



Wetland City Network



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East

Asia

Regional

Center



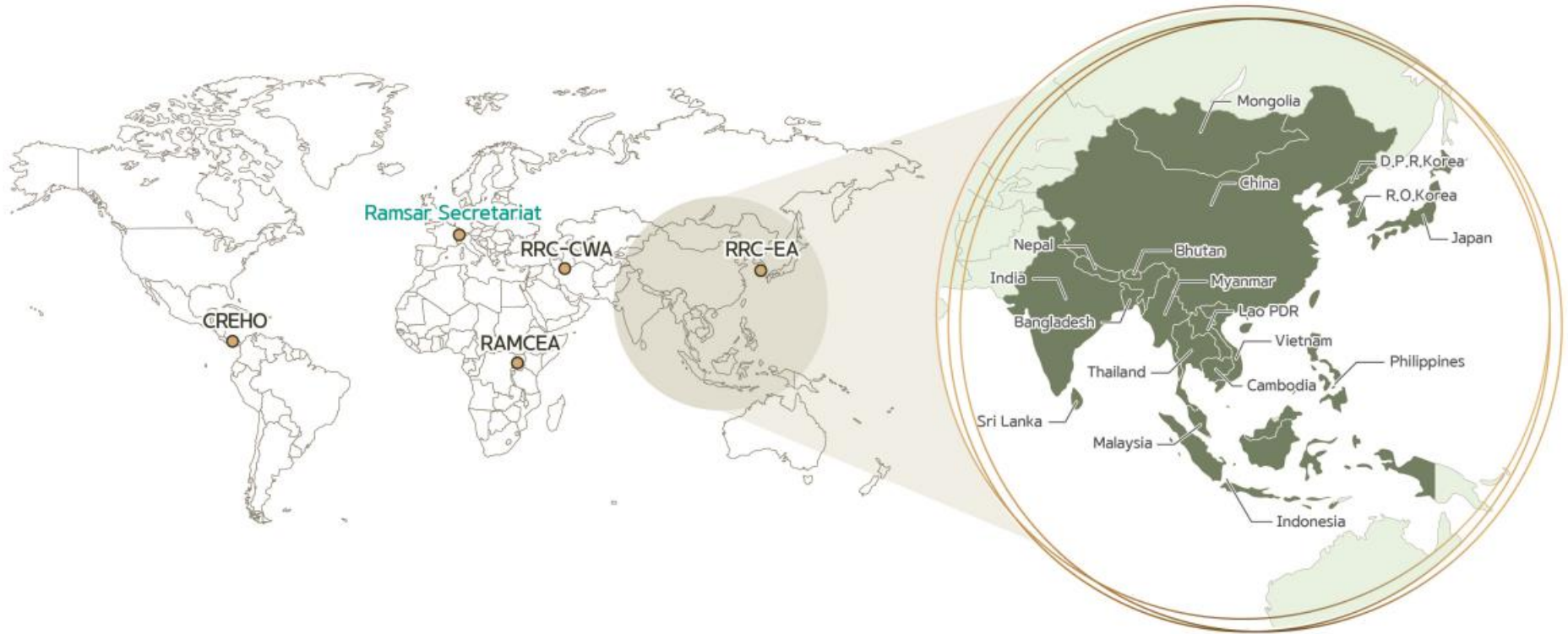
