

COP12 NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT - SECTION 4 ANNEX

OPTIONAL – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Guidance for filling in this section

1. A Contracting Party is not required to complete this Section 4 Annex as part of its COP12 Reporting.
2. The Annex has been provided so that any Contracting Party that wishes to can provide additional information specific to any or all of their designated Ramsar Sites, given that the situation and status of individual Ramsar Sites can differ greatly within the territory of a Contracting Party.
3. The only indicator questions included in this section are those from Section 3 of the COP12 NRF which directly concern Ramsar Sites.
4. In some cases, to make them meaningful in the context of reporting on each Ramsar Site separately, some of these indicator questions and/or their answer options have been adjusted from their formulation in Section 3 of the COP12 NRF.
5. Please include information on only one site in each row. In the appropriate columns please add the name and official site number (from the [Ramsar Sites Information Service](#)).
6. For each 'indicator question', please select one answer from the 'drop-down' list in the green boxes.
7. A final column of this Annex is provided as a 'free text' box for the inclusion of any additional information concerning the Ramsar Site. **Please do not use double quotes “ ”: use single quotes ‘ ’ instead.**
8. If more Ramsar Sites are being reported on than the number of rows available in the format below, please cut and paste additional rows into the format, one for each additional Ramsar Site, so that the same 'drop-down' answer menus appear for each site.

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List of indicator questions:

- 1.1.3 Has the condition (ecological character) of the Ramsar Site changed since the last triennium?
- 1.4.1 Has an assessment been made of the ecosystem benefits/services provided by the Ramsar Site?
- 2.4.1 Does the site have a management plan (or equivalent)?
- 2.4.2 If you answered yes to 2.4.1, is the management plan being implemented?
- 2.4.4 Has a cross-sectoral site management committee been established for the site?
- 2.4.5 Has a description of the ecological character of the Ramsar Site been prepared?
- 1.4.3 Have socio-economic and cultural values of wetlands been included in the management planning for the Ramsar Site?
- 2.5.1 Has any assessment of the effectiveness of Ramsar Site management been made?
- 2.6.1 Are mechanisms in place for the Administrative Authority to be informed of negative changes or likely negative changes in the ecological character of the Ramsar Site, pursuant to Article 3.2?
- 2.6.2 Have all cases of change or likely negative change in the ecological character of the Ramsar Site been reported to the Ramsar Secretariat, pursuant to Article 3.2?
- 4.1.2 Has a visitor/interpretation/education centre been established at the Ramsar Site?
- 4.1.3b Is stakeholder participation in decision-making promoted, especially with local stakeholder involvement in the management of the Ramsar Site?
- 4.1.7a Have communication mechanisms been established to share information between the Ramsar Administrative Authority and the Ramsar Site manager(s)?

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<i>Ex:1603</i>	<i>Lake White</i>	<i>O – No change</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>B - No</i>	<i>B - No</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>B - No</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>B - No</i>	<i>A - Yes</i>	<i>B - No</i>	<i>D – Planned</i>	
1	Cobourg Peninsula	O - No change	A - Yes	C - In preparation	Z - No management plan	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No negative change	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	
204	Kakadu National Park (renamed in 2010)	O - No change	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No negative change	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	
251	Moulting Lagoon Game Reserve	O - No change	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No negative change	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
252	Logan Lagoon	O - No change	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No negative change	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
253	Lavinia Nature Reserve	N - Status not known	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Loss of swamp paperback forest and peatland from fires but vegetation has been recovering. The site is being monitored to determine if there is a change in ecological character. Updated plan in preparation due 2014/15.
254	Pittwater-Orielton Lagoon	O - No change	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No negative change	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
255	Apsley Marshes	O - No change	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No negative change	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	

