

**Review and consolidation of current Resolutions:
Consolidation of Recommendations and Resolutions on
Assessment of wetland values and services**

Actions requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to approve the attached draft consolidation of current Resolutions on "Assessment of wetland values and services" as having been correctly prepared and to be submitted for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting.

1. At its 14th meeting, the Conference of the Contracting Parties adopted Resolution XIV.5 on *Review of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Contracting Parties*. Annex 1 of that Resolution contains a *List of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties and their status*. Annex 2 of that Resolution specifies the agreed *Categories of Resolutions of the Conference of Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands* as a basis for the preparation of draft consolidated resolutions.
2. Annex 2 of Resolution XIV.5 indicates that, at present, there are five Resolutions and Recommendations dealing specifically with "Assessment of wetland values and services", as follows:
 - Recommendation 1.6 on *Assessment of wetland values*;
 - Recommendation 6.10 on *Promotion of cooperation on the economic valuation of wetlands*;
 - Resolution VI.21 on *Assessment and reporting on the status of wetlands*;
 - Resolution VIII.8 on *Assessing and reporting the status and trends of wetlands, and the implementation of Article 3.2 of the Convention*; and
 - Resolution XIII.17 on *Rapidly assessing wetland ecosystem services*.
3. The Conference of the Parties has decided, in Annex 1 of Resolution XIV.5, that:
 - Recommendation 1.6 has been superseded and may be repealed; and that
 - Resolution VI.21 may be considered as defunct.

For this reason the text of those documents is not to be included in any consolidation.

4. As indicated in Annex 2 of Resolution XIV.5, there are elements of the text of Resolution VIII.8 that are relevant to several categories of Resolutions including: "Ramsar List of wetlands"; "Designation of Ramsar Sites"; "Montreux Record"; and "Ecological character of Ramsar Sites". On further detailed examination for the present consolidation exercise, the text of Resolution

VIII.8 appears to be only peripherally relevant to the subject of assessment of wetland values and services. It has therefore been omitted from this exercise.

5. Taking the above into account, Annex A of the present document contains a draft consolidated resolution on *Assessment of wetland values and services* based on Recommendation 6.10 and Resolution XIII.17. In the table in that Annex, the left-hand column shows the existing texts with proposed amendments. The right-hand column indicates the source of the text, together with a comment regarding any proposed change. Some minor changes that were purely editorial have not been indicated.
6. Annex B to the present document contains the clean version of the draft consolidated resolution, taking into account the comments in Annex A.

Annex A

Annotated draft consolidated resolution on Assessment of wetland values and services: Explanatory version

TEXT FROM EXISTING RESOLUTIONS	NOTES
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Proposed new text is underlined</i> <i>Proposed deletions are marked with strikethrough.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">[including original source]</p>
<p><u>RECALLING Recommendations 1.6 on <i>Assessment of wetland values</i> and Recommendation 6.10 on <i>Promotion of cooperation on the economic valuation of wetlands</i>, adopted at the first and sixth meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, respectively; and ALSO RECALLING Resolution VI.21 on <i>Assessment and reporting on the status of wetlands</i> and Resolution XIII.17 on <i>Rapidly assessing wetland ecosystem services</i>, adopted at the sixth and thirteenth meetings, respectively;</u></p>	<p>New text to recall the Recommendations and Resolutions that are being consolidated and repealed.</p>
<p>RECOGNIZING that, to achieve the Mission of the Ramsar Convention as described in the Strategic Plan 2016-2024, it is essential that vital ecosystem functions <u>and values</u> and the ecosystem services that wetlands provide to people and nature are fully recognized, maintained, restored and wisely used, and that the need to develop approaches for assessing both ecosystem functions and ecosystem <u>values and services</u> is recognized;</p>	<p>[para. 1 of Resolution XIII.17] Proposed addition of “values” so that this replaces para. 1 and 2 of Recommendation 6.10</p>
<p>NOTING that, while wetlands provide a wide range of benefits to humankind, their economic value is not well documented or understood, in part because wetland values are not well captured in established monetary indicators;</p>	<p>[para.1 of Recommendation 6.10] Proposed deletion as this is replaced by para.1 of Resolution XIII.17 as amended.</p>
<p>FURTHER NOTING that few studies have been conducted on the non-market values of wetlands, particularly in developing nations;</p>	<p>[para. 2 of Recommendation 6.10] Proposed deletion as this paragraph is replaced by para.1 of Resolution XIII.17 as amended.</p>
<p>CONCERNED that initiatives which attempt to conserve wetlands without addressing the fundamental forces that lead to wetland degradation and loss are unlikely to succeed in the long run;</p>	<p>[para. 3 of Recommendation 6.10]</p>
<p>AWARE that economic valuation of the goods and services that wetlands provide to people can serve as an essential national and international instrument in countering negative impacts on wetlands and <u>as</u> an important complement to the precautionary approach;</p>	<p>[para. 4 of Recommendation 6.10]</p>
<p>FURTHER AWARE that senior decision-makers often do not have adequate knowledge of the full economic value of wetlands;</p>	<p>[para. 5 of Recommendation 6.10]</p>
<p>RECALLING that a number of networks of expertise, such as the Economic Assessment of Wetland Functions and Values Specialist Group of Wetlands International, have already been established in response to the above concerns, including wetland valuation experts in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas;</p>	<p>[para. 6 of Recommendation 6.10] Deletion of reference to a group that no longer exists.</p>
<p>FURTHER RECALLING that wetland valuation was a concern at the 1995 International Conference on Wetlands and Development in Malaysia;</p>	<p>[para. 7 of Recommendation 6.10] Proposed deletion as this does not provide the justification for any text in the operative part.</p>

<p>RECOGNIZING the importance of establishing further linkages among various interest groups on the subject of wetland valuation and a need to coordinate and collaborate on these initiatives in order to facilitate implementation of elements of the Strategic Plan 1997-2002 of the Convention</p>	<p>[para. 8 of Recommendation 6.10] Strikethrough text is proposed for deletion as it is out of date.</p>
<p>RECALLING that Annex A to Resolution IX.1 on Additional scientific and technical guidance for implementing the Ramsar wise use concept <u>A Conceptual Framework for the wise use of wetlands and the maintenance of their ecological character</u> defines the ecological character of wetlands as the combination of the ecosystem components, processes and benefits/services that characterize the wetland at a given point in time ; ALSO RECALLING that the <i>Guidance for valuing the benefits derived from wetland ecosystem services</i> (Ramsar Technical Report No.3 / Technical Series No.27 of the Convention on Biological Diversity) provides guidance for valuing wetlands and advice on when and why wetland valuation should be undertaken and sets out a framework for the integrated assessment and valuation of wetland services;</p>	<p>[para. 2 of Resolution XIII.17] Correction to the title of Resolution IX.1 Annex A</p>
<p>NOTING that a priority area of focus for the Convention under the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 (Resolution XII.2) is to enhance the information about ecosystem functions and the ecosystem services that wetlands provide to people and nature; ALSO RECALLING Target 11 of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024, Wetland functions, services and benefits are widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated , and that the assessment of ecosystem services of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) is a key indicator of progress against this target;</p>	<p>[para. 3 of Resolution XIII.17]</p>
<p>FURTHER RECOGNIZING that, under Resolution XII.3, on Enhancing the languages of the Convention and its visibility and stature, and increasing synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions <u>Enhancing the visibility and stature of the Convention, and increasing synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions</u>, Contracting Parties and other stakeholders are encouraged to increase their efforts to communicate on the values of ecosystem services of wetlands in other sectors' strategies, plans and regulations, and integrate them into a basin approach to land-use plans and other relevant local, national and global decisions;</p>	<p>[para. 4 of Resolution XIII.17] Correction to reflect the change of name of Resolution XII.3, as amended at COP13.</p>
<p>FURTHER NOTING the requirement under Resolution XI.8, on <i>Streamlining procedures for describing Ramsar Sites at the time of designation and subsequent updates</i>, to ensure that a comprehensive description of ecosystem services is provided in the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS) of a Ramsar Site, and that, if there are other ecosystem services occurring on the Site, which do not fit this classification, that they should also be described in the RIS;</p>	<p>[para. 5 of Resolution XIII.17]</p>

ACKNOWLEDGING that the important ecosystem functions and ecosystem services that wetlands provide, as highlighted in the Strategic Plan 2016-2024, have direct relevance to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals related to poverty eradication, food and nutrition, healthy living, gender equality, water quality and supply, water security, energy supply, reduction of natural disasters, innovation and the development of appropriate infrastructure, sustainable human settlements, adaptation to climate change, oceans, seas and marine resources, biodiversity and the sustainable use of ecosystems;	[para. 6 of Resolution XIII.17]
RECOGNIZING the importance of indicating the presence or absence of all relevant ecosystem services and benefits currently provided by each Ramsar Site when completing or updating the RIS and the need also to recognize important ecosystem functions;	[para. 7 of Resolution XIII.17]
FURTHER RECOGNIZING the priority thematic work area of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel for 2016-2018, which requested the development of methodologies for the economic and non-economic valuation of the goods and services of wetlands; and ALSO RECOGNIZING the importance of integrating multiple wetland values into decision-making, as described in Ramsar Policy Brief 2 on <i>Integrating multiple wetland values into decision-making</i> ;	[para. 8 of Resolution XIII.17] Proposed deletion of a reference that is out of date.
CONSIDERING that only 19% of Contracting Parties reported to COP12 in their National Reports that they had assessed the ecosystem benefits and services provided by Ramsar Sites;	[para. 9 of Resolution XIII.17]
ALSO CONSIDERING that, without the application of appropriate methodologies, the multiple functions and values of wetlands may continue to be poorly recognized and integrated into decision-making;	[para. 10 of Resolution XIII.17]
THANKING the Government of the Republic of Korea, Suncheon City (Republic of Korea), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia for their generous sponsorship and organization of workshops that laid the foundation for the present Resolution;	[para. 11 of Resolution XIII.17] Proposed deletion as the thanks relate to Resolution XIII.17 and not this consolidation. That Resolution remains on the record and accessible on the Convention website.
THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES	Standard text to introduce the operative part of the Resolution.
AFFIRMS that it is vital that all wetland economic values be identified, measured and reported upon to increase national and international awareness of the need for and benefits of wetland conservation;	[para. 9 of Recommendation 6.10]
ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties to recognize the need to assess both wetland ecosystem functions and ecosystem services;	[para. 12 of Resolution XIII.17]
CALLS ON the existing broadly-based networks of expertise to provide leadership on the valuation of wetlands and to act as advisory groups to the Ramsar Convention on this complex subject;	[para. 10 of Recommendation 6.10]
URGES these national and international networks to: a) further their efforts for cooperation on wetland valuation in collaboration with non-governmental organizations and other interested parties; b) shed light on the fundamental economic forces that lead to wetland degradation and loss; c) initiate and/or support ongoing valuation projects in a multidisciplinary fashion to monetarize the unmeasured wealth of	[para. 11 of Recommendation 6.10] Amendment of “Ramsar Bureau” to “Ramsar Secretariat” as approved in Resolution IX.10

goods and services that wetlands provide to Contracting Parties to the Convention, decision-makers, and society in general; d) assist the Ramsar Bureau <u>Convention Secretariat</u> in advising Contracting Parties on their application of wetland valuation results to national wetland and environmental policies; and e) assist in developing new strategies, training initiatives, and instruments appropriate to facilitate the assessment of economic values of wetland functions and benefits in order to further address wetland conservation needs;	
INVITES support for this initiative <u>the promotion of cooperation on the economic valuation of wetlands</u> by all Contracting Parties and interested groups and agencies;	[para. 12 of Recommendation 6.10] Amended to use the title of Recommendation 6.10, to clarify the intention. Otherwise this is not clear from the consolidated text.
TAKES NOTE of the <i>Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services</i> annexed to the present Resolution; and RECOGNIZES that it could be applied by Contracting Parties, as appropriate, to assist in their delivery against the targets of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024;	[para. 13 of Resolution XIII.17]
INVITES Contracting Parties to volunteer to further develop this methodology in light of scientific and technical advances based on assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the results of the work on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystem Services or other approaches as appropriate;	[para. 14 of Resolution XIII.17]
ACKNOWLEDGES the <i>Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services</i> annexed to the present Resolution as an example of a voluntary assessment approach that may be useful to Contracting Parties for evaluating the ecosystem services of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) and other wetlands; ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties that are yet to adopt effective approaches for the recognition and evaluation of ecosystem services provided by their Ramsar Sites and other wetlands to consider using the <i>Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services</i> approach; and CONFIRMS that the present Resolution does not create additional reporting obligations for Contracting Parties;	[para. 15 of Resolution XIII.17]
ENCOURAGES Ramsar Site management authorities to apply, as appropriate, approaches such as the <i>Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services</i> as tools to assess the ecosystem services that their Site provides, to contribute to the description of the ecological character of their Site and to ensure the maintenance of these services in their management processes; and ENCOURAGES Parties to use the data and information gathered to update the relevant sections of the RIS for the Site;	[para. 16 of Resolution XIII.17] Amendment to use the acronym 'RIS', which is introduced above
RECOGNIZES the long-term value of taking a participatory approach, involving Indigenous Peoples and local communities, subject to the respective national laws of the Contracting Parties, when recognizing and understanding the ecosystem functions and ecosystem services provided by wetlands;	[para. 17 of Resolution XIII.17] NB capitalization of "Indigenous Peoples" in accordance with Resolution XIV.9
INVITES Contracting Parties to support the translation and further development of the <i>Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services</i> annexed to the present Resolution into languages that are not official languages of the Convention within the broad context of the Ramsar Strategic Plan;	[para. 18 of Resolution XIII.17]

ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties to promote the use by Ramsar Site management authorities of Ramsar communication tools including websites and social media, to highlight more widely the ecosystem functions and ecosystem services provided by wetlands;	[para. 19 of Resolution XIII.17]
ENCOURAGES those who modify and use approaches such as the <i>Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services</i> in the broad context of the Strategic Plan to refer also to other relevant Ramsar guidelines, when making these assessments;	[para. 20 of Resolution XIII.17]
ALSO ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties, as appropriate, to utilize this approach and other relevant approaches for the rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services when preparing their National Reports and describing the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance; <u>and</u>	[para. 21 of Resolution XIII.17]
REQUESTS the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP), 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, and requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to work with Contracting Parties to review and compile outputs from this voluntary assessment approach and share information with other relevant bodies on behalf of the Ramsar Convention; and	[para. 22 of Resolution XIII.17] Proposed deletion of this para. as out of date, as the STRP reported to the Standing Committee.
ALSO REQUESTS the STRP, subject to the availability of resources, and consistent with its scope, mandate, and priority thematic work areas for 2019-2021, in developing its proposed work plan, working with International Organization Partners and other observer organizations to review outputs from the <i>Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services</i>, to ensure that they effectively evaluate the ecosystem services of wetlands.	[para. 23 of Resolution XIII.17] Proposed deletion as out of date regarding past development of the STRP workplan
<u>REPEALS the following Recommendations and Resolutions and specified parts thereof:</u> - <u>Recommendation 1.6 on <i>Assessment of wetland values</i>;</u> - <u>Recommendation 6.10 on <i>Promotion of cooperation on the economic valuation of wetlands</i>;</u> - <u>Resolution VI.21 on <i>Assessment and reporting on the status of wetlands</i>; and</u> - <u>Resolution XIII.17 on <i>Rapidly assessing wetland ecosystem services</i>.</u>	New text to recognize the status of Recommendations and Resolutions indicated in Resolution XIV.5 and to repeal the Recommendation and Resolution that are covered by this consolidation.

NB: The Annex to Resolution XIII.17 remains as the Annex to the consolidated resolution.

Annex B

Draft consolidated resolution on Assessment of wetland values and services: Clean version

1. RECALLING Recommendations 1.6 on *Assessment of wetland values* and Recommendation 6.10 on *Promotion of cooperation on the economic valuation of wetlands*, adopted at the first and sixth meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, respectively; and ALSO RECALLING Resolution VI.21 on *Assessment and reporting on the status of wetlands* and Resolution XIII.17 on *Rapidly assessing wetland ecosystem services*, adopted at the sixth and thirteenth meetings, respectively;
2. RECOGNIZING that, to achieve the Mission of the Ramsar Convention as described in the Strategic Plan 2016-2024, it is essential that vital ecosystem functions and values and the ecosystem services that wetlands provide to people and nature are fully recognized, maintained, restored and wisely used, and that the need to develop approaches for assessing ecosystem functions and ecosystem values and services is recognized;
3. CONCERNED that initiatives which attempt to conserve wetlands without addressing the fundamental forces that lead to wetland degradation and loss are unlikely to succeed in the long run;
4. AWARE that economic valuation of the goods and services that wetlands provide to people can serve as an essential national and international instrument in countering negative impacts on wetlands and as an important complement to the precautionary approach;
5. FURTHER AWARE that senior decision-makers often do not have adequate knowledge of the full economic value of wetlands;
6. RECALLING that a number of networks of expertise have already been established in response to the above concerns, including wetland valuation experts in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas;
7. RECOGNIZING the importance of establishing further linkages among various interest groups on the subject of wetland valuation and a need to coordinate and collaborate on these initiatives;
8. RECALLING that Annex A to Resolution IX.1 on *A Conceptual Framework for the wise use of wetlands and the maintenance of their ecological character* defines the ecological character of wetlands as the combination of the ecosystem components, processes and benefits/services that characterize the wetland at a given point in time ; ALSO RECALLING that the *Guidance for valuing the benefits derived from wetland ecosystem services* (Ramsar Technical Report No.3 / Technical Series No.27 of the Convention on Biological Diversity) provides guidance for valuing wetlands and advice on when and why wetland valuation should be undertaken and sets out a framework for the integrated assessment and valuation of wetland services;
9. NOTING that a priority area of focus for the Convention under the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 (Resolution XII.2) is to enhance the information about ecosystem functions and the ecosystem services that wetlands provide to people and nature; ALSO RECALLING Target 11 of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024, Wetland functions, services and benefits are widely demonstrated, documented and disseminated , and that the assessment of ecosystem services of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) is a key indicator of progress against this target;

10. FURTHER RECOGNIZING that, under Resolution XII.3, on *Enhancing the visibility and stature of the Convention, and increasing synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions*, Contracting Parties and other stakeholders are encouraged to increase their efforts to communicate on the values of ecosystem services of wetlands in other sectors' strategies, plans and regulations, and integrate them into a basin approach to land-use plans and other relevant local, national and global decisions;
11. FURTHER NOTING the requirement under Resolution XI.8, on *Streamlining procedures for describing Ramsar Sites at the time of designation and subsequent updates*, to ensure that a comprehensive description of ecosystem services is provided in the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS) of a Ramsar Site, and that, if there are other ecosystem services occurring on the Site, which do not fit this classification, they should also be described in the RIS;
12. ACKNOWLEDGING that the important ecosystem functions and services that wetlands provide, as highlighted in the Strategic Plan 2016-2024, have direct relevance to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals related to poverty eradication, food and nutrition, healthy living, gender equality, water quality and supply, water security, energy supply, reduction of natural disasters, innovation and the development of appropriate infrastructure, sustainable human settlements, adaptation to climate change, oceans, seas and marine resources, biodiversity and the sustainable use of ecosystems;
13. RECOGNIZING the importance of indicating the presence or absence of all relevant ecosystem services- and benefits currently provided by each Ramsar Site when completing or updating the RIS and the need also to recognize important ecosystem functions;
14. FURTHER RECOGNIZING the importance of integrating multiple wetland values into decision-making, as described in Ramsar Policy Brief 2 on *Integrating multiple wetland values into decision-making*;
15. CONSIDERING that only 19% of Contracting Parties reported to COP12 in their National Reports that they had assessed the ecosystem benefits and services provided by Ramsar Sites; and
16. ALSO CONSIDERING that, without the application of appropriate methodologies, the multiple functions and values of wetlands may continue to be poorly recognized and integrated into decision-making;