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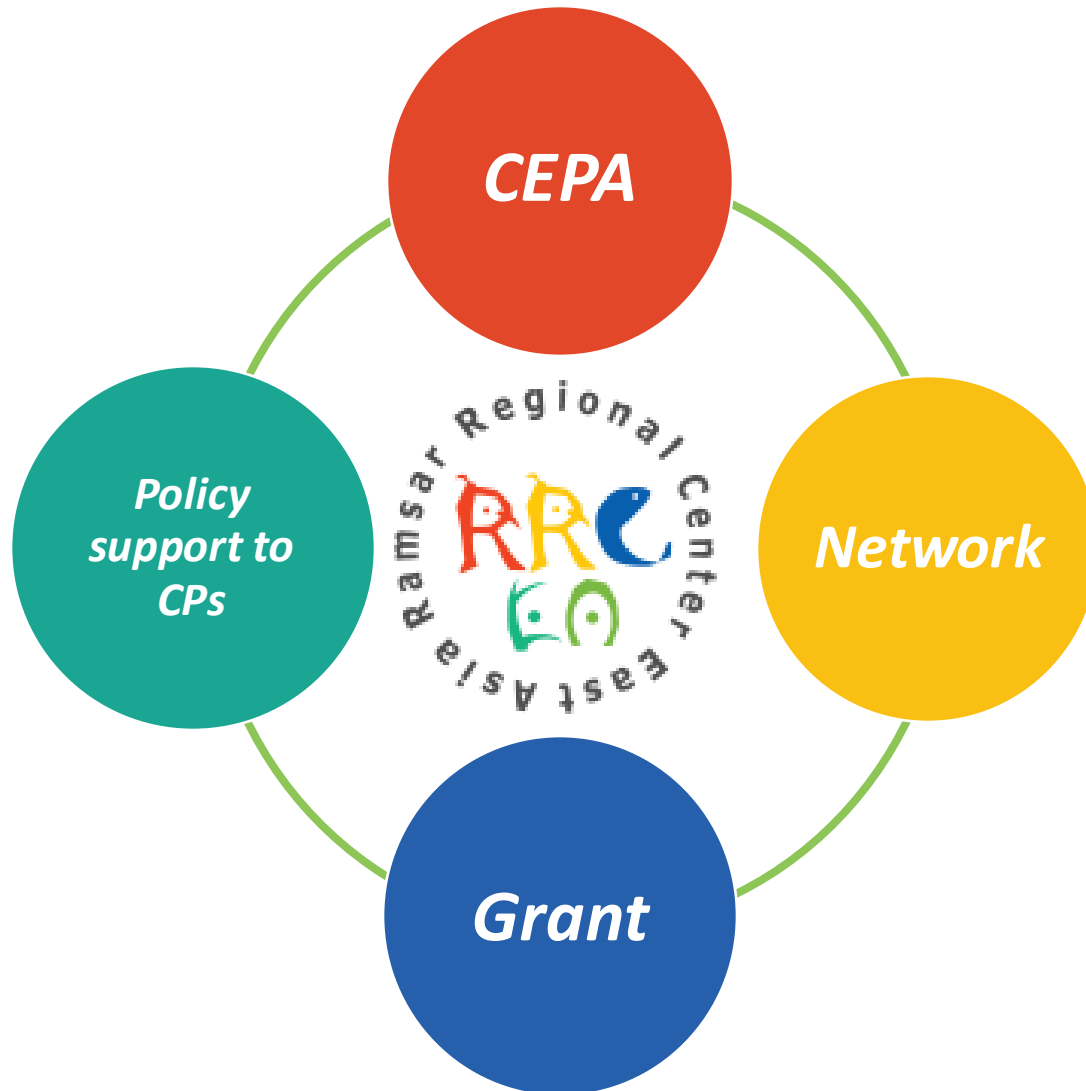
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4 RRCs and RRC-EA's Boundary (18 countries)