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256	Cape Barren Island, east coast lagoons	O - No ch	B - No	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Some cultural values identified in ecological character description although limited information is available. The site is extremely isolated.
257	Flood Plain Lower Ringarooma River	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
258	Jocks Lagoon	O - No ch	A - Yes	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
259	Interlaken Lakeside Reserve	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
260	Little Waterhouse Lake	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
261	Corner Inlet	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
262	Barmah Forest	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A preliminary assessment of potential change in ecological character is underway, due to one or more limits of acceptable changes (LACs) being exceeded as of June 2011. There is no evidence that the site as a whole has undergone further adverse change in ecological character since then. In fact, in the last triennium conditions at the site have improved due to the ending of a long period of drought in 1997-2009.
263	Gunbower Forest	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A preliminary assessment of potential change in ecological character is underway, due to one or more LACs being exceeded as of June 2011. There is no evidence that the site as a whole has undergone further adverse change in ecological character since then. In fact, in the last triennium conditions at the site have improved due to the ending of a long period of drought in 1997-2009.
264	Hattah-Kulkyne Lakes	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A preliminary assessment of potential change in ecological character is underway, due to one or more LACs being exceeded as of June 2011. There is no evidence that the site as a whole has undergone further adverse change in ecological character since then. In fact, in the last triennium conditions at the site have improved due to the ending of a long period of drought in 1997-2009.
265	Kerang Wetlands	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Some LACs have been exceeded for this site, however a preliminary assessment is not proposed at this time. There is no evidence that the site as a whole (comprised of 23 separate wetlands) has undergone a change in ecological character since the last triennium. In fact, in the last triennium conditions at the site have improved due to the ending of a long period of drought in 1997-2009.
266	Port Phillip Bay & Bellarine Peninsula	O - No ch	C - Partly	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	C - Partly	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A draft ecological character description of the site which includes an assessment of the ecosystem benefits/services at the site is currently being finalised for publication.
267	Western Port	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
268	Western District Lakes	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A preliminary assessment of potential change in ecological character is underway, due to one or more LACs being exceeded as of April 2011. There is no evidence that the site as a whole has undergone further adverse change in ecological character since then. In fact, in the last triennium conditions at the site have improved due to the ending of a long period of drought in 1997-2009.
269	Gippsland Lakes	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
270	Lake Albacutya	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
286	Towra Point	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Site managers are addressing threats to the reserve through pest control, restricted access and continued monitoring. A preliminary assessment of potential change in ecological character is underway.
287	Hunter Estuary	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A revised Plan of Management for the Hunter Wetlands National Park is expected to be completed in 2014.
321	The Coorong, Lake Alexandrina & Lake Albert	P - Status	C - Partly	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	
322	Bool and Hacks Lagoons	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
337	Macquarie Marshes	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The Macquarie Marshes has an environmental water advisory committee to advise on the use of environmental water. Environmental water deliveries and increased rainfall in recent years are fostering re-generation of wetland species.

