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Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards: Call for nominations

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Administrative Authorities of the Contracting Parties to the Convention, and has the honour to announce the call for nominations for the eighth edition of the Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards, to be presented at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (COP14) in Wuhan, China.

The Ramsar Wetland Conservation Awards recognize and honour the contributions of individuals, organizations, and governments around the world in promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands. They were established at COP6 in 1996 through Resolution VI.18, and have been awarded seven times.

The eighth edition will be awarded at COP14, which will take place in Wuhan, China in 2021. Information on past editions of the Ramsar Awards is available on the Convention website at the address: <https://www.ramsar.org/activity/the-ramsar-awards>.

Through an intersessional decision taken in January 2021, the Standing Committee approved the use of the same categories, criteria and procedures for the Awards that were used for COP13 in 2018.

Three Awards will accordingly be granted in the following categories:

- a) the Ramsar Convention Award for Wetland Wise Use;
- b) the Ramsar Convention Award for Wetland Innovation; and
- c) the Ramsar Convention Award for Young Wetland Champions.

Nominations must be submitted in one of the three above-mentioned categories only. **The deadline for the receipt of nominations is 31 May 2021.**

The nomination form and information on the categories, criteria and procedures for the 2021 Awards are available on the Convention website at the address: <https://www.ramsar.org/activities/2021-awards>.

The Secretariat would be grateful for the assistance of Contracting Parties in passing on information about the Awards to relevant institutions, in order to encourage the nomination of suitable candidates.

The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands respectfully avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and Administrative Authorities of the Contracting Parties to the Convention the assurance of its highest consideration.

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