RAMSAR NATIONAL CEPA ACTION PLAN FOR AUSTRALIA 2016-2018

Australia will implement the Ramsar Communication, Capacity building, Education, Participation and Awareness (CEPA) Programme 2016-2024 through a series of National CEPA Action Plans, with the first covering the triennium, 2016-2018.

CEPA roles and responsibilities: Australian national, state and territory governments are responsible for promoting the conservation of Ramsar sites and wise use of all wetlands in their jurisdictions. The Australian Government is also responsible for leading the development of national guidance and approaches on implementing the Ramsar Convention in Australia and reporting on implementation. The Australian Government leads national CEPA activities and helps coordinate CEPA initiatives with state and territory governments. CEPA activities are also an important component of Ramsar site management which is the responsibility of site owners or legal managers who may be the Australian or state/ territory government, an individual, a community entity, trust, Traditional Owners, a company or other organisation. Non government organisations with a wetland conservation or education focus also play important roles in delivering CEPA activities.

Ramsar CEPA Programme Vision: The vision of the Ramsar Convention's CEPA Programme is the same as the vision of the Strategic Plan: "Wetlands are conserved, wisely used, restored and their benefits are recognized and valued by all".

Goals and targets: The over-arching Goal of the Ramsar Convention's CEPA Programme is "People taking action for the conservation and wise use of wetlands". The Programme identifies nine Goals and 43 targets to achieve the vision. The programme covers full range of CEPA actors but not all goals and targets apply at every level.

CEPA Programme Goals	Targets (set in Convention's CEPA Programme)	Actions for Australia for 2016-2018	Output/outcome measure Outcomes across the country will be consolidated for reporting purposes	Priority (H, M, L)
1. Ensure leadership	1.1 Appropriately	1.1 Appoint appropriate people as National	NFPs appointed	Н
to support effective	experienced people to	Government and NGO CEPA National Focal Points		
implementation of	fill the roles of National	and advise Secretariat (AG, ongoing).		
the Programme by	Government and			
providing	Non-governmental			
institutional	Organization CEPA			
mechanisms and	Focal Points (see			
establishing and	Appendix 2)			
supporting relevant	nominated by			
networks.	Contracting Parties and	1.2 WAESC to continue acting as the national	WAESC meetings held	

communicated to the	Ramsar Committee (AG, ongoing) (National Report	Issues addressed (National Report
Ramsar Secretariat.	Q16.4)	Q16.4)
{AA, CSO}	1.2 Outcomes of VIC Audit to be shared with	
1.2 National	WAESC members (Vic, proposed)	Group in place by June 2017
Ramsar/Wetland	1.2 VIC to convene a high level inter-agency	
Committees	government group to oversee the implementation	
established to	of agreed roles and responsibilities for Victoria's	NFPs attend meetings
collaborate with	Ramsar sites (Vic, proposed)	
relevant government	1.3 Invite CEPA NGO National Focal Point and STRP	
departments and	National Focal Point to specific WAESC meetings	
institutions to	(AG, proposed).	
mainstream wetlands		Stakeholder databases identified
and their ecosystem		and used
services. {AA, NRC}	1.4 Utilise existing email networks (such as	Number of notifications sent
	Australian Wetland Network, NFPs, Wetland	
	Education Centres) to promote Ramsar-related	
1.3 National Focal Points	activity, events and resources (AG, ongoing).	
(AA, CEPA and STRP)		
included as members		Forums held
of National		Number and variety of
Ramsar/Wetland		participants
Committees where	1.5 Build and foster relationships between	
these exist. {AA, NRC}	governments, NGOs and Indigenous organisations,	Attendance at and contribution to
1.4 Email networks that	including through regular wetland stakeholder	meetings (National Report Q15.1,
connect and support	forums (AG/states, proposed).	15.2, 18.9)
Administrative		
Authorities, National	1.5 Participate in and support the East-Asian	
Focal Points, Site	Australasian Flyway Partnership (AG/states,	
managers and other	ongoing)	Survey of Wetlands Australia
Ramsar implementers	1.5 Build stakeholder relationships though	readers
established and	engagement activities such as advisory groups,	Emails sent
supported at global	program governance groups and practitioner	Website hits
and national levels.	networks (AG/states, ongoing)	Media and social media coverage
{RamSec, AA, STRP,	1.5 PHCC has obtained project funds from various	(national Report Q16.6)

