Information Sheet on EAA Flyway Network Sites (SIS) – 2013 version

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Notes for compilers:

- The management body intending to nominate a site for inclusion in the East Asian Australasian Flyway Site Network is requested to complete a Site Information Sheet. The Site Information Sheet will provide the basic information of the site and detail how the site meets the criteria for inclusion in the Flyway Site Network.
- 2. The Site Information Sheet is based on the Ramsar Information Sheet. If the site proposed for the Flyway Site Network is an existing Ramsar site then the documentation process can be simplified.
- Once completed, the Site Information Sheet (and accompanying map(s)) should be submitted to the Flyway Partnership Secretariat. Compilers should provide an electronic (MS Word) copy of the Information Sheet and, where possible, digital versions (e.g. shapefile) of all maps.

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2. Date this sheet was completed:

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3. Country:

EAAF SITE CODE FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:



Republic of Korea

4. Name of the Flyway Network site:

Cheonsu Bay

5. Map of site:

The most up-to-date available and suitable map of the wetland should be appended to the SIS (only in digital format and shape file). The map must clearly show the boundary of the site. Please refer to the "Digitising Site Boundaries in Google Earth" file linked <u>here</u>.



6. Geographical coordinates (latitude/longitude, in decimal degrees):

Provide the coordinates of the approximate centre of the site and/or the limits of the site. If the site is composed of more than one separate area, provide coordinates for each of these areas.

Lat: 36.66667 Long: 126.40000

7. Elevation: (in metres: average and/or maximum & minimum) 0-10 m

8. Area:

The total area of the site, in hectares. If the areas of discrete site units are known, please also list each of these together with the names (or labels) used to identify and differentiate these units.

The total area is 15,409ha (A site: 9,626ha, B site: 5,783ha)

9. General overview of the site:

A brief (two sentences) summary of the site, mentioning principal physical and ecological functions, and its importance for migratory waterbirds.

The Cheonsu Bay has two lakes and rice paddies so the site provides food and habitat to 320 species.

10. Justification of Flyway Site Network criteria:

Please provide waterbird count information (with year of latest count) that demonstrates that the site meets the criteria of the Flyway Site Network (Annex 1). That is:

- it regularly supports > 20 000 migratory waterbirds; or,
- it regularly supports > 1 % of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of migratory waterbird; or,
- it supports appreciable numbers of an endangered or vulnerable population of migratory waterbird
- it is a "staging site" supporting > 5 000 waterbirds, or > 0.25% of a population stage at the site.

A listing of the populations of migratory waterbirds covered by the East Asian – Australasian Flyway Partnership and the 1% thresholds is attached (Annex 3).

The "staging site" criterion is particularly difficult to apply and application of this should be discussed with the Secretariat. Also note that some species have several populations that are very difficult to distinguish in the field.

7,150,000 birds

Important species (for numbers see appendix): Limosa lapponica (Bar-tailed Godwit) Limosa limosa (Black-tailed Godwit) Tringa nebularia (Common Greenshank) Charadrius alexandrinus (Kentish Plover) Numenius phaeopus (Whimbrel) Anas formosa (Baikal Teal) Anas platyrhynchos (Mallard) Anser fabalis (Bean Goose)

Unique species: Baikal Teal, Bean Goose

Rare and endangered species: Oriental White Stork, Hooded Crane, Eurasian Spoonbill and Black-faced Spoonbill, etc.

English Name	Scientific Name	Current	IUCN	Red	List

		Category
Baikal Teal	Anas formosa	LC
Bean Goose	Taiga bean goose (Anser fabalis) Tundra bean goose (Anser serrirostris)	LC
Oriental White Stork	Ciconia boyciana	EN
Hooded Crane	Grus monacha	VU
Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia	LC
Black-faced Spoonbill	Platalea minor	EN

11. Wetland Types:

List the wetland types present (see Annex 2). List the wetland types in order of their area in the Flyway Network site, starting with the wetland type with the largest area.

Marine/Coastal wetlands: A, E, F, G, H, I, K

Human-made wetlands: 2, 3, 4, 6

12. Jurisdiction:

Include territorial, e.g. state/region, and functional/sectoral, e.g. Ministry of Agriculture/Dept. of Environment, etc.

Seosan City (Environmental Ecology Division)

13. Management authority:

Provide the name and address of the local office(s) of the agency(ies) or organisation(s) directly responsible for managing the wetland and the title and/or name and email address/phone number of the person or persons in this office with direct responsibility for managing the wetland.

Seosan City (Environmental Ecology Division)

14. Bibliographical references:

A list of key technical references relevant to the wetland, including management plans, major scientific reports, and bibliographies, if such exist. Please list Web site addresses dedicated to the site or which prominently feature the site, and include the date that the Web site was most recently updated. When a large body of published material is available about the site, only the most important references need be cited, with priority being given to recent literature containing extensive bibliographies.

Biodiversity wetland, management, project

Bird sanctuary monitoring

Operation of visitor centre (Seosan Birdland)

15. Physical features of the site:

Describe, as appropriate, the geology, geomorphology; origins - natural or artificial; hydrology; soil type; water quality; water depth, water permanence; fluctuations in water level; tidal variations; downstream area; general climate, etc.

Artificial lake and rice paddies

The mudflats in Cheonsu Bay had been reclaimed from 1975 to around 1995. Water level fluctuates commonly.

16. Physical features of the catchment area:

Describe the surface area, general geology and geomorphological features, general soil types, and climate (including climate type).

Freshwater lake: 4,174ha Climate type: four seasons Rice paddies: 10,121ha

17. Hydrological values:

Describe the functions and values of the wetland in groundwater recharge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilization, etc.

It makes water circulate between fresh water lake and sea.

18. General ecological features:

Provide further description, as appropriate, of the main habitats, vegetation types, plant and animal communities present in the Flyway Network site, and the ecosystem services of the site and the benefits derived from them.

Main habitat: Haemi River, Ganwol lake, Bunam Lake, rice paddies, sand dunes Vegetation: Reed and willow forest

Animals: Leopard Cat, Water Deer, Raccoon

19. Noteworthy flora:

Provide additional information on particular species and why they are noteworthy indicating, e.g., which species/communities are unique, rare, endangered or biogeographically important, etc. *Do not include here taxonomic lists of species present – these may be supplied as supplementary information to the SIS.* (Please add here the species which do not come under sec no 14)

20. Noteworthy fauna:

Provide additional information on particular species and why they are noteworthy (expanding as necessary on information provided in 10. *Do not include here taxonomic lists of species present – these may be supplied as supplementary information to the SIS.*

(Please add here the species which do not come under sec no 14)

Unique species: Baikal Teal, Bean Goose Rare and endangered species: Oriental White Stork, Hooded Crane, Eurasian Spoonbill and Black-faced Spoonbill

21. Social, economic and cultural values:

a) Describe if the site has any general social, economic and/or cultural values e.g., fisheries production, forestry, religious importance, archaeological sites, social relations with the wetland, etc. Distinguish between historical/archaeological/religious significance and current socio-economic values:
Farming area (rice)
Eco-tourism site (regional economy)
Bird festival

b) Is the site considered of international importance for holding, in addition to relevant ecological values, examples of significant cultural values, whether material or non-material, linked to its origin, conservation and/or ecological functioning? (Double-click the checkbox to check and choose "Checked" under "Default Value" from "Check Box Form Field Options" window)

If yes, tick the box **D** and describe this importance under one or more of the following categories:

- I. Sites which provide a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland:
- II. Sites which have exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland:
- III. Sites where the ecological character of the wetland depends on the interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples:
- IV. Sites where relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological character of the wetland:

22. Land tenure/ownership:

a) Within the Flyway Network site:Local farmers (rice paddies)Korea farm village public corporation

b) In the surrounding area:Local people

23. Current land (including water) use:

a) Within the Flyway Network site:Rice paddies and fresh lake for agricultural use

b) In the surroundings/catchment: Fishery and farming

24. Factors (past, present or potential) adversely affecting the site's ecological character, including changes in land (including water) use and development projects:

a) Within the Flyway Network site:

The maintenance work of Cheonsu Bay (ex. waterway construction, dredging)

b) In the surrounding area: missing

25. Conservation measures taken:

a) List national and/or international category and legal status of protected areas, including boundary relationships with the Flyway Network site:

In particular, if the site is partly or wholly a World Heritage Site and/or a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, please give the names of the site under these designations.

