

THE RAMSAR CONVENTION

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The Ramsar Convention

An intergovernmental treaty for the protection and sustainable use of wetlands in general and Ramsar Sites in particular

INTRODUCTION CONTD.

- ❖ The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat is an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.
- ❖ It is also known as the Convention on Wetlands.
- ❖ It is named after the city of Ramsar in Iran, where the convention was signed in 1971
- ❖ Liberia join the Convention on November 2, 2020

Ramsar Sites



RAMSAR SITES IN LIBERIA

- ❖ Mersurado Wetlands
- ❖ Marshall Wetlands
- ❖ Kpatawee Wetlands
- ❖ Lake Piso Wetlands
- ❖ Gbendi Wetlands

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Preparation and timely submission of National Reports
- ❖ Establishment of National Wetlands Taskforce
- ❖ Ongoing gazzement of the Marshall Wetlands

OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ New windows are beginning to open for projects for the sustainable use of wetlands
- ❖ Examples of such include the Mano grand Landscape of Liberia and Sierra Leone project from Senegal to Benin to be funded by IUCN
- ❖ Related wetland projects like the Blue Ocean Programme, National Capital Accountant project are ongoing

CHALLENGES

- ❖ Lack of funding and logistics
- ❖ Liberia Ramsar Sites have not been updated since 2012
- ❖ Only one of the sites (Like Piso) is gazzetted with a management plan
- ❖ The need to conduct wetlands inventory
- ❖ The Agency (EPA) has limited role in the Management of the Ramsar site
- ❖ Limited projects in convention activities for sustainable use of wetlands
- ❖ Limited coordination

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THANKS