

Ramsar Classification System for Wetland Type		
	Wetland Type	Code
Marine/Coastal Wetlands	Permanent shallow marine waters less than six metres deep at low tide; includes sea bays and straits	A
	Marine subtidal aquatic beds; includes kelp beds, sea-grass beds, tropical marine meadows	B
	Coral reefs	C
	Rocky marine shores; includes rocky offshore islands, sea cliffs	D
	Sand, shingle or pebble shores; includes sand bars, spits and sandy islets; