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Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

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- Intergovernmental treaty on wetlands
 - 170 Parties
 - Provides the framework for the conservation and wise use
 - First modern global environmental agreement



- Members commit to:
 - Designate suitable wetlands for the list of Wetlands of International Importance (the "Ramsar List")
 - Cooperate on transboundary wetland systems and shared species

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the SDGs



How Wetlands Support Achievement of the SDGs



Main focus SDGs 6. Ramsar cocustodian with UNEP of Indicator 6.6.1 "Change in the extent of water related ecosystems over time", SDGS 14 and 15

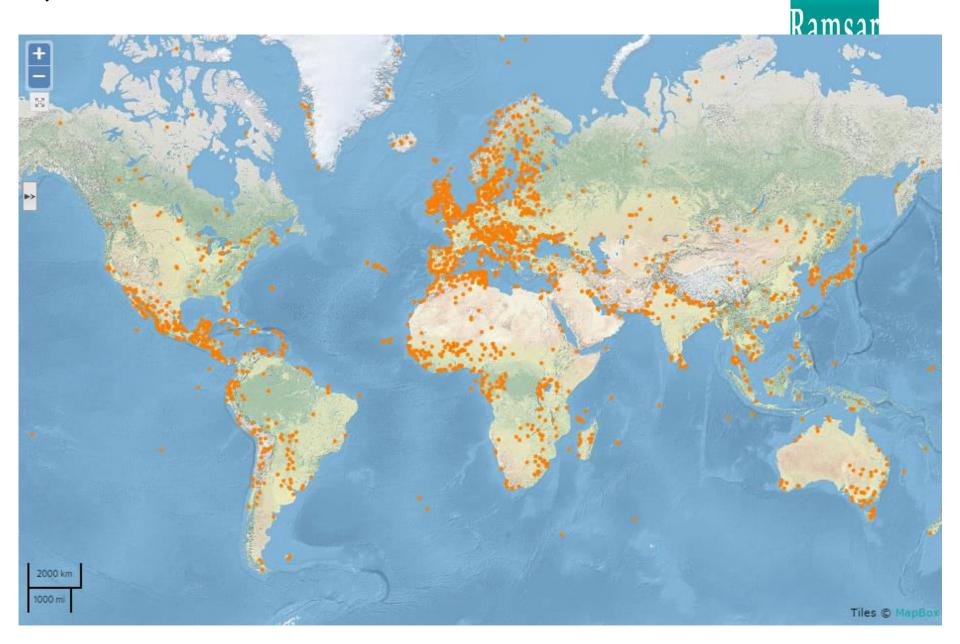








2,333Ramsar Sites - 249 million hectares





Biodiversity Liaison Group

 Specific MOUs and JWP with the BLG (CMS, CBD, LINCCD)

UNCCD)

WHC

- Joint Ramsar Advisory Missions
- Publications
- Effectiveness in the management Ramsar Sites





Ramsar Global Implementation Report to COP13



Besides assessing the progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan in the last triennium, the report:

- Provides information for reporting to the CBD on the national implementation of the CBD/Ramsar Joint Work Plan and the Ramsar Convention's lead implementation role on wetlands for the CBD.
- the main contributions of the Convention to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets of the CBD



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The data and findings are drawn from national reports

Ramsar Target 6/Aichi Target 11

- The Ramsar Site network continue to grow, contributing to the conservation of under-represented wetland types and the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.
- The designation of Ramsar Sites has supported at least 57 countries in the achievement of national targets established under the CBD, that contribute to Aichi Target 11.





- Global Wetland Outlook: State of the World's Wetlands and their Services to People
- Wetlands being lost three times faster than forests. There is a decline of about 35% in both marine/coastal and inland natural wetland areas between 1970 and 2015.
- Online Ramsar Sites Management Toolkit









UNEP-WCMC

 Pilot project to UNEP-WCMC to ensure that Ramsar Sites are included in the World Protected Areas Database, which provides the information for SDG indicator 15.1.2.





"Partnership for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 with Attendant Multiple Benefits"

- Opportunity to know who is doing what
- Identify gaps and priority areas
- Common areas to work together





