



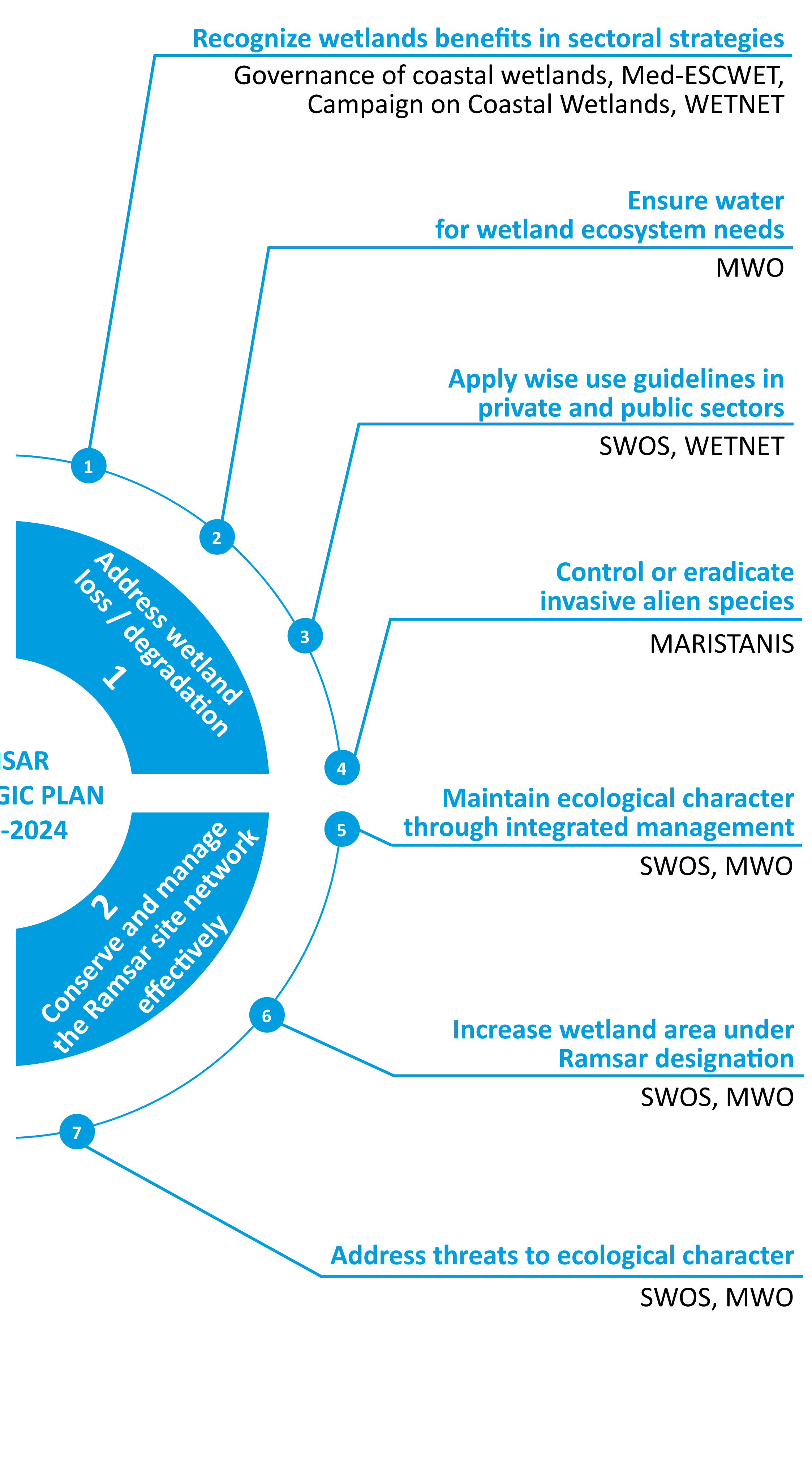
How does the Mediterranean community contribute to the Ramsar Strategic Plan?