Wild animals and plants reserved zone

b) If appropriate, list the IUCN (1994) protected areas category/ies which apply to the site (tick the box or boxes as appropriate, see Annex 3):



c) Does an officially approved management plan exist; and is it being implemented?:

If yes, is it being implemented?: If no, is one being planned? Designation of Ramsar Sites Invigoration of the Eco-tourism

d) Describe any other current management practices:Creating habitat for birdsBuilding international network

26. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:

e.g. management plan in preparation; official proposal as a legally protected area, etc.

27. Current scientific research and facilities:

e.g., details of current research projects, including biodiversity monitoring; existence of a field research station, etc.

Bird sanctuary monitoring (twice a month since 2007)

28. Current communications, education and public awareness (CEPA) activities related to or benefiting the site:

e.g. visitors' centre, observation hides and nature trails, information booklets, facilities for school visits, etc.

Operation of Visitor Centre (Seosan Birdland)

Forest trails, Bird watching, Museum Education

29. Current recreation and tourism:

State if the wetland is used for recreation/tourism; indicate type(s) and their frequency/intensity.

Bird watching tour (4 days a week from Oct to Dec)

30. Threats

Which of the following threats is present historically – when the threat stopped but the effects are still there (H), currently (C) or potentially (P)?

	Historically	Currently	Potentially
Residential and commercial development			
housing and urban areas			\bowtie
commercial and industrial areas			
tourism and recreation areas		\boxtimes	
Agriculture and aquaculture			
annual and perennial non-timber crops		\boxtimes	
wood and pulp plantations			
livestock farming and ranching		\boxtimes	
marine and freshwater aquaculture			
Energy production and mining			
oil and gas drilling			
mining and quarrying			
renewable energy			
Transportation and service corridors			
roads and railroads		\boxtimes	
utility and service lines			
shipping lanes			

flight paths	\boxtimes	
Biological resource use		
hunting and collecting terrestrial animals	\boxtimes	
gathering terrestrial plants		
logging and wood harvesting		
fishing and harvesting aquatic resources	\boxtimes	
Human intrusions and disturbance		
recreational activities		\boxtimes
war, civil unrest and military exercises		
work and other activities		
Natural system modifications		
fire and fire suppression		
dams and water management/use	\boxtimes	
other ecosystem modifications		
Invasive and other problematic species and genes		
invasive non-native/alien species	\boxtimes	
problematic native species		
introduced genetic material		
Pollution		
household sewage and urban waste water		\bowtie
industrial and military effluents		
agricultural and forestry effluents	\boxtimes	
garbage and solid waste	\boxtimes	
air-borne pollutants		
excess energy		
Geological events		
volcanoes		
earthquakes/tsunamis		
avalanches/landslides		
Climate change and severe weather		

habitat shifting and alteration		\boxtimes
droughts		
temperature extremes		\boxtimes
storms and flooding	\boxtimes	

Please write here any additional threats and comments/queries you have on the threats.

