



RAMSAR COP15

The Nature Conservancy calls on parties to:

ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE FIFTH STRATEGIC PLAN:

- **Agree on robust and quantifiable targets** for the protection, restoration, and effective management of Ramsar sites and associated freshwater biodiversity, aligned with the Global Biodiversity Framework and the Global Goal on Adaptation.
- **Identify and validate a pathway for the development of key indicators**, with leadership from the STRP.
- **Include in the Plan adequate means of implementation at global and national levels**, in particular financing.
- **Recognize the rights of and engage with local communities** who steward wetlands and their biodiversity for their lives and livelihoods, including fisheries.
- **Mainstream wetlands and nature-based solutions into plans** for climate mitigation and adaptation, land and aquatic food systems, energy, and infrastructure.

RAISE LEVELS OF AMBITION FOR THE PROTECTION, IMPROVED MANAGEMENT, AND RESTORATION OF RAMSAR SITES AND OTHER WETLANDS:

- **Recognize the Freshwater Challenge** as a mechanism to strengthen the implementation of the Ramsar Convention for freshwater ecosystems.
- **For each Ramsar site**, establish dedicated governance and funding mechanisms and to adopt or update management plans.
- **Prioritize Ramsar sites and other wetlands** in the expansion and improved management of national systems of protected and conserved areas towards 30x30.
- **Adopt and implement legal, policy, and administrative measures and direct new resources** to achieve the goals and commitments under the Ramsar Convention.