Areas of work



CEPA - Training

Regional

- Since 2009
- English
- 18 countries
- Wetland management



Sub-regional

- Since 2018
- English
- relevant countries
 - Yellow/West Sea,
 - Mekong River, Bay of Bengal
- Wetland management
- Transboundary Cooperation



National

- Since 2011
- National language
- Target country
- Wetland management, National network
- Language Barrier



Capacity Building

CEPA - Training

Training for trainers

- Since 2022
- Intensive training on each management topic
- Creating a pool of resource persons in Asia region
- RAWES, Management Planning, Monitoring...



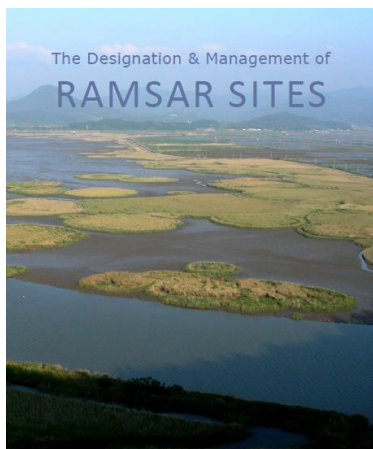
- **Regional Training**
- **Sub-regional Training**
- **National Training**



Capacity Building

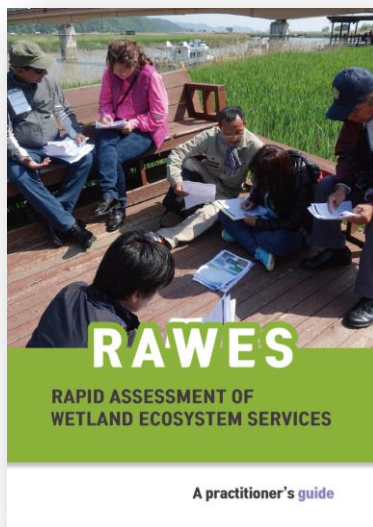


CEPA - Training



The Designation & Management of
RAMSAR SITES

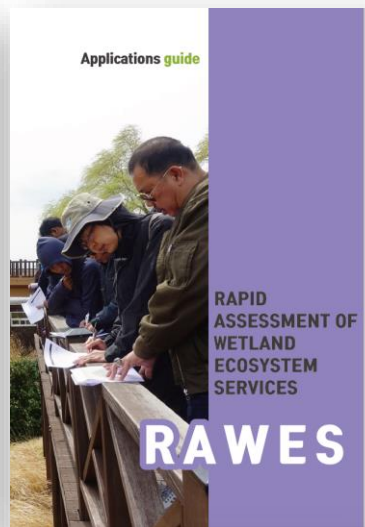
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RAWES

RAPID ASSESSMENT OF
WETLAND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

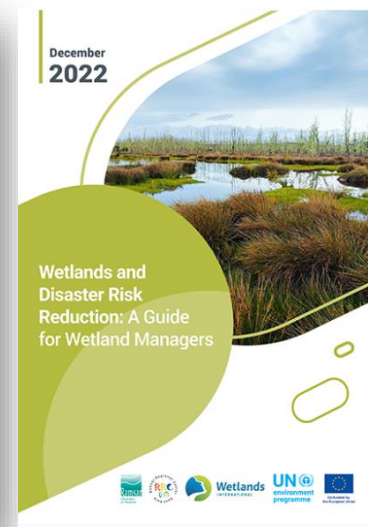
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Applications **guide**

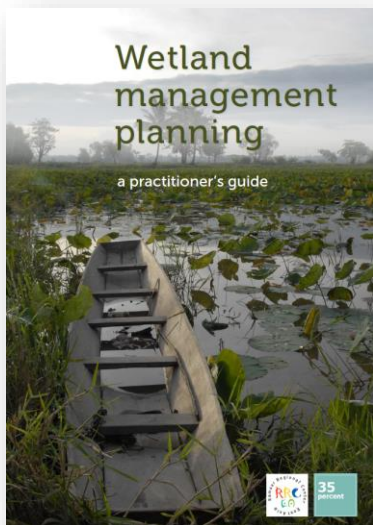
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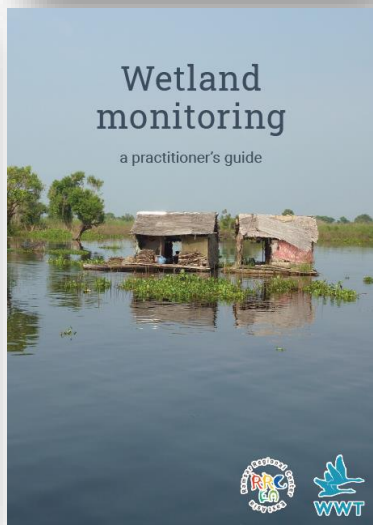
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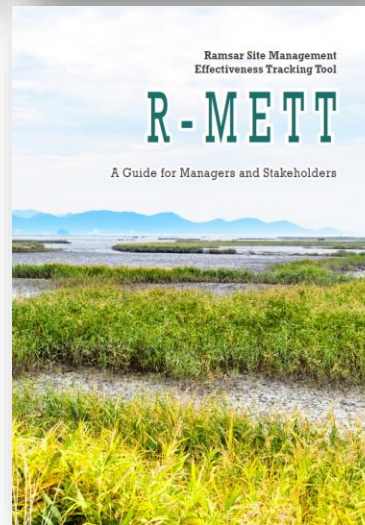
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Wetland
monitoring

