |
| 1292 | Ecuador | Reserva Ecológica de Manglares Cayapas-Mataje | Ca, Lo, Cm, Dc |
| 2098 | Ecuador | Manglares del Estuario Interior del Golfo de Guayaquil « Don Goyo » | Ca, Lo, Cm, Dc |
| 1586 | El Salvador | Complejo Bahía de Jiquilisco | Cm, Dc, Ei, Lo |
| 1935 | El Salvador | Complejo Jaltepeque | Cm, Dc, Lo, Ei |
| 2207 | El Salvador | Complejo Barra de Santiago | Cm, Dc, Ei, Lo |
| 642 | France | Grand-Cul-de-Sac-Marin de la Guadeloupe | Ei, Cm |
| 643 | France | Basse-Mana (réserve de l’Amana)[[4]](#footnote-5) | Dc, Cm, Lo |
| 1828 | France | Estuaire du fleuve Sinnamary | Cm |
| 1830 | France | Etang des Salines en Martinique | Ei |
| 2029 | France | Zones humides et marines de Saint-Martin | Ei, Cm, Dc |
| 2034 | Grenada | Levera Wetland | Dc, Ei, Cc, Cm |
| 722 | Honduras | Parque Nacional Jeanette Kawas | Cc, Dc,Ei, Cc |
| 812 | Honduras | Punta Izopo | CC, Cm, Dc, Ei |
| 1000 | Honduras | Sistema de Humedales de la Zona Sur | Lo |
| 1254 | Honduras | Laguna de bacalar | Cm, Cc, Dc |
| 2133 | Honduras | Sistema de Humedales Cuyamel-Omoa | Ei, Dc |
| 2134 | Honduras | Sistema de Humedales de la Isla de Utila | Cm, Cc, Ei |
| 2189 | Honduras | Sistema de Humelades Laguna de Zambucco | Dc, Ei |
| 2334 | Honduras | Sistema de Humedales de Santa Elena | Cm, Ei, Cc |
| 1454 | Jamaica | Palisadoes-Port Royal | Cm, Ei |
| 1597 | Jamaica | Portland Bight Wetlands and Cays | CM, EI |
| 2119 | Netherlands | Northwest Curaçao | Ei, Cc, Cm, Lo, Dc |
| 2120 | Netherlands | Rif-Sint Marie | Dc, Ei, Cc, Cm, Lo |
| 2270 | Netherlands | Mullet Pond, St Maarten | Dc, Cm, Ei |
| 2355 | Netherlands | Klein Curacao | Cm, Ei |
| 1135 | Nicaragua | Cayos Miskitos y Franja Costera Immediata | Cm, Ei |
| 611 | Panama | San San – Pond Sak | Dc, Cc, Cm, Ei |
| 630 | Panama | Punta Patiño | Dc, Ei |
| 1319 | Panama | Bahía de Panamá | Cc |
| 1907 | Panama | Humedal de Importancia Internacional Damani-Guariviara | Cc, Cm, Ei, Dc |
| 545 | Peru | Reserva Nacional de Paracas | Cc, Cm, Lo, Dc |
| 883 | Peru | Santuario Natural Manglares de Tumbes | Ei, Cc, Dc, Lo |
| 1496 | Trinidad and Tobago | Buccoo Reef – Bon Accord Lagoon Complex | Ei, Cm |
| 493 | United Kingdom | North, Middle and East Caicos Islands | Ei |
| 290 | Uruguay | Bañados del Este y Franja Costera, Cerro Verde | Lo, Cm; Cc; Dc |
| 414 | Venezuela | Refugio de Fauna Silvestre de Cuare | Cm, Ei, Dc |
| 856 | Venezuela | Parce Nacional Archipiélago Los Roques | Ei, Cm, Dc, Cc |
| 857 | Venezuela | Laguna de la Restinga | Cc, Ei, Cm, Dc |
| 858 | Venezuela | Laguna de Tacarigua | Cm, Ei, Cc, Dc |