<List of Waterbirds in Cheonsu Bay A area>

Scientific Name	2010 total	2013 total	Residence type
ORDER PODICIPEDIFORMES			
FAMILY PODICIPEDIDAE			
Podiceps ruficollis	279	116	Res
Podiceps nigricollis	185	55	WV
Podiceps cristatus	2645	1497	WV
ORDER PELECANIFORMES			
FAMILY HALAOROCORACIDAE			
Phalacrocorax carbo	470	1159	WV
ORDER CICONIFORMES	33		
FAMILY ARDEIDAE			
Botaurus stellaris	8	3	WV
Ixobrychus sinensis	21	12	SV
Ixobrychus eurhythmus	5	3	SV
Nycticorax nycticorax	750	322	SV
Butorides striatus	30	26	SV
Bubulcus ibis	998	456	SV
Egretta alba alba	276	638	WV
Egretta alba modesta	3190	2314	SV
Egretta intermedia	1058	457	SV
Egretta garzetta	982	485	SV
Egretta eulophotes	2		SV
Ardea cinerea	2514	1671	SV
FAMILY CICONIIDAE			
Ciconia ciconia	24	18	WV
Ciconia nigra		1	WV
FAMILY THRESKIORNITHIDAE			
Platalea leucorodia	451	158	WV
Platalea minor	8	10	Res
ORDER ANSERIFORMES			

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FAMILY ANATIDAE			
Branta canadensis		1	WV
Anser albkfrons	124310	130061	WV
Anser fabalis	280601	180609	WV
Anser caerulescens	4		WV
Anser cygnoides	2		WV
Cygnus olor		2	WV
Cygnus cygnus	1145	1075	WV
Cygnus columbianus	1		
Tadorna ferruginea	319	396	WV
Tadorna tadorna	1665	1698	WV
Aix galericulata	174	293	Res
Anas platyrhynchos	48714	19069	WV
Anas poecilorhyncha	32119	13150	Res
Anas crecca	11209	6826	WV
Anas formosa	303108	7536	WV
Anas falcata	6	14	WV
Anas strepera	581	513	WV
Anas penelope	277	258	WV
Anas acuta	2053	164	WV
Anas querquedula	63	30	PM
Anas clypeata	6536	5902	WV
Aythya ferina	186	541	WV
Aythya baeri	1		WV
Aythya fuligula	289	436	WV
Aythya marila	10	38	WV
Bucephala clangula	165	133	WV
Mergus albellus	85	38	WV
Mergus serrator	4		
Mergus merganser	2240	1064	WV
ORDER GRUIFORMES			
FAMILY GRUIDAE			
Grus grus	3	10	WV
Grus monacha	941	2948	WV
Grus vipio	1		WV
FAMILY RALLIDAE			
Rallus aquaticus	3	1	WV
Gallinula chloropus	76	16	SV
Gallicrex cinerea	3	5	SV

Fulica atra	1993	792	WV
ORDER CHARADRIFORMES			
FAMILY ROSTRATULIDAE			
Rostratula benghalensis		2	PM
FAMILY HAEMATOPODIDAE			
Haematopus ostralegus	80	67	Res
FAMILY CHARADRIIDAE			
Charadrius dubius	55	58	SV
Charadrius placidus	1	12	Res
Charadrius alexandrinus	27	47	PM
Charadrius mongolus	11		
Pluvialis dominica	24	15	PM
Pluvialis squatarola	29	6	PM
Microsarcops cinereus	1		
Vanellus vanellus	478	107	WV
FAMILY SCOLOPACIDAE			
Calidris ruficollis	191	137	PM
Calidris minutilla	51	50	Vag
Calidris temminckii	1		PM
Calidris acuminata	73	9	PM
Calidris alpina	1126	2775	PM
Calidris canutus		1	PM
Calidris tenuirostris		441	PM
Philomachus pugnax	3	2	PM
Tringa erythropus	16	8	PM
Tringa totanus	8	6	РМ
Tringa stagnatilis	30	54	РМ
Tringa nebularia	458	371	РМ
Tringa ochropus	61	49	PM
Tringa glareola	1183	378	PM
Tringa hypoleucos	129	48	SV
Xenus cinereus	15	12	PM
Limosa limosa	632	289	PM
Limosa lapponica	3	20	РМ
Numenius arquata	1		РМ
Numenius madagascariensis	104	58	РМ
Numenius phaeopus	35	50	PM
Scolopax rusticola	2	1	PM
Gallinago gallinago	372	48	PM