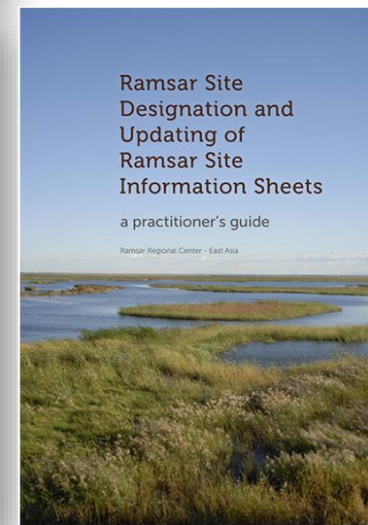
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Ramsar Site Management
Effectiveness Tracking Tool

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A Guide for Managers and Stakeholders

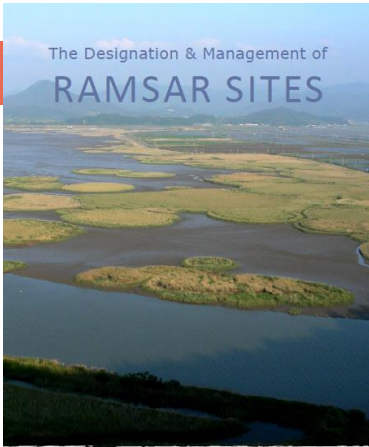


Ramsar Site
Designation and
Updating of
Ramsar Site
Information Sheets

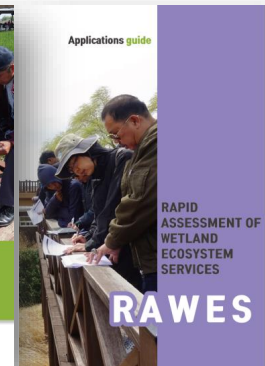
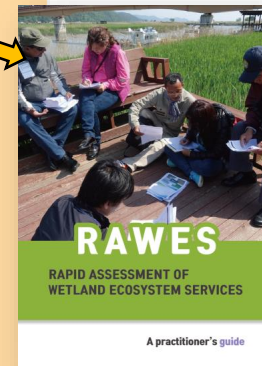
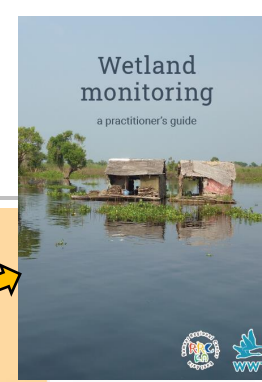
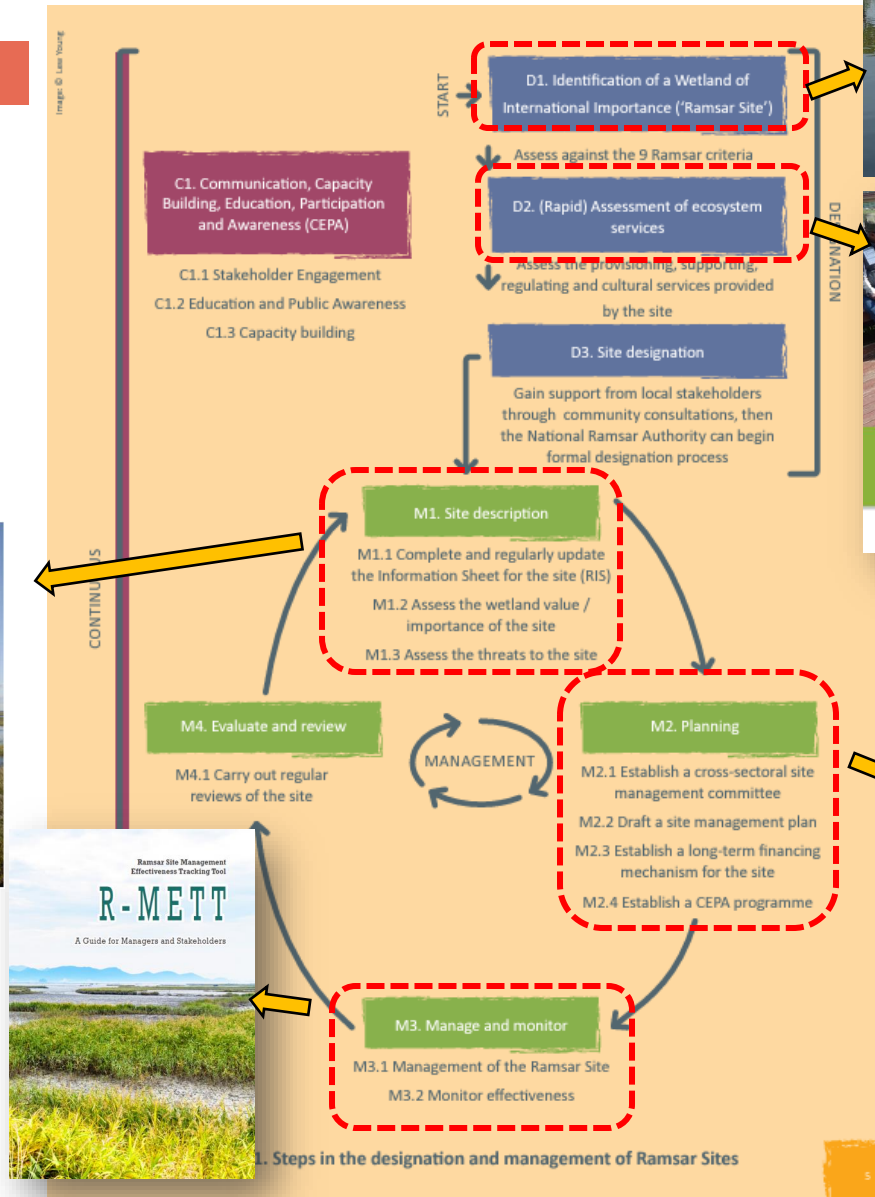
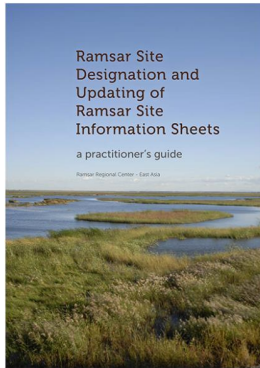
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Capacity Building