**North America**

| **Site no.** | **Country** | **Name of Site** | **Species present** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 332 | Mexico | Humedal de Importancia Especialmente para la Conservación de Aves Acuáticas Reserva Ría Lagartos | Dc, Cc, Cm, Ei |
| 732 | Mexico | Marismas Nacionales | Ei, Dc, Lo, Ca |
| 815 | Mexico | Reserva de la Biosfera La Encrucijada | Ca, Lo, Dc |
| 1045 | Mexico | Dzilam | Ei |
| 1320 | Mexico | Parque Nacional Arrecifes de Xcalak | Cc, Ei, Dc, Cm |
| 1321 | Mexico | Cuencas y corales de la zona costera de Huatulco | Dc, Ei, Lo, Ca |
| 1323 | Mexico | Parque Nacional Isla Contoy | Cm, Cc, Ei, Dc |
| 1324 | Mexico | Parque Nacional Isla Isabel | Ca, Lo, Ei |
| 1326 | Mexico | Playa Tortuguero Rancho Nuevo | Lk, Ei, Cc, Cm, Dc |
| 1327 | Mexico | Playa Tortuguera Tierra Colorada | Dc, Lo, Ca |
| 1328 | Mexico | Reserva Estatal El Palmar | Ei |
| 1329 | Mexico | Sian Ka’an | Cm, Cc, Ei, Dc |
| 1333 | Mexico | Reserva de la Biosfera Ría Celestún | Ei, Cc |
| 1334 | Mexico | Reserva de la Biosfera Chamela – Cuixmala | Dc, Lo, Ei, Ca |
| 1339 | Mexico | Laguna Ojo de Liebre | Ca |
| 1341 | Mexico | Laguna San Ignacio | Ca |
| 1342 | Mexico | Manglares y humedales de la Laguna de Sontecomapan | Cc, Dc, Ei, Lk |
| 1343 | Mexico | Parque Nacional Arrecife de Puerto Morelos | Ei, Cm, Cc |
| 1345 | Mexico | Islas Marietas | Lo, Ei |
| 1347 | Mexico | Playa Tortuguera Cahuitán | Ca, Lo, Dc |
| 1348 | Mexico | Playa Tortuguera Chenkán | Cm, Ei |
| 1349 | Mexico | Playa Tortuguera El Verde Camacho | Cm, Ei, Dc, Lo |
| 1350 | Mexico | Playón Mexiquillo | Lo, Ca, Dc |
| 1351 | Mexico | Playa Tortuguera X’cacel-X’cacelito | Cc, Cm |
| 1353 | Mexico | Reserva de la Biosfera Banco Chinchorro | Cm, Ei, Cc |
| 1354 | Mexico | Reserva de la Biosfera Los Petenes | Ei |
| 1356 | Mexico | Área de Protección de Flora y Fauna Laguna de Términos | Lk, Ei, Cm |
| 1357 | Mexico | Reserva de la Biosfera Archipiélago de Revillagigedo | Ca, Dc, Lo |
| 1360 | Mexico | Area de Protección de Flora y Fauna Yum Balam | Ei, Cm |
| 1362 | Mexico | Laguna Madre | Cm, Lk |
| 1448 | Mexico | Laguna Costera El Caimán | Cm |
| 1449 | Mexico | Parque Nacional Arrecifes de Cozumel | Cc, Ei, Cm, Dc |
| 1595 | Mexico | Corredor Costoro La Asamblea – San Francisquito | Cm, Cc, Ei, Dc, Lo |
| 1596 | Mexico | Laguna de Tamiahua | Lk, Cm |
| 1689 | Mexico | Laguna Huizache-Caimanero | Lo |
| 1760 | Mexico | Ensenada de Pabellones | Lo |
| 1764 | Mexico | Santuario Playa Boca de Apiza – El Chupadero – El Tecuanillo | Lo, Ca, Dc |
| 1768 | Mexico | Laguna Xola-ParamáDc | Dc, Lo, Cm |
| 1770 | Mexico | Sistema Estuarino Boca del Cielo | Ca, Lo, Dc, Ei |
| 1771 | Mexico | Zona Sujeta a Conservación Ecológica Cabildo – Amatal | Lo |
| 1772 | Mexico | Zona Sujeta a Conservación Ecológica El Gancho – Murillo | Lo |
| 1777 | Mexico | Manglares de Nichutpté | Cm |
| 1778 | Mexico | Parque Nacional Cabo Pulmo | Cm, Cc, Ei, Dc, Lo |
| 1788 | Mexico | Playa de Colola | Dc, Lo, Ca |
| 1791 | Mexico | Estero El Chorro | Dc, Ca, Lo |
| 1792 | Mexico | Estero Majahuas | Lo, Dc, Ca |
| 1795 | Mexico | Playa de Maruata | Lo, Dc, Cm |
| 1817 | Mexico | Laguna Barra de Navidad | Ca, Dc, Lo |
| 1818 | Mexico | Laguna Chalacatepec | Lo, Dc, Ca |
| 1819 | Mexico | Lagunas de Chacahua | Ca, Lo, Dc |
| 1820 | Mexico | Parque Nacional Arrecife Alacranes | Ei, Cc, Cm |
| 1821 | Mexico | Playa Barra de la Cruz | Dc, Ca, Ei, Lo |
| 1823 | Mexico | Sistema Estuarino Puerto Arista | Ei, Cm, Lo, Dc |
| 1824 | Mexico | Sistema Lagunar Ceuta | Lo, Dc, Ca |
| 1825 | Mexico | Sistema Lagunar Estuarino Agua Dulce – El Ermitaño | Lo, Dc, Ca |
| 1826 | Mexico | Sistema Lagunar San Ignacio – Navachiste – Macapule | Ei, Ca, Lo |
| 1866 | Mexico | Humedales de Bahía Adair | Ca, Dc, Cc, Lo |
| 1891 | Mexico | Canal del Infiernillo y esteros del territorio Comcaac | Cc, Ca, Lo, Dc, Ei |
| 1921 | Mexico | Manglares y Humedales del Norte de Isla Cozumel | Cc, Cm, Ei |
| 1983 | Mexico | Humedales de Bahía San Jorge | Lo, Ca, Dc, Cc |
| 1985 | Mexico | Laguna de Cuyutlán vasos III y IV | Dc, Lo, Ca |
| 2025 | Mexico | Lagunas de Santa María-Topolobampo-Ohuira | Ca, Ei, Dc, Lo |
| 2154 | Mexico | Humedales de la Laguna La Cruz | Ca |
| 374 | United States of America | Everglades National Park | Dc, Cm, Ei, Lk |
| 375 | United States of America | Chesapeake Bay Estuarine Complex | Cc, Lk |
| 559 | United States of America | Delaware Bay Estuary | Cc |
| 590 | United States of America | Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge | Lk, Cm, Cc, Ei |