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17. AFFIRMS that it is vital that all wetland economic values be identified, measured and reported upon to increase national and international awareness of the need for and benefits of wetland conservation;
18. ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties to recognize the need to assess both wetland ecosystem functions and ecosystem services;
19. CALLS ON the existing broadly-based networks of expertise to provide leadership on the valuation of wetlands and to act as advisory groups to the Ramsar Convention on this complex subject;
20. URGES these national and international networks to:

- a) further their efforts for cooperation on wetland valuation in collaboration with non-governmental organizations and other interested parties;
 - b) shed light on the fundamental economic forces that lead to wetland degradation and loss;
 - c) initiate and/or support ongoing valuation projects in a multidisciplinary fashion to monetarize the unmeasured wealth of goods and services that wetlands provide to Contracting Parties to the Convention, decision-makers, and society in general;
 - d) assist the Convention Secretariat in advising Contracting Parties on their application of wetland valuation results to national wetland and environmental policies; and
 - e) assist in developing new strategies, training initiatives, and instruments appropriate to facilitate the assessment of economic values of wetland functions and benefits in order to further address wetland conservation needs;
21. INVITES support for the promotion of cooperation on the economic valuation of wetlands by all Contracting Parties and interested groups and agencies;
 22. TAKES NOTE of the *Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services* annexed to the present Resolution; and RECOGNIZES that it could be applied by Contracting Parties, as appropriate, to assist in their delivery against the targets of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024;
 23. INVITES Contracting Parties to volunteer to further develop this methodology in light of scientific and technical advances based on assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the results of the work on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystem Services or other approaches as appropriate;
 24. ACKNOWLEDGES the *Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services* annexed to the present Resolution as an example of a voluntary assessment approach that may be useful to Contracting Parties for evaluating the ecosystem services of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) and other wetlands; ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties that are yet to adopt effective approaches for the recognition and evaluation of ecosystem services provided by their Ramsar Sites and other wetlands to consider using the *Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services* approach; and CONFIRMS that the present Resolution does not create additional reporting obligations for Contracting Parties;
 25. ENCOURAGES Ramsar Site management authorities to apply, as appropriate, approaches such as the *Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services* as tools to assess the ecosystem services that their Site provides, to contribute to the description of the ecological character of their Site and to ensure the maintenance of these services in their management processes; and ENCOURAGES Parties to use the data and information gathered to update the relevant sections of the RIS for the Site;
 26. RECOGNIZES the long-term value of taking a participatory approach, involving indigenous peoples and local communities, subject to the respective national laws of the Contracting Parties, when recognizing and understanding the ecosystem functions and ecosystem services provided by wetlands;
 27. INVITES Contracting Parties to support the translation and further development of the *Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services* annexed to the present Resolution into languages that are not official languages of the Convention within the broad context of the Ramsar Strategic Plan;

28. ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties to promote the use by Ramsar Site management authorities of Ramsar communication tools including websites and social media, to highlight more widely the ecosystem functions and ecosystem services provided by wetlands;
29. ENCOURAGES those who modify and use approaches such as the *Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services* in the broad context of the Strategic Plan to refer also to other relevant Ramsar guidelines, when making these assessments;
30. ALSO ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties, as appropriate, to utilize this approach and other relevant approaches for the rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services when preparing their National Reports and describing the status of Sites on the List of Wetlands of International Importance; and
31. REPEALS the following Recommendations and Resolutions and specified parts thereof:
 - Recommendation 1.6 on *Assessment of wetland values*;
 - Recommendation 6.10 on *Promotion of cooperation on the economic valuation of wetlands*;
 - Resolution VI.21 on *Assessment and reporting on the status of wetlands*; and
 - Resolution XIII.17 on *Rapidly assessing wetland ecosystem services*.

[NB: The Annex to the consolidated resolution will be the current Annex to Resolution XIII.17, without amendment]