Gallinago stenura	22	2	PM
FAMILY RECURVIROSTRIDAE			
Himantopus himantopus	98	65	PM
Recurvirostra avocetta		1	PM
FAMILY PHALAROPODIDAE			
Phalaropus lobatus	1	6	PM
FAMILY LARIDAE			
Larus ridibundus	6353	4883	WV
Larus cachinnans	602	560	WV
Larus heuglini	14	34	WV
Larus canus	7	2	WV
Larus crassirostris	2307	1186	Res
Larus saundersi	5		WV
Larus relictus	1		Vag
Sterna leucoptera	3		PM
Chlidonias hybridus	3	6	PM
Sterna albifrons	1203	1428	SV

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ORDER PODICIPEDIFORMES			
FAMILY PODICIPEDIDAE			
Podiceps ruficollis	122	41	Res
Podiceps nigricollis	25	101	WV
Podiceps cristatus	942	112	WV
ORDER PELECANIFORMES			
FAMILY PHALAOROCORACIDAE			
Phalacrocorax carbo	77	424	WV
ORDER CICONIFORMES			
FAMILY ARDEIDAE			
Botaurus stellaris	1	1	WV
Ixobrychus sinensis	13	3	SV
Ixobrychus eurhythmus	1		SV
Nycticorax nycticorax	332	204	SV
Ardeola bacchus	1		
Butorides striatus	11	18	SV

Bubulcus ibis	147	385	SV
Egretta alba alba	134	334	WV
Egretta alba modesta	1551	753	SV
Egretta intermedia	194	679	SV
Egretta garzetta	320	151	SV
Ardea cinerea	761	683	SV
Ardea purpurea		1	PM
FAMILY CICONIIDAE			
Ciconia ciconia	2	1	WV
FAMILY THRESKIORNITHIDAE			
Platalea leucorodia	33	38	WV
Platalea minor	1		Res
ORDER ANSERIFORMES			
FAMILY ANATIDAE			
Anser albkfrons	61976	32012	WV
Anser fabalis	98400	41004	WV
Cygnus cygnus	54	18	WV
Tadorna ferruginea	212	40	WV
Tadorna tadorna	64	27	WV
Aix galericulata	56	161	Res
Anas platyrhynchos	11993	9242	WV
Anas poecilorhyncha	12582	5238	Res
Anas crecca	3013	2845	WV
Anas formosa	51	10	WV
Anas falcata	2	9	WV
Anas strepera	275	148	WV
Anas penelope	35	15	WV
Anas acuta	1231	390	WV
Anas querquedula	11	16	PM
Anas clypeata	905	1852	WV
Aythya ferina	13	68	WV
Aythya fuligula	156	118	WV
Aythya marila	16		WV
Bucephala clangula	80	155	WV
Mergus albellus	52	43	WV
Mergus serrator		7	WV
Mergus merganser	1112	322	WV

ORDER GRUIFORMES			
FAMILY GRUIDAE	_		
Grus monacha		1	WV
FAMILY RALLIDAE			
Porzana fusca	1		SV
Gallinula chloropus	10	6	SV
Fulica atra	345	169	WV
ORDER CHARADRIFORMES			
FAMILY CHARADRIIDAE			
Charadrius dubius	14	19	SV
Charadrius placidus	4	4	Res
Charadrius alexandrines	3		PM
Microsarcops cinereus	1		PM
Pluvialis dominica		1	PM
Vanellus vanellus	54	15	WV
FAMILY SCOLOPACIDAE			
Calidris ruficollis	3	1	PM
Calidris minutilla	6	1	Vag
Calidris temminckii	22	1	PM
Calidris acuminata		15	PM
Calidris alpina		15	PM
Tringa erythropus	34	7	PM
Tringa stagnatilis	53	12	PM
Tringa nebularia	213	68	PM
Tringa ochropus	20	20	PM
Tringa glareola	86	109	PM
Tringa hypoleucos	23	15	SV
Xenus cinereus	5	2	PM
Limosa limosa	30	2	PM
Limosa lapponica	15		PM
Numenius phaeopus	55	4	PM
Gallinago gallinago	87	36	PM
Gallinago stenura	2	3	РМ
FAMILYRECURVIROSTRIDAE	+		
Himantopus himantopus	48	17	РМ
FAMILY GLAREOLIDAE			
Glareola maldivarum		2	РМ
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FAMILY LARIDAE			
Larus ridibundus	836	274	WV
Larus cachinnans	261	103	WV
Larus heuglini		1	WV
Larus crassirostris	434	1637	Res
Larus saundersi	1		WV
Sterna leucoptera		5	PM
Sterna albifrons	37	5	SV