**Oceania**

| **Site no.** | **Country** | **Name of Site** | **Species present** |
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| 1 | Australia | Cobourg Peninsula | Cm, Nd, Lo, Dc, Ei, Cc |
| 204 | Australia | Kakadu National Park | Cm, Nd |
| 266 | Australia | Port Phillip Bay & Bellarine Peninsula | Dc |
| 479 | Australia | Roebuck Bay | Nd |
| 480 | Australia | Eighty Mile Beach | Nd |
| 631 | Australia | Moreton Bay | Ei, Cm, Cc |
| 797 | Australia | Pulu Keeling National Park | Cm, EI |
| 992 | Australia | Great Sandy Strait | Cm, Cc, Ei, Nd, Dc, Lo |
| 1220 | Australia | Ashmore Reef Commonwealth Marine Reserve | Cm, Ei, CC |
| 1222 | Australia | Coral Sea Reserves | Cm, Ei |
| 1223 | Australia | Elizabeth and Middleton Reefs Marine National Nature Reserve | Cm, Dc |
| 2331 | Fiji | Qoliqoli Cokovata | Ei, Cm, Dc, Cc |
| 1834 | France | Lagon de Moorea – Polynésie française | Ei, Cm |
| 2002 | France | Vasière des Badamiers - Mayotte | Ei, Cm |
| 2073 | France | Ile Europa | Cm, Ei |
| 2143 | Kiribati | Nooto-North Tarawa | Cm |
| 2072 | Marshall Islands | Namdrik Atoll | Cm, Ei |
| 1744 | Mauritius | Blue Bay Marine Park | Cm |
| 1077 | United Kingdom | Diego Garcia | Ei, Cm |
| 1971 | United States of America | Palmyra Atoll National Wildlife Refuge | Ei, Cm |

1. In compliance with national laws and rules. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Ramsar Sites in dependent territories are listed according to their geographical location rather than the Ramsar region of the concerned Contracting Party. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Feeding area of international importance. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. First site to be designated as a Ramsar Site due to the importance of the terrestrial habitat for marine turtles. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)