A joint action by PANACeA, MedWet, Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory/Tour du Valat, and MAVA coastal wetland projects

Many Mediterranean projects are bringing their data, methods and tools together to show how they are working towards a wise use of wetlands and supporting the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024

Build capacity to implement the Convention and Strategic Plan

- Campaign on Coastal Wetlands
- Strengthen international cooperation
MWO, PANACeA
- Mobilize resources for implementation
MedWet
- Mainstream wetland conservation and wise use through CEPA
PANACeA, Campaign on Coastal Wetlands, WETNET
- Reinforce Ramsar Regional Initiatives for implementation of the Convention
MedWet
- Develop scientific and policy guidance
MWO, SWOS, MedWet/STN, Med-ESCWET
- Enhance sustainability of projects in key sectors
Buna Delta Protection Project
- Restore degraded wetlands
Governance of coastal wetlands
- Document wetlands services and benefits
Med-ESCWET, MWO, SWOS
- Respect and use traditional knowledge and practices
MedWetCulture, WETNET
- Strengthen wise use through integrated river basin management or coastal zone management
WETNET, MARISTANIS, Buna Delta Protection Project
- Complete national wetland inventories
Med-ESCWET, MWO, MedISWet, SWOS



Buna Delta Protection Project

The Buna Delta Protection project (Albania) aims to significantly reduce development threats currently affecting high value wetlands, anticipates restoration activities on damaged wetlands and coastal habitats. In order to address socio-economic issues and human wellbeing, sustainable tourism and land use practices will be promoted.
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Campaign on Coastal Wetlands

The campaign will aim to improve knowledge about the functions and values of coastal wetlands and marine-related habitat, as well as the benefits of an integrated land/sea interface management. This campaign will enhance national and regional policy recognition of the need to increase efforts to preserve wetlands in the Mediterranean region.
Funded by: MAVA - Coordinated by: MedWet

Governance of coastal wetlands

An international project cooperation focusing on the governance and stakeholder participation in coastal wetlands' management. The output is a Handbook on Coastal Wetlands Governance which meets the requirements from the two Conventions: Ramsar Convention and Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP).
Funded by: MAVA - Coordinated by: UNEP/MAP/PAP-RAC

Interreg Med Biodiversity Protection: PANACeA

The project creates synergies among relevant Mediterranean stakeholders, involving managers, policymakers, socio-economic actors, civil society and the scientific community, and develops actions to increase the impact of projects on biodiversity protection.
Funded by: Interreg Med/ERDF - Coordinated by: ETC-UMA

Maristanis

An international cooperation project that aims at defining an integrated management model for the coastal wetlands of the Gulf of Oristano.
Funded by: MAVA - Coordinated by: MEDSEA Foundation

Med-ESCWET

Acknowledging the "buffer to climate change" role played by wetlands with regard to climate change adaptation strategies in the Mediterranean, and sensitizing decision-makers through the economic valuation of four regulating services: climate regulation, protection against extreme weather events, flood control, and low water replenishment.
Funded by: MAVA - Coordinated by: UNEP/MAP/Plan Bleu

MedISWet

The Mediterranean Island Wetlands project aspires to establish a network of NGOs, institutes, universities and public authorities. The project includes actions for the completion of the inventories of all Mediterranean island wetlands, dissemination of knowledge and promotion of certain conservation measures at local, national and Mediterranean scale.
Funded by: MAVA - Coordinated by: WWF Greece

Mediterranean Wetland Observatory (MWO)

The Mediterranean Wetland Observatory, managed by Tour du Valat (TdV), an indispensable contribution to the achievement of MedWet's mandate. The ultimate aim of this regional tool is to achieve informed political decisions regarding the conservation and sustainable management of wetlands, particularly in terms of legislation, governance and effective management practices.

MedWet

Established in 1991, the Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative brings together 27 Mediterranean and peri-Mediterranean countries that are Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971). The MedWet mission is to ensure and support the effective conservation of the functions and values of Mediterranean wetlands and the sustainable use of their resources and services.

MedWetCulture

The MedWet Culture Network is a product of collaboration between MedWet and Med-INA, aiming to promote the protection of wetlands through culture and the preservation of culture related to wetlands.

MedWet/Scientific and Technical Network (STN)

Providing scientific and technical support to MedWet members countries on policies and actions for wetland conservation and sustainable use; encouraging the establishment of scientific and technical networks; and providing inputs from a Mediterranean perspective to the work of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

SWOS - Satellite-based Wetland Observation Service

This research project aims at filling the information gap currently hindering adequate management and protection of wetlands. SWOS generates information on wetland ecosystems using the new possibilities offered by free satellite data. The SWOS Service Portal will provide wetland managers, policy-makers and scientists access to maps and indicators of wetland condition and changes.
Funded by: H2020 - Coordinated by: Jena-Optronik

WETNET

Implementing a multilevel governance for Mediterranean wetlands in order to achieve overall and network effects on wetlands ecosystems as well as on connected local systems. By defining common priorities for MED wetlands conservation, WETNET builds a common territorial strategy for their integrated management.
Funded by: Interreg Med/ERDF - Coordinated by: Veneto Region