		IOPs}	sources to conduct Shorebird ID courses to train	
	1.5	•	volunteers to count birds. These training	
		developed and	courseshave been conducted annually since 2008.	
		maintained with those	when enrolling in the courses the participants	
		organizations that can	commit to take part in the annual Shorebird 2020	
		support Ramsar	count.	
		objectives through		
		their expertise, their	1.6 Evaluate reach and success of WWD initiatives	
		traditional knowledge,	and material, including Wetlands Australia	
		their human resources	magazine, and information/educations websites	
		or through funding	such as Wetland <i>Info</i> (AG/states, ongoing)	
		established and		
		fostered. {RamSec, AA,		
		IOPs}		
	1.6	Effectiveness of		
		strategies, especially		
		regarding development		
		and distribution of		
		materials on wetland		
		education and		
		management, the		
		success of campaigns		
		under WWD		
		evaluated. {RamSec,		
		AAs, NRC, NFPs}		
		-,,		
2. Integrate CEPA	2.1	CEPA expertise	2.1 N/A	М
processes, where		involved in the		
appropriate, into all		development of		
levels of policy		guidance by the		
development,		Convention's bodies		
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planning and implementation of the Convention.	including the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) and Standing Committee (SC). {RamSec, STRP} 2.2 Wetland communication (CEPA) plans developed at the appropriate level by Parties (national, basin or site) to support Ramsar implementers. {AA, NRC, CSO} 2.3 Where appropriate, wetland CEPA integrated into national policy and planning relevant to wetlands. {AA, CEPA, NRC}	2.2 Develop National CEPA Plan (AG, proposed) and implement actions within Plan (AG/states, proposed) 2.2 PHCC has developed a draft PYS Wetlands and People Plan (CEPA). This is a direct outcome from the Site Management Plan, Strategy 9: 9 Strategy: Strategic awareness raising project 9.1 Prepare a communication, education and public awareness raising (CEPA) strategy to promote the international importance of the Peel- Yalgorup Ramsar Site, and our commitments to the Ramsar Convention for wetland 'wise use'. 2.3 Integrate CEPA (particularly promotion of wetland values) into actions within the Ramsar Implementation Plan (AG, ongoing). 2. 3 PHCC has a direct example, i.e. a draft CEPA Plan – see 2.2 above 2.3 Promote wetland values through: Protected area policy and planning Murray Darling Basin Plan GBR planning Heritage policy and planning Other policies and planning	Plan developed and published online (National Report Q16.1) Reports on implementation CEPA actions included Number of references to Ramsar and wetland values included in plans	
3. Provide support to implementers of	3.1 The Strategic Plan 2016-2024 adopted by	3.1 Disseminate and promote the Strategic Plan to relevant stakeholders (AG/states, ongoing)	Number and variety of stakeholders receiving Strategic	Н

wise use principles	1	COP12 disseminated		Plan
wise use principles,			3.2 Disseminate Ramsar and other materials such	Number of materials sent
especially those	2.2	and promoted.		
with a direct role in	3.2	Appropriate guidance	as National Guidance, Wetlands Australia and fact	Number of recipients
site management.		materials that support	sheets to Ramsar site managers and wetland	(National Report Q16.5a)
		and encourage the	networks (AG/states, ongoing).	
		wise use of wetlands	3.2 Develop and disseminate communication	Nl Clinton both and a section of
		produced for use at	materials and educate stakeholders about the	Number of links between relevant
		Ramsar Sites and other	Ramsar Convention and wetlands (states, ongoing)	websites
		wetlands and by	3.3 Develop and better integrate wetland	(National Report Q16.5, 18.5)
		wetland networks.	information on wetlands website and link with	Material uploaded (National
		{RamSec, STRP, IOPs,	other stakeholder websites (AG/states, ongoing).	Report Q 18.6)
		CSO}	3.3 Information on Australia's Ramsar wetlands	
	3.3	Websites, including the	provided to Secretariat, including uploads to RSIS,	
		Convention's website,	for use by Australian and international wetland	Number and distribution of
		to be further	stakeholders (AG, ongoing)	publications (National Report
		developed to be fit for		Q18.5)
		purpose and be a		
		useful platform for the		
		sharing of information		
		and resources,	3.4 Promote specific Ramsar sites and all wetlands	
		including the sharing of	through publications, brochures, fact sheets, and	
		information and	work with Wetland Education Centres and site	Materials sent
		experiences among	managers to promote wetlands(AG/states,	Number of recipients
		CEPA National Focal	ongoing).	
		Points. {RamSec, STRP,		
		AA}		
	3.4	Appropriate Ramsar		Content on Ramsar and wetlands
		Sites and other		included in strategies
		wetlands to be	3.5 Disseminate material provided by the Ramsar	Extent of liaison with MEA NFPs
		celebrated as	Secretariat and STRP to relevant stakeholders	(National Report Q16.5b, 18.1))
		"demonstration sites"	including WAESC members, site managers and	
		for the wise use	NGOs (AG, ongoing).	
		principle, and these		
		sites suitably equipped	3.6 Work with Convention on Biological Diversity	

