



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
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Diplomatic Note 2021/10

Adoption of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution on World Wetlands Day

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 inform that the General Assembly, in its 99th plenary meeting, 75th session of 30 August 2021, adopted the Resolution on World Wetlands Day. The Resolution was co-sponsored by 75 Member States and can be found in the six official languages of the United Nations at the following address: <https://undocs.org/en/A/75/L.125>.

World Wetlands Day has been celebrated by the Convention on Wetlands since 1997. The 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (COP13) in 2018 adopted Resolution XIII.1 on *World Wetlands Day*, which invites the General Assembly to recognize 2 February of each year, the date of adoption of the Convention on Wetlands, as World Wetlands Day.

Contracting Parties considered that leveraging the considerable global platform of the United Nations would support and reinforce their efforts to promote the wise use of wetlands by drawing greater attention to this important issue.

A core group of Contracting Parties led by Costa Rica, along with their delegations in the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York, stepped forward to lead the implementation of Resolution XIII.1.

As indicated in paragraph 5 of the General Assembly Resolution, the Secretariat is bringing the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, academia and the private sector, for appropriate observance.

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.

Gland, 1 September 2021