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Networking

Networking

Can be connected to all related to wetlands through the RRC-EA

Regional



Wetland
Centers

Global



Wetland City
Network

Wetland
Cities

Regional



Wetland
Scientists

Regional



Wetland
Managers

Regional



All Relevant Stakeholders

Regional

Asia
Wetland
School
Network

Wetland
Schools

Networking

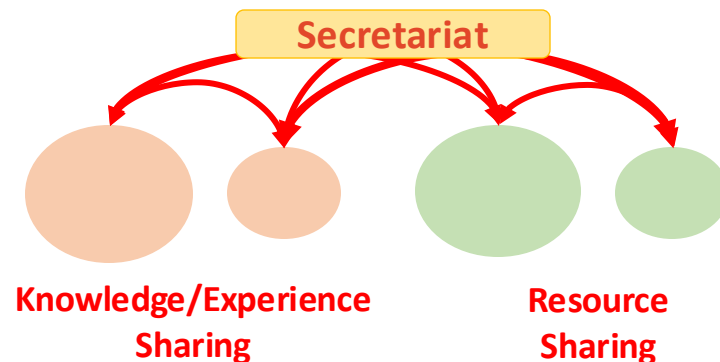
WLI Asia Oceania



- Wetlands Link International, WLI (A global network of wetland centers)
- RRC-EA and WLI HQ signed an MOU for WLI – Asia in 2016
- Biennial WLI-Asia Conferences
- A new MOU for WLI Asia Oceania was signed in WLI Asia 8

WLI Asia Oceania

- 72 members from 15 countries (Asia and Oceania)
- New biennial basis WLI Asia Oceania Conference
 - ✓ WLI Asia Oceania 1 (2024, Diyassaru Wetland Park)
- Platform for exchanging, learning and sharing among members
- Current Programs
 - ✓ Exchange Visit
 - ✓ Exhibition sharing
 - ✓ Grant Program