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Annex 1: Criteria for the inclusion of sites in the Flyway Site Network

(From the Partnership Text)

To be considered for inclusion in the Flyway Site Network, this Partnership adopts the following criteria:

a. Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) criteria for internationally important sites for migratory waterbirds. That is:

Criterion 2:	A wetland should be considered internationally important if it supports vulnerable,
	endangered, or critically endangered species or threatened ecological
	communities.

- Criterion 5: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it regularly supports 20,000 or more waterbirds.
- Criterion 6: A wetland should be considered internationally important if it regularly supports1% of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of waterbird.
- b. The staging criteria as applied under the Asia Pacific Migratory Waterbird Conservation Strategy. That is:
 - i. A staging site should be considered internationally important if it regularly supports 0.25% of individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of waterbirds on migration.
 - ii. A staging site should be considered internationally important if it regularly supports 5,000 or more waterbirds at one time during migration.
- c. Under exceptional circumstances a site can be nominated if it supports migratory waterbirds at a level or stage of their life cycle important to the maintenance of flyway populations. Justification of such nominations will be considered by the Partnership on a case by case basis.

Annex 2: Ramsar Classification System for Wetland Type

The codes are based upon the Ramsar Classification System for Wetland Type as approved by Recommendation 4.7 and amended by Resolutions VI.5 and VII.11 of the Conference of the Contracting Parties. The categories listed herein are intended to provide only a very broad framework to aid rapid identification of the main wetland habitats represented at each site.

To assist in identification of the correct Wetland Types to list in section 19 of the RIS, the Secretariat has provided below tabulations for Marine/Coastal Wetlands and Inland Wetlands of some of the characteristics of each Wetland Type.

Marine/Coastal Wetlands

- A -- Permanent shallow marine waters in most cases less than six metres deep at low tide; includes sea bays and straits.
- B -- Marine subtidal aquatic beds; includes kelp beds, sea-grass beds, tropical marine meadows.
- C -- Coral reefs.
- D -- Rocky marine shores; includes rocky offshore islands, sea cliffs.
- E -- Sand, shingle or pebble shores; includes sand bars, spits and sandy islets; includes dune systems and humid dune slacks.
- F -- Estuarine waters; permanent water of estuaries and estuarine systems of deltas.
- G -- Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats.
- H -- Intertidal marshes; includes salt marshes, salt meadows, saltings, raised salt marshes; includes tidal brackish and freshwater marshes.
- I -- Intertidal forested wetlands; includes mangrove swamps, nipah swamps and tidal freshwater swamp forests.
- J -- Coastal brackish/saline lagoons; brackish to saline lagoons with at least one relatively narrow connection to the sea.
- K -- Coastal freshwater lagoons; includes freshwater delta lagoons.
- Zk(a) Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems, marine/coastal

Inland Wetlands

L	Permanent inland deltas.
M	Permanent rivers/streams/creeks; includes waterfalls.
N	Seasonal/intermittent/irregular rivers/streams/creeks.
0	Permanent freshwater lakes (over 8 ha); includes large oxbow lakes.
P	Seasonal/intermittent freshwater lakes (over 8 ha); includes floodplain lakes.
Q	Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline lakes.
P	Cases and lintermittant caling/hreat/ich/all/aling lakes and flata

R -- Seasonal/intermittent saline/brackish/alkaline lakes and flats.

