

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
5th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties
Kushiro, Japan
9-16 June 1993

Resolution 5.6: The wise use of wetlands

RECALLING Article 3.1 of the Convention which stipulates that 'the Contracting Parties shall formulate and implement their planning so as to promote ... as far as possible the wise use of wetlands in their territory';

REFERRING to Recommendation 4.10, adopted by the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, which calls on Contracting Parties to:

- adopt and apply the 'Guidelines for the implementation of the wise use concept';
- reconstitute the Wise Use Working Group established by the Third Meeting of the Conference; and
- receive the report of the Working Group at the Fifth Meeting of the Conference;

THANKING the Government of The Netherlands for its generous initiative in providing the Convention Bureau with finance for the coordination of a three-year project on the wise use of wetlands, which has been carried out since the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties;

TAKING NOTE of the report of the Wise Use Working Group and the conclusions of the Wise Use project;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

CALLS ON the Contracting Parties to implement in a more systematic and effective manner, and at international, national and local levels, the guidelines on wise use adopted by the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties;

NOTES the 'Additional guidance for the implementation of the wise use concept' contained in the Annex to the present resolution and urges Contracting Parties to implement its applicable provisions;

INVITES the Contracting Parties to strengthen international cooperation between developed countries and developing countries, or those whose economy is in transition, for the implementation of the wise use guidelines and additional guidance, and of appropriate project activities; and

DECIDES that the follow-up to the work of the Wise Use Working Group, and in particular evaluation of the application of the guidelines and additional guidance on wise use, be carried out by the Scientific and Technical Review Panel established at the present meeting.

[Annex: 'Additional guidance for the implementation of the wise use concept', see http://ramsar.org/key_guide_wiseuse_add_e.htm.]