

World Wetland Network

**Are you a non-governmental organisation
working on wetland conservation projects?
Would you like to make contact with similar
organisations?**

**Would you like to have a say about
wetland policy at national and
international levels?**

Then you should join the WWN!



What is WWN?

The World Wetland Network is an international network of wetland NGOs that works on wetland issues including species and habitat conservation, working with local communities and lobbying. We support NGO's involved in grass roots wetland conservation work.



We have an active committee of representatives from each continent, and our website can be found at www.worldwetlandnetwork.org – please have a look!

What we aim to do

The WWN was set up at the World NGO conference on the eve of the Ramsar COP 10 meeting, 2008, and our prime task is to get smaller wetland groups engaged and involved in the Ramsar process. We will do this by:

- Keeping in contact with the Ramsar Secretariat.
- Provide regular updates for our members.
- Working to prepare NGO's for active engagement in Ramsar COP meetings every 3 years.
- Supporting NGO's at the CoP meetings with structured sessions and briefings.



We will also act as a support network for local organisations, to share knowledge and best practice, as well as to join together on issues of international wetland conservation. We will do this by:

- Maintaining a website with up-to-date resources for local partners.
- Providing a discussion forum for a range of wetland issues
- Develop projects between partners at regional scales
- Promote wetland education and involvement activities
- When necessary, act to make statements to comment on wetland issues of international importance.

You can join the discussion group at

http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/World_Wetland_Network

What is the Ramsar Convention?

Signed in 1971, the Ramsar convention is an international multilateral agreement that has 170 countries signed up to it. Each signatory county, or contracting party, agrees to designate sites of high conservation value as Ramsar site, and adopt the principle of 'wise use of wetlands' even those with no designation. For more information please check www.ramsar.org, where you will find a full list of contracting parties and Ramsar sites.





We welcome new members, and it's free to join - contact Esteban Biamonte at uniondeornitologoscr@gmail.com and ask to be added to the mailing list.