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376	Coongie Lakes	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
377	Riverland	N - Status	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A formal assessment of change of ecological character is in development.
477	Ord River floodplain	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
478	Lakes Argyle and Kununurra	O - No ch	A - Yes	B - No	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
479	Roebuck Bay	O - No ch	A - Yes	C - In pre	Z - No ma	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	The majority of the site is jointly vested with traditional owners, the Yawuru people and the Western Australian Government. The site is jointly managed by the Yawuru people and the Western Australian Department of Parks & Wildlife.
480	Eighty-mile Beach	O - No ch	A - Yes	C - In pre	Z - No ma	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	It is proposed to have four joint management bodies for 80 Mile Beach Marine Park to be inclusive of all traditional owner groups.
481	Forrestdale and Thomsons Lakes	N - Status	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Due to a period of low inflows, the ECD notes that the lakes have been dry for longer periods than any time since records were kept. It is not known if this reduction in flows is a permanent climate change related change, or a natural fluctuation.
482	Peel-Yalgorup system	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Typha cover on Lake Mealup has been reduced and water regime and quality has improved. Confirmation of a potential reduction in extent of fringing paperbark community along the Peel and Harvey estuaries has been identified as a high priority research gap in the implementation of the management plan.
483	Lake Toolibin	O - No ch	A - Yes	C - In pre	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Due to a period of low inflows, the lake has been dry for longer periods. It is not known if this is a permanent climate change related change, or is a natural fluctuation.
484	Vasse-Wonnerup system	O - No ch	A - Yes	B - No	Z - No ma	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ma	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Water quality in the Vasse estuary has deteriorated as a result of historical landuse within the catchment and construction of weirs across the estuary mouths prior to listing of the site. These pressures and are being managed through a catchment-wide Water Quality Improvement Plan and a cross sector Vasse Estuary Technical Working Group with a specific focus on water level and flood gate management.
485	Lake Warden system	P - Status	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The ECD identified a potential change of ecological character due to increased water levels, however management actions have been effective in reducing the impacts to the site. Also there is some dispute about the appropriateness of the data used in the ECD. A preliminary assessment of change in ecological character is underway.
512	Hosnie's Spring	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
631	Moreton Bay	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	C - Partly	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	
632	Bowling Green Bay	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	C - Partly	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
791	Currawinya Lakes	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	C - Partly	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
792	Shoalwater and Corio Bays	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	C - Partly	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
793	Ginini Flats Subalpine Bog Complex	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	---	A - Yes	
797	Pulu Keeling National Park	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
798	Little Llangothlin Lagoon	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
799	Lake Pinaroo	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A revised Plan of Management is currently being created and is scheduled to be finalised in 2014.
800	Blue Lake	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
992	Great Sandy Strait	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	C - Partly	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
993	Gwydir Wetlands: Gingham and Lower Gwydir Watercourses	P - Status	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The Gwydir has an environmental water advisory committee to advise on the use of environmental water.
994	Myall Lakes	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
995	Narran Lake Nature Reserve	O - No ch	C - Partly	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	An Aboriginal Co-management Committee provides advice on managing the cultural heritage aspects of the Narran Lake Nature Reserve Ramsar site.
1048	Becher Point Wetlands	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife manages the site in accordance with the Rockingham Lakes Management Plan (2010) –

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															stakeholders were engaged in the preparation of the management plan. There is also ongoing stakeholder involvement through the Threatened Ecological Community Recovery Team (Sedgeland in Holocene Dune Swales) and the Rockingham Lakes Community Advisory Committee.
1049	Lake Gore	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The ECD identified a potential change of ecological character due to increased water levels. However, it is yet to be confirmed that any significant change has occurred as water bird numbers have not changed.
1050	Muir-Byenup system	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	
1096	Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	
1220	Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The management plan for this site is under review.
1221	Banrock Station Wetland Complex	P - Status	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Reinstatement of a drying cycle at the wetland has had positive results for the ecological character of the site.
1222	Coral Sea Reserves (Coringa-Herald and Lihou Reefs and Cays)	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The management plan for this site is under review. Socio-economic and cultural values will be considered in the development of new management plans. Re. 2.5.1, an assessment of the effectiveness of site management has been made at the Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve scale.
1223	Elizabeth and Middleton Reefs Martin National Nature Reserve	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The management plan for this site is under review.
1224	Fivebough and Tuckerbil Swamps	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	C - Partly	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	Z - No ne	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A new management plan for the wetlands is being prepared and expected to be finalised in 2014. Increased environmental flows are attracting significant numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds.
1225	"The Dales", Christmas Island	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	A category 1-2 cyclone in March 2014 resulted in some Tahitian Chestnut tree loss. However, this doesn't appear to have changed the site's ecological character.
1291	NSW Central Murray Forests	O - No ch	C - Partly	C - In pre	C - Partly	A - Yes	C - Partly	A - Yes	D - Plann	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	Increased deliveries of environmental water are contributing to an improved water regime in these forests.
1716	Paroo River Wetlands	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	The Paakantji and Budjiti people are consulted on the management of the reserves.
2136	Piccaninnie Ponds Karst Wetlands	O - No ch	A - Yes	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	B - No	A - Yes	Z - No ne	B - No	A - Yes	A - Yes	