Networking

Asian Wetland Symposium



- **Unique platform of Asia (since 1992)**
- **GO, NGO, Academia and all relevant wetland stakeholders**
- **Information, research, policy, experience sharing**
- **Asian agenda for Ramsar COP**
- **AWS10 in Philippines (2024)**

Networking



SWS Asia Chapter

- **SWS - SWS Asia - RRC-EA MOU signed (2022.09.27)**
- **Expansion of existing membership (Wetland related academic societies and research institutes)**
- **SWS Asia Chapter Conference (biennial)**
- **Special issue of Wetland journal in connection to the Conference**
- **Online activities**
- **PWS program (Wetland Expert Certification Program)**

11 countries, 250 participants / 20 sessions, 90 presentations (2019)



Networking



Wetland City
Network

Wetland City Network (Mayors' Roundtable)



- The 1st MRT (2019, Suncheon) / The 2nd MRT (2023, Amien)
- Mayors from wetland cities / Local GO level Ramsar Implementation
- Currently 43 wetland cities,
- The 3rd (Dongying, China, 2024) / The 4th (Tata, Hungary, 2025)

Networking



Wetland City Network (Mayors' Roundtable)

Wetland City Network



Grant programs

RRC-EA Wetland Fund

- Member countries
- 4 projects for wetland conservation (10,000 USD/project)
- 3 projects for WWD event (5,000 USD/project)

Political support to the Ramsar CPs



11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

“Wetlands: home and destination”

Bucharest, Romania, 6-13 July 2012

Resolution XI.15

Agriculture-wetland interactions: rice paddy and pest control



12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

Punta del Este, Uruguay, 1-9 June 2015

Resolution XII.15

Evaluation of the management and conservation effectiveness of Ramsar Sites



COP14 2022

14th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

“Wetlands Action for People and Nature”

Wuhan, China, and Geneva, Switzerland 5-13 November 2022

Resolution XIV.10

Updating the Wetland City Accreditation of the Convention



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Resolution XII.10

Wetland City¹ Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention



13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

“Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future”

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 21-29 October 2018

Resolution XIII.17

Rapidly assessing wetland ecosystem services



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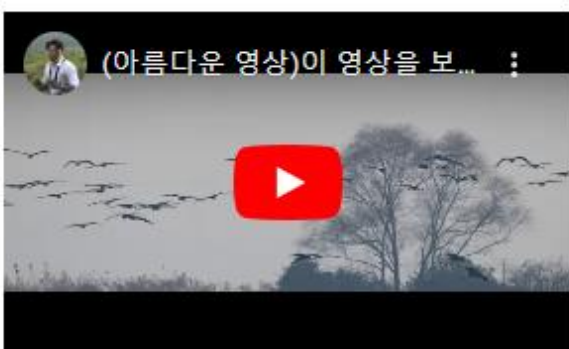
Resolution XIV.11

Wetland education in the formal education sector

Public Awareness

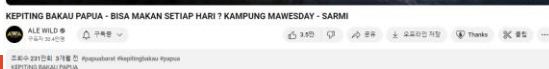
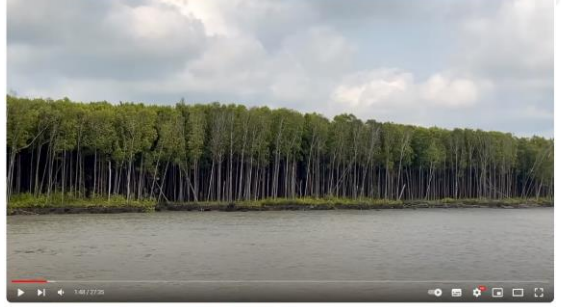
Wetland contents development (Youtube)

- Youtube media library on wetlands
- Collaboration with Youtube creators on wetland contents
- 2020 in Korea; 2021 in Japan; 2022 in Mongolia; 2023 in Indonesia



Miscellaneous

Wetland contents development (YouTube)



Public Awareness

Public Awareness Campaign with Kia Tigers (baseball team)

