

1- Conservation of Mediterranean island wetlands

context – preamble

- ***references to specific pressures:*** tourism – desertification – urbanisation – drainage – water stress
- ***references to values and opportunities:***
biodiversity hotspots – water provision – tourist attractions
- ***references to earlier Ramsar decisions:***
 - designate small & sensitive wetlands for the Ramsar List
 - MedWet as a regional cooperation mechanism

1- Conservation of Mediterranean island wetlands *operational decisions*

💧 *Mediterranean Parties to:*

- reduce human pressures on wetlands
- provide legal protection to sites and their ecosystem services
- produce a site inventory (through MedWet)
- restore sites through territorial planning
- provide regular status updates in National Reports to COPs

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💧 *the Ramsar Secretariat to:*

- make CBD, CMS, trade, tourism, transport and other organisations aware of the values of these ecosystems
- bring this Resolution to the attention of Mediterranean intergovernmental institutions
- develop and disseminate (through MedWet) negative and positive case studies

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💧 *non-Mediterranean Parties to:*

- give special attention to their island wetlands
- report on their island wetlands in National Reports to COPs

This draft text submitted to STRP18 for possible input has already profited from comments received from Mediterranean Ramsar Parties (it was circulated to all MedWet members).

2- Peatlands, climate change, wise use and Ramsar *context – preamble*

- ◆ ***references to specific problems:*** pressures on ecosystems – degraded peatlands' contribution to GHG emissions
- ◆ ***summary of earlier decisions (Ramsar and others):***
 - Resolutions on climate change, peatlands, biofuels (COP VIII-XI)
 - IPCC, Kyoto Protocol, UNFCCC, CBD, REDD+, wetland rewetting
- ◆ ***call for better cooperation and synergies:***
with MEAs, research institutions, compensation mechanisms (VCS), etc.

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💧 *Contracting Parties to:*

- designate peatland Ramsar Sites for CEPA on climate impact of peatlands (especially when degraded) and wise use
- facilitate information exchange and cooperation (with the help of the Secretariat and other organisations)

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💧 *STRP to:*

- evaluate progress with implementing the *Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands* (Res. VIII.17)
- STRP National Focal Points to contribute national and regional perspectives and expertise to the above

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💧 *the Ramsar Secretariat and regional initiatives to:*

- cooperate with international organisations to investigate the potential contribution of peatlands to climate change mitigation and adaptation

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◆ *the AAs, Ramsar Secretariat, STRP to:*

- provide expert guidance to UNFCCC for joint policies to reduce anthropogenic GHG emissions from peatlands

◆ *the AAs to:*

- bring this Resolution to the attention of focal points of other MEAs and to promote collaborative work

This draft has been produced on 5 September and profited since from a preliminary review by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. They look forward to STRP input prior to circulate an amended version more widely.