



WORLD WETLAND NETWORK

A global network of Civil Society Groups & NGOs working on wetland conservation

About the World Wetland Network (WWN)

WWN has worked to raise the profile of Civil Society Organisations (CSO) in the delivery of the Ramsar Convention's objectives for the last seven years, set up at COP10 in Changwon in 2008. It is recognised in several of the Ramsar Convention's resolutions.

WWN arose from the need for NGOs to maintain contact with each other at and between Ramsar meetings, but also helps with information exchange, sharing of best practice and lobbying on specific wetland issues.

The WWN enables smaller NGOs to arrive at Ramsar COPs (Conferences of the Parties) well prepared for the meeting and more able to fully participate in the Ramsar meeting itself.

WWN Goal

To raise awareness of the importance of local wetland NGOs in delivering international wetland conservation agreements, and support their role in doing so.

WWN Objectives

- a) Facilitate and coordinate the involvement of wetland NGOs at every Ramsar COP, particularly through the international NGO meeting, and help influence these Multi-lateral Environmental Agreements.
- b) Raise the profile of wetland NGOs and their role in the local delivery of international wetland conservation agreements.
- c) Create an international platform to share knowledge and spread messages about the best practices for wetland conservation and wise use.
- d) Take positive action to support good wetland management, and offer support to local NGOs in their work to protect internationally important wetlands.

Structure

WWN is currently led by a committee with 1 representative from each of the following regions: Europe, Asia, North America, Oceania and Latin America. There are also sub-regional representatives including from Oceania, Latin America and Africa.

WWN has a membership mailing list of nearly 2,000 organisations and individuals, and works in English, French and Spanish when possible.

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