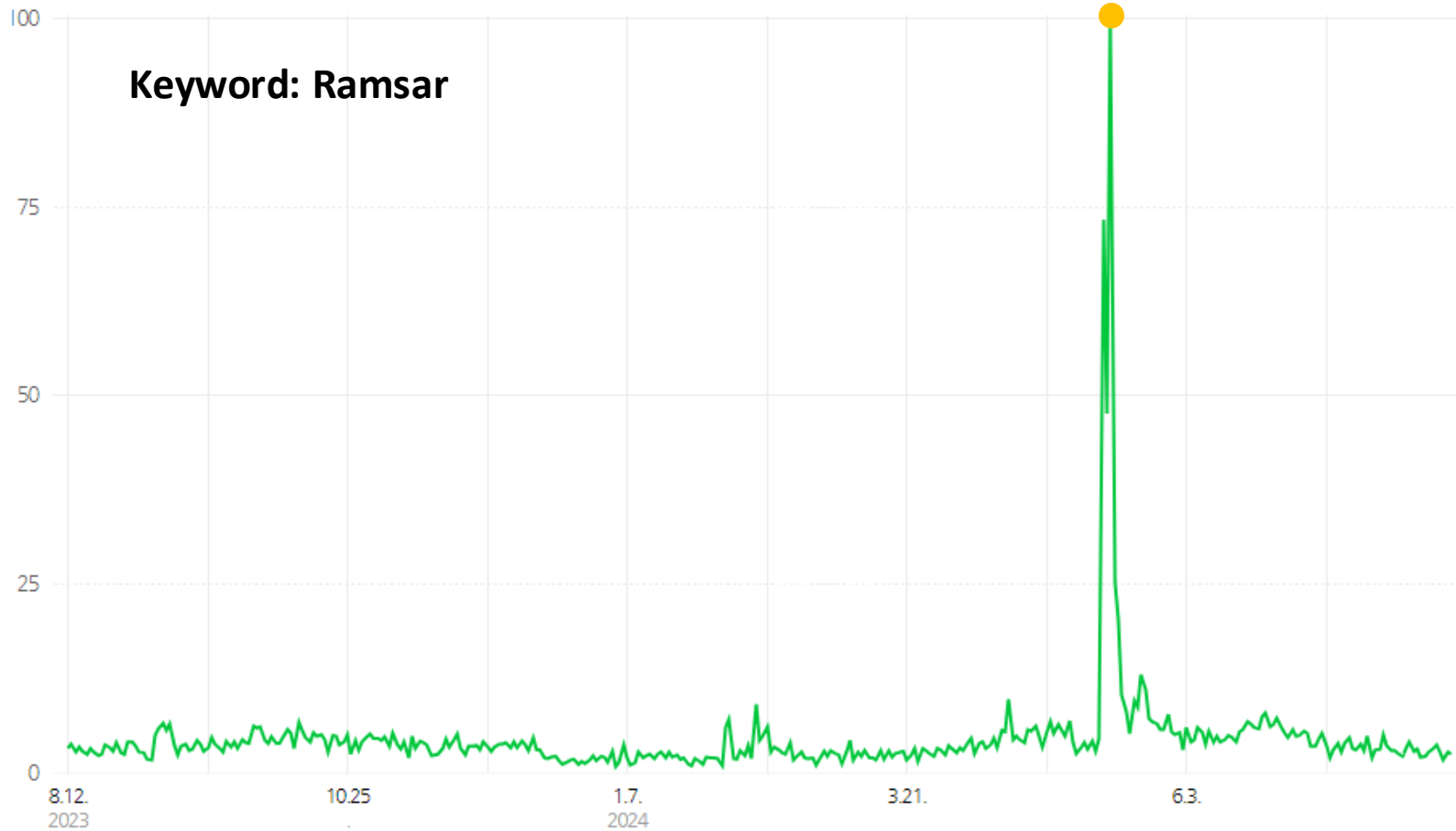
- Annually since 2017
- “I love wetlands” Campaign uniform / Nationwide broadcast
- Ceremony for first pitch/hit of the game with wetland conservationists