Ss	Seasonal/intermittent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/pools.
Тр	Permanent freshwater marshes/pools; ponds (below 8 ha), marshes and swamps on inorganic soils;
	with emergent vegetation water-logged for at least most of the growing season.
Ts	Seasonal/intermittent freshwater marshes/pools on inorganic soils; includes sloughs, potholes,
	seasonally flooded meadows, sedge marshes.
U	Non-forested peatlands; includes shrub or open bogs, swamps, fens.
Va	Alpine wetlands; includes alpine meadows, temporary waters from snowmelt.
Vt	Tundra wetlands; includes tundra pools, temporary waters from snowmelt.
W	Shrub-dominated wetlands; shrub swamps, shrub-dominated freshwater marshes, shrub carr, alder
	thicket on inorganic soils.
Xf	Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands; includes freshwater swamp forests, seasonally flooded forests,
	wooded swamps on inorganic soils.
Хр	Forested peatlands; peatswamp forests.
Y	Freshwater springs; oases.
Zg	Geothermal wetlands
Zk(b) –	Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems, inland

Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/pools.

<u>Note</u>: "**floodplain**" is a broad term used to refer to one or more wetland types, which may include examples from the R, Ss, Ts, W, Xf, Xp, or other wetland types. Some examples of floodplain wetlands are seasonally inundated grassland (including natural wet meadows), shrublands, woodlands and forests. Floodplain wetlands are not listed as a specific wetland type herein.

Human-made wetlands

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- 1 -- Aquaculture (e.g., fish/shrimp) ponds
- 2 -- **Ponds**; includes farm ponds, stock ponds, small tanks; (generally below 8 ha).
- 3 -- Irrigated land; includes irrigation channels and rice fields.
- 4 -- Seasonally flooded agricultural land (including intensively managed or grazed wet meadow or pasture).
- 5 -- Salt exploitation sites; salt pans, salines, etc.
- 6 -- Water storage areas; reservoirs/barrages/dams/impoundments (generally over 8 ha).
- 7 -- **Excavations**; gravel/brick/clay pits; borrow pits, mining pools.
- 8 -- Wastewater treatment areas; sewage farms, settling ponds, oxidation basins, etc.
- 9 -- Canals and drainage channels, ditches.
- Zk(c) -- Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems, human-made

Annex 3: IUCN Protected Areas Categories System

IUCN protected area management categories classify protected areas according to their management objectives. The categories are recognised by international bodies such as the United Nations and by many national governments as the global standard for defining and recording protected areas and as such are increasingly being incorporated into government legislation.

la Strict Nature Reserve

Category la are strictly protected areas set aside to protect biodiversity and also possibly geological/geomorphical features, where human visitation, use and impacts are strictly controlled and limited to ensure protection of the conservation values.

Ib Wilderness Area

Category lb protected areas are usually large unmodified or slightly modified areas, retaining their natural character and influence without permanent or significant human habitation, which are protected and managed so as to preserve their natural condition.

II National Park

Category II protected areas are large natural or near natural areas set aside to protect large-scale ecological processes, along with the complement of species and ecosystems characteristic of the area, which also provide a foundation for environmentally and culturally compatible, spiritual, scientific, educational, recreational, and visitor opportunities.

III Natural Monument or Feature

Category III protected areas are set aside to protect a specific natural monument, which can be a landform, sea mount, submarine cavern, geological feature such as a cave or even a living feature such as an ancient grove. They are generally quite small protected areas and often have high visitor value.

IV Habitat/Species Management Area

Category IV protected areas aim to protect particular species or habitats and management reflects this priority. Many Category IV protected areas will need regular, active interventions to address the requirements of particular species or to maintain habitats, but this is not a requirement of the category.

V Protected Landscape/ Seascape

A protected area where the interaction of people and nature over time has produced an area of distinct charcter with significant, ecological, biological, cultural and scenic value: and where safeguarding the integrity of this interaction is vital to protecting and sustaining the area and its associated nature conservation and other values.

VI Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources

Category VI protected areas conserve ecosystems and habitats together with associated cultural values and traditional natural resource management systems.