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AMERICA LATINA
LA INCIDENCIA DE LAS DECISIONES EN LOS HUMEDALES Y SUS
ESPECIES MIGRATORIAS: Manejo y uso de los recursos naturales**

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The United Nations Environmental Program / Convention on Migratory Species (UNEP/CMS) and the Ramsar Regional Center for Training and Research on Wetlands in the Western Hemisphere (Ramsar-CREHO) will host a workshop for policy makers from the Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America. The workshop will take place in Panama City between 25 and 29 of August and representatives of more that 20 countries will be present. UNEP/CMS and CREHO will be supported by UNEP/ROLAC and the National Environment Authority of Panama (ANAM).

Latin America and the Caribbean host numerous important migratory species that use wetland ecosystems along their migration routes. The workshops aim at amplified and intensified conservation measures for the benefit of the region's ecosystem. Some of the most dominant issues of the agenda will be sustainable use of wetlands, migratory birds and avian influenza, climate change and wetlands conservation. The importance of adequate policies with respect to the management of ecosystems and wetlands in order to conserve migratory species will be stressed by capacity building for policy makers in order to promote conservation measures in this important region.

The working program includes expert presentations, working groups and field excursions. In part, the workshop is made possible thanks to generous financial support by the government of Spain.

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Documents:

Invitation to the Seminar

Provisional Agenda

Seminar presentations and speakers

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UNEP/CMS

The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals aims to conserve terrestrial, marine and avian migratory species and their habitats throughout their range. It is an intergovernmental treaty, concluded under the aegis of UNEP, concerned with the conservation of wildlife and habitats on a global scale. UNEP/CMS is addressing all threats to the survival of migratory animals and to the migration process itself such as light pollution, climate change, by-catch, wind turbines, ship strikes, power lines, as well as habitat degradation and loss. The Convention was adopted in Bonn, Germany, on 23 June 1979 and entered into force on 1 November 1983. Today, 103 countries are Parties to the Convention. See: www.cms.int.

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RAMSAR (Ramsar Convention on Wetlands):

The Convention on Wetlands, concluded in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971, is an intergovernmental treaty, which provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. There are currently 152 Contracting Parties to the Convention, with 1609 wetland sites, totaling 145.8 million hectares, designated for inclusion in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance.

During the 9th Conference of the Parties in Kampala, Uganda, November 2005, Resolution IX.23 (link) “Highly pathogenic avian influenza and its consequences for wetland and waterbird conservation and wise use” was developed and adopted focusing on issues and risks to the commitments of Parties to the conservation and wise use of wetlands, and notably those concerning migratory waterbirds.

For more information:

Official Website: <http://www.ramsar.org>



Ramsar CREHO

Ramsar CREHO, The Ramsar Regional Center for Training and Research on Wetlands in the Western Hemisphere (CREHO for its initials in Spanish) is a not-for-profit international organization that promotes management and wise use of wetlands in the Americas.

CREHO uses processes such as capacity building, research and communication to achieve a sustainable impact in wetlands. CREHO is an organization recognized by the Contracting Parties of the Ramsar Convention and has the support of environmental organizations such as WWF, BirdLife and Wetlands International.

CREHO works in the Western Hemisphere with governments, NGOs and civil society to build up regional processes to improve the practices in wetlands. CREHO formulates of its programs based on the principles of sustainable development, transparency and participation.

Promote research on the management and wise use of wetlands throughout the Americas, through training and the development of impact assessment tools, methodologies and economic assessment, and the establishment of communication mechanisms.

CREHO experiences in the use and conservation of the wetlands in the Western Hemisphere and other regions of the world.

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