	in terms of capacity, signage, and interpretive materials. {AA, CEPA, IOPs, CSO, STRP NFPs} 3.5 Secretariat requested to share CEPA stories which illustrate how integration of CEPA can improve wetland management. {RamSec} 3.6 Collaboration on CEPA with other Conventions, Ramsar IOPs, other NGOs, UN agencies and others ensured through sharing of CEPA experiences and the encouragement of synergies. {RamSec, IOPs, CSO, AA, CEPA}	and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change teams to promote and integrate wetland values and conservation through the Australian Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and National Climate Resilience and Adpatation Strategy (AG, ongoing).		
4. Build the individual, institutional and collective capacity of people with a direct responsibility for Ramsar implementation.	4.1 Managers supported to build communication, education, participation and awareness into their management plans. {RamSec, STRP, AA, CEPA, SM, RRCs, CSO, STRP NFP}	4.1 Promote Ramsar Management Principles, promote and continue to develop Guidelines, assist site managers to prepare ECDs and encourage the preparation of management plans that contain CEPA activities for Ramsar wetlands (AG/states, ongoing). See also action 3.3. 4.2 Maintain a watching brief on current training availability and potential training needs (AG, ongoing). 4.2 Assess capacity needs through regular surveys,	Extent of inclusion of CEPA in management plans (National Report Q9.4) Training offered (National Report Q19.1, 19.2, 19.3) Stakeholder forums held	M

capacities of wetland	stakeholder forums (see actions 1.5 and 3.3) and		
site managers and	convey to relevant areas of DoEE (e.g NESP, NRS		
National Focal Points	and Climate Adaptation) (AG, proposed).		
assessed and the			
results used to define	4.3 Provide wetland management training through		
training and	courses, workshops and online modules		
capacity-building	(states/educational institutions/NGOs, ongoing)		
priorities at regional	Provide resources to NGO/comuntiy to develop		
and national levels.	courses and to participate in courses, especialy		
{RamSec, STRP, AA,	where they are held interstate, e.g. there are great		
CEPA, SM, RRCs, STRP	courses held at Sydney's Olympic Park wetlands	Progress on development of	
NFP}	but they are too expensive to attend from WA.	proposal (National Report Q15.1,	
4.3 Resources provided to		15.2)	
produce appropriate			
wetland management			
training and capacity			
building materials and			
carry out the			
prioritized training and	4.4 Investigate development of Ramsar Regional	Number of relevant projects and	
capacity building as	Centres for the Oceania (AG, S/T, wetland	promotion of their results	
identified in 4.2.	stakeholders).	Extent of wetland CEPA/training/	
{RamSec, AA, CEPA,	4.4 PHCC is developing, with partners, a Peel	research by tertiary institutions	
STRP, SM, RRCs, CSO,	Waterways Institute, for the Peel-Yalgorup Site.	(National Report Q19.2)	
STRP NFP}			
4.4 A network of Ramsar			
Regional Centres			
working to agreed			
standards (such as peer		Wetland services recognised	
reviewed materials)	4.5 Explore options for partnerships through NESP,	Number of assessments	
supported to deliver	e.g. through its Northern Australia Environmental	incorporating wetland advice	
capacity building to site	Resources Hub and Tropical Water Quality Hub		
managers, National	(AG, proposed).		
Focal Points and other	4.5 Pursue ARC linkage grants		
relevant stakeholders.	4.5 Continue to engage with and promote CEPA		