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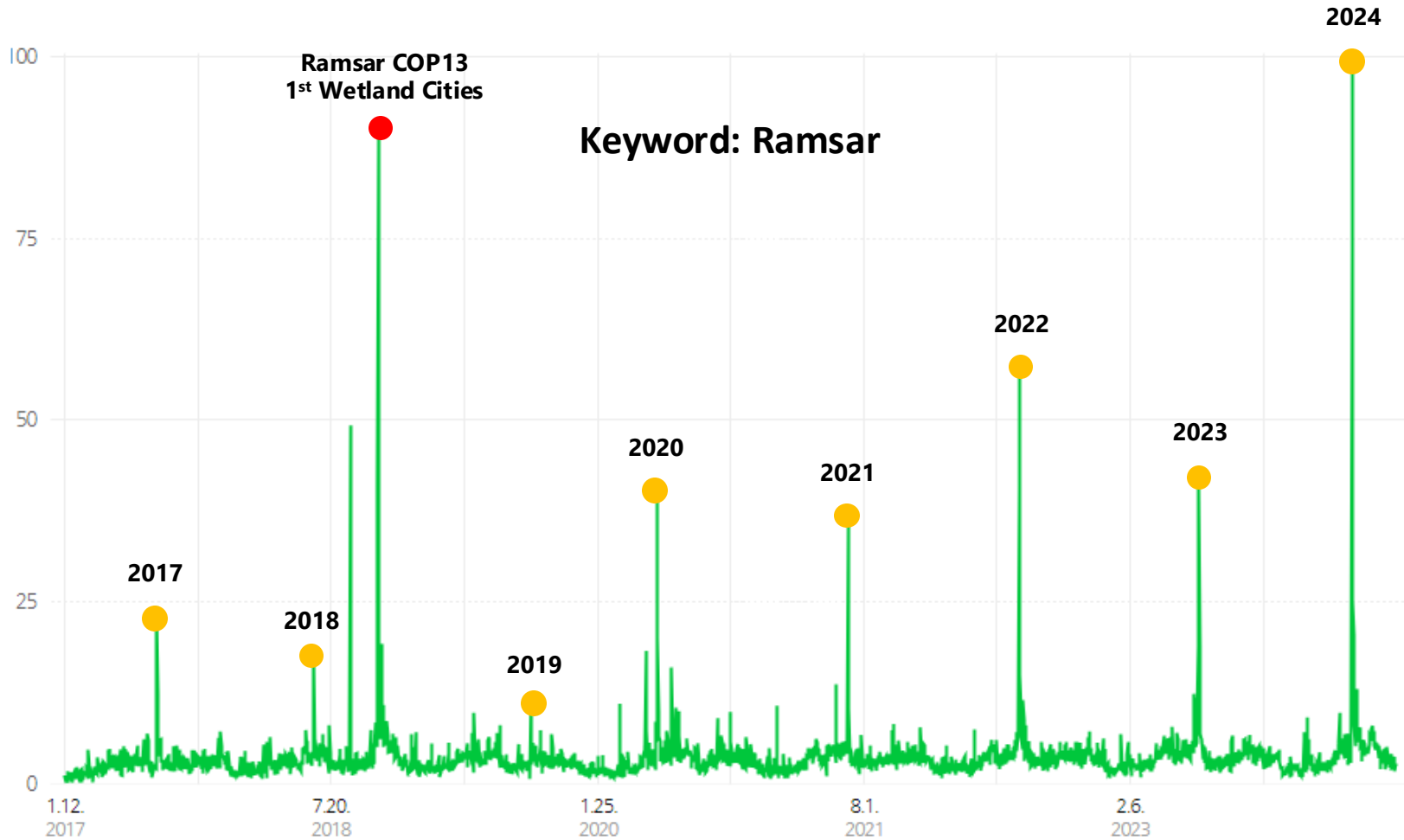
Public Awareness

(12 AUG 2023 ~ 12 AUG 2024)



Public Awareness

(2017 ~ 2024)



Miscellaneous

Ramsar COP

COP Side event / exhibition booth

- Wetland City Accreditation (Mayoral side event)
- Promotional opportunities for members
- Side events on Draft Resolutions





Thank you !