



The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands towards the Sustainable Development Goals

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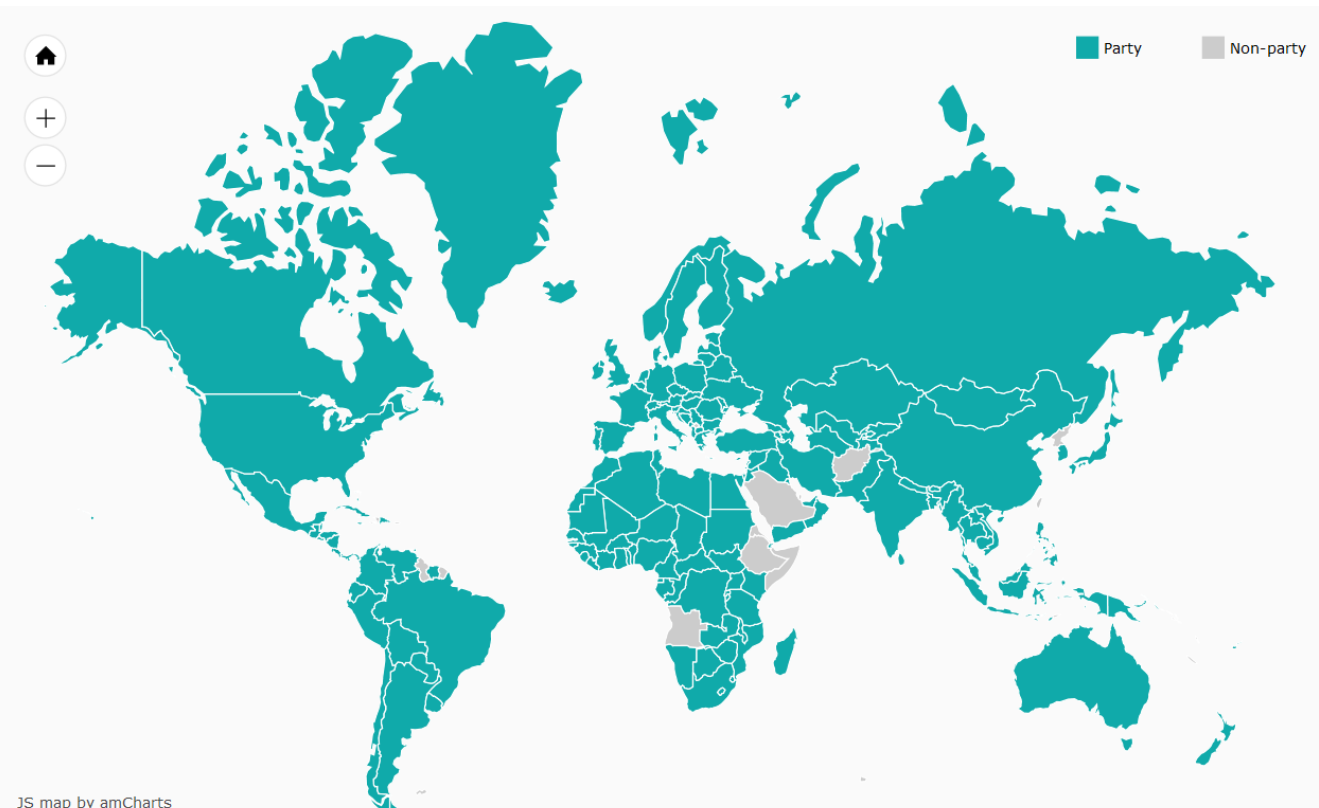
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Ramsar Convention on Wetlands



- Intergovernmental treaty on wetlands
 - 169 Parties (map of member countries)
 - Provides the framework for the conservation and wise use
 - First modern global environmental agreement
 - Convention's mission: the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local and national actions and international cooperation, as a contribution towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world"



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

Target 15.1



By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and **inland freshwater ecosystems** and their services, in particular forests, **wetlands**, mountains and drylands, in line with **obligations under international agreements**

=> **No indicator for wetlands under SDG15 but in SDG 6.6.1.**



Target 15.1



Goal 15: Biodiversity

- Inland waters the most endangered
- WETindex: being lost, 40% over last 40 years, 76 % species threatened. Decline sharper than any other terrestrial or marine biome
- Ecosystems services: values are outstanding. How many people know that values of wetlands are higher than those of tropical forests?, most biologically diverse, contribution to economy and human wellbeing –
- => challenge and opportunity: to achieve SDG 15 need to consider inland waters/wetlands – link 6.6.1. and Ramsar Convention on Wetlands



SDG 6.6.1



Two streamlines:

1. UN Environment on the internationally comparable methodology with national data and regional and global aggregations for 6.6.1
 2. Ramsar secretariat on the official national reporting from the Ramsar Convention on wetlands (170 CPs).
- Separate reporting series to the SDG Global Data base
 - Clear delineation of the type of data in each stream



SDG 6.6.1



- cross- reference for inland waters/wetlands SDG15 – SDG 6.6.1 (storylines - >> revision of indicators in 2020)
- support at national level for inventories and national reporting (validated data NR Ramsar)
- Integrated approaches: conservation and sustainable use (R Sites and all wetlands)
- Integration of MEA targets into SDG planning efforts (R SP aligned with Aichi)
- Strengthen coordination between focal points of MEAs and with statistical divisions