	{RamSec, RRCs, STRP}	actions through MDBA and MDFRC (through EWKR		
	4.5 Partnerships with	project). Develop relationships with a range of		
	tertiary education	institutions to foster CEPA actions. (AG, proposed)		
	institutions and other	4.5 Partner with a range of organisations to deliver		
	relevant organisations	improved capacity to manage wetlands		
	are developed to	(state/organisations/NGOs, proposed)		
	support the production	4.6 Implement wetland wise use through MDB Plan		
	and delivery of wetland	and GBR plans (AG/states, ongoing).		
	management training	4.6 Integrate wetland conservation in EPBC Act		
	and capacity building	strategic assessments (AG, ongoing).		
	materials and			
	programmes. {RamSec,			
	STRP, RRCs, CSO, PS,			
	AA, CEPA, STRP NFP}			
	4.6 National strategic plans			
	that strengthen the			
	technical capacity and			
	management of local			
	authorities to			
	incorporate			
	environmental benefits			
	and services of			
	wetlands as strategies			
	for local and regional			
	development			
	promoted. {AA, CEPA}			
5. Develop and	5.1 Participation of major	5.1 Promote consultation requirements in national	Extent of stakeholder consultation	Н
support	stakeholders used by	Ramsar nomination guidelines (AG, ongoing).	in nomination processes (National	
mechanisms to	site managers and		Report Q16.3b)	
ensure	others as an effective		Mention of catchment approaches	
multi-stakeholder	process for selection of		in programme guidelines (National	
participation in	Ramsar Sites and	5.1 Through MDB Plan and programmes such as	Report Q16.3a)	

wetland		management of all	NLP, encourage whole of catchment approach to	Participation in forums and groups
management.		wetlands, including at	wetland management including irrigators, water	
		basin level. {AA, SM,	managers, conservation groups, Indigenous people	Number of Ramsar sites jointly
		CEPA, CSO, STRP NFP}	(AG, ongoing).	managed
			5.1 Engage site managers and stakeholders in	Local and Indigenous participation
			forums including advisory groups and NRM bodies	in management (National Report
			(States, ongoing)	Q10.3, 16.3a)
			5.2 Foster joint management with Indigenous	
			people (through nomination process, management	
	5.2	Participation in	planning), encourage adherence to Ramsar	
		wetland management	Management Principles, continue to promote	
		of stakeholder groups	consultation in implementation of the MDB Plan	Case studies/projects on cultural
		with cultural, spiritual,	and continue to promote Indigenous management	aspects of wetlands (National
		customary, traditional,	of wetlands through Working on Country and other	Report Q10.2)
		historical and	programs (AG/states, ongoing).	
		socio-economic links to	This is a key part of PHCC activities. PHCC has an	
		wetlands or those	"Aboriginal Participation Plan" developed with the	
		communities who	local Noongar community.	
		depend on wetlands		
		for their livelihoods is	5.3 Collaborate with NESP Hubs to support the	Numbers of projects involving
		given a high priority.	integration of Indigenous ecological knowledge	Ramsar and other wetlands
		{AA, SM, CEPA, CSO,	(IEK) to build collaborative opportunities and	
		RRI}	capacity for wetland management (AG/states,	
	5.3	The use of practices	proposed).	Extent of participation
		and traditional		
		knowledge systems	5.4 Promote engagement of communities,	
		that embody	including Indigenous communities, in wetland	
		appropriate wetland	conservation through AG programmes such as NLP,	
		cultural management	Green Army, Reef Trust and state programs	
		by Indigenous	(AG/states, ongoing).	
		peoples and local	We have current examples of projects. E.g.	Number of targeted publications
		communities	Working with the Binjareb people at the Murray	
		recovered,	River Massacre site.	
		strengthened and	5.4 Promote and encourage engagement of	Number of partnerships

	5.4	encouraged. {AA, CEPA} Encourage community participation in wetlands through volunteer programmes which support the delivery of management objectives. {AA, SM, CSO}	community groups (eg BirdWatch, FrogWatch, Seagrass Watch, Mangrove Watch, Landcare) in monitoring of Ramsar wetlands via relationships with Rasmar site managers, NGOs and WECs and through relevant e-news publications (AG/states, ongoing). 5.4 Annual Shorebird 2020 Count. PYS is largest in area (26,350ha) and volunteer numbers (>60), and some years birds counted (2013 <90,000). 5.5 Promote wetland values to local government and industry associations as well as AG industry departments through Fact Sheets and targeted information (AG/states, proposed). 5.5 Promote existing and new sustainable tourism partnerships at wetlands (AG/states, ongoing/proposed).		
	5.5	Relationships with the private sector are sought & developed, including non-traditional sectors and those sectors whose activities have a major impact on wise use of wetlands. {AA, NRC, SM, PS}	- PYS Wetlands and People Plan addresses this.		
6. Implement programmes, projects and campaigns targeting diverse sectors of society to increase	6.1	Wide-reaching programmes, projects and campaigns, including World Wetlands Day, undertaken with	6.1 Promote WWD and related wetlands information and pubications, promote migratory bird conservation (e.g. through World Migratory Bird Day, 14th May); develop/promote wetland Indigenous calendars; promote wetlands through other relevant activities and national/international	Number of wetland publications Number of WWD events (National Report Q16.6, 16.7)	Н

awareness,		diverse partners to	days (biodiversity, parks, environment, oceans etc)	Approaches made to Mint and
appreciation and		raise awareness, build	(AG/states, ongoing).	Aust Post
understanding of		community support,	6.1 Start planning for 50th anniversary of Ramsar	
wetlands and the		and promote	signing (2021) (e.g. advocate with Royal Australian	
ecosystem services		stewardship	Mint for a commemorative coin and Australia Post	Study completed and results
they provide.		approaches and	for commemorative stamp) (AG, proposed).	disseminated
		attitudes towards		
		wetlands, in particular	6.2 Undertake economic valuation study of	
		through the use of	disaster/natural hazard risk reduction services	Discussions held (National Report
		social media. {RamSec,	provided by Australian coastal wetlands	Q16.5c)
		AA, NRC, CEPA, SM,	onsultancy' (AG, proposed).	
		IOPs, RRCs, PS, CSO}	6.2 Discussions with relevant AG portfolios (AG,	
	6.2	Awareness enhanced	ongoing).	
		on the monetary and	6.2 Promote outcomes of research and policy work	
		non-monetary values	relating to blue carbon (AG, proposed)	Stakeholders advised, website hits
		of wetlands and their	6.2 Integrate values of wetlands through initiatives	Number of images and videos
		ecosystem services to	and programs such as Walking the Landcape and	
		improve understanding	whole of catchment management (states, ongoing)	
		of the benefits which	6.3 Promote Ramsar photographic competitions	
		wetlands provide.	and exhibitions (AG, ongoing).	Website hits
		{RamSec, STRP, AA,	- PHCC has held competitions in the past – 2013's	Number of Tweets
		CEPA, SM, STRP NFP}	focussed on Lake Clifton and the Thrombolites.	Social media coverage
			 Local award wining photographer David Rennie is 	(National Report Q16.7)
			an official Ramsar ambassador for our site	
			http://www.ramsar.org/search?search_api_views_	
	6.3	Photo libraries,	<u>fulltext=rennie</u>	
		promotional videos		
		and other similar tools	6.3 Maintain and provide access to Commonwealth	
		developed and/or	and state wetland images and videos (AG/state,	
		maintained to support	ongoing).	
		awareness raising and	- PHCC often provides agencies with images for	
		appreciation of	agency publications.	
		wetlands and their		
		ecosystem services.	6.4 Promote wetlands and related activity (e.g.	

	6.4	{RamSec, AA, CEPA} Collaboration with the media, including social media, carried out to promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands and recognition of their ecosystem services to decision-makers, key wetland users and the broad public. {RamSec, AA, CEPA}	WWD) through Departmental communications and social media platforms and other stakeholders' websites, newsletters and social media platforms (AG/states, ongoing).		
7. Recognize and support the role of wetland centres and other environmental centres as catalysts and key actors for activities that promote Ramsar objectives.		Wetland education/ interpretation or visitor centres and similar facilities established in all countries as resources permit. {AA, IOPs, WEC} National CEPA Focal Points communicating	7.1 Keep updated list of major Australian WECs (AG, ongoing) 7.2 Communicate and disseminate regular updates and information to WECs, and promote key events and publications (WWD; Ramsar publications, Wetlands Australia) to them (AG/states, ongoing).	Number of WECs (National Report Q16.2) Number of notifications Details provided	M
	7.3	directly with wetland education/visitor centres to support their delivery of Ramsar messages. {AA CEPA, WEC} Wetland education/visitor centres linked nationally and	7.3 See 1.5 and 7.5		

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	internationally			
	through, global		Number of notifications	
	mechanisms and			
	national expertise in	7.4 Regularly disseminate information and updates		
	CEPA, to share	to marine discovery centres and sustainable		
	experience and	schools (AG, ongoing).		
	resources, for example			
	through the Wetland		Survey undertaken and results	
	Link International		provided	
	(WLI) programme of			
	the Wildfowl &	7.5 Undertake national survey of Australian		
	Wetlands Trust, WWT	wetland education centres and provide results to		
	(UK) and other	WLI. (AG, completed).		
	initiatives. {AA, CEPA,			
	WEC}			
7.4	Partnerships			
	established with other			
	education centres that			
	could play a role in			
	promoting wetlands			
	and Ramsar objectives.			
	{AA, CEPA, RRCs,WEC}			
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7.5	A comprehensive			
	database of wetland			
	education centres set			
	up, to be managed			
	through the WLI			
	network. Contracting			
	parties to be			
	encouraged to provide			
	information on			
	wetland centres as			
	part of their national			
	part of their flutional			

		reporting. {RamSec, CEPA, IOPs, CSO, STRP NFPs}			
8. Support the development and distribution of education materials that build awareness of ecosystem values and services and the value of wetlands for use in formal education settings, at Ramsar Sites and by all Ramsar actors.	8.1	Wetland education materials that build awareness of the values of wetlands and their ecosystem services developed, promoted and distributed among relevant target audiences. {STRP, AA, CEPA, WEC, STRP NFP}	8.1 Disseminate Ramsar and AG/state fact sheets to stakeholders (AG/states, ongoing) 8.1 Build on 2016 fact sheet series and Ramsar fact sheets to develop information material targeted at specific sectors e.g. urban developers, local government, tourism operators, industry (AG, proposed). 8.1 Include CEPA key messages in Ramsar Management Plans and Summaries (states, ongoing) 8.2 Prepare materials on GBRMPA wetland ecosystems, species and conservation to support the National Curriculum (AG, ongoing)	Number of products Extent of dissemination	Н
		Tertiary education institutions, especially those with water and wetland programmes, contributed to the production of targeted wetland education materials. {STRP, AA, CEPA, WEC} Cultural and traditional wetland knowledge and practices are incorporated into wetland education materials. {WEC, CEPA}	8.3 Build on 2016 fact sheet: Wetlands and Indigenous values, and continue developing materials which incorporate Indigenous knowledge into wetland management (e.g. collaborate to promote the outcomes of the NESP Clean Air and Urban Landscapes (CAUL) Hub project – the Shared Urban Habitat – that incorporates Indigenous knowledge into design and management of urban environments) (AG, proposed). 8.3 Incorporate Indigenous values and knowledge into educational materials (eg Kakadu, Northern Australia, MDB, EAAFP sites) (AG/states, proposed)	Number of products Number of projects Key messages reviewed	

	8.4 Key messages about wetlands and their ecosystem services regularly reviewed through dialogue and feedback with all Ramsar actors. {RamSec, AA}.	and regular WAESC meetings (AG, ongoing) and proposed stakeholder forums – see also actions 1.3 and 1.5 (AG, proposed). 8.3 PHCC worked with Local Noongar Elder Gloria Kearing to produce a painting and capture the Noongar story of the wetlands and thrombolite's developement. This is produced as a DL-sized card and also as interpretive signage at the site.	
9. Ensure that the guidance and information provided by the STRP is developed in line with adopted Resolution and in close collaboration with the CEPA programme and dissemination to the identified target audiences is ensured through the most effective communications channels.	 9.1 A series of information fact sheets developed based on identified and agreed large scale questions as key awareness raising outreach tools. {RamSec, STRP}. 9.2 The Ramsar Briefing Notes and Ramsar Technical Reports developed and disseminated as pragmatic, working advisory documents targeting policymakers or wetland practitioners and to ensure consistency and 	9.1 N/A – responsibility for development with Secretariat and STRP 9.2 N/A 9.3 N/A	L

Ramsar branding. {RamSec, STRP} 9.3 The content of Wise	9.4 N/A	
Use Handbooks		
reconfigured as		
training resource		
materials that		
summarize wise use		
site management and		
effective policy-		
making. {RamSec}.		
9.4 The current STRP		
website integrated into		
the Ramsar website.		
{RamSec}.		

Abbreviations

AA: Administrative Authority in each country, including the AA National Focal Points

CEPA: Convention's CEPA National Focal Points, both government and NGO

NRC: National Ramsar Committees / National Wetlands Committees (or equivalent bodies), where they exist

RamSec: Ramsar Convention Secretariat

STRP Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel

STRP NFP STRP National Focal Points

IOPs: International Organization Partners, at present BirdLife International, the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), IUCN, Wetlands International, and the World

Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

MDB: Murray darling basin

NESP: National Environmental Science Programme

RRCs: Ramsar Regional Centres endorsed by the Convention as Ramsar Regional Initiatives

SM: Site managers

WEC: Wetland education/visitor centres

PS: Private sector organizations whose activities directly or indirectly affect wetlands

CSO: Civil Society Organizations such as national and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs)

RRI: Ramsar Regional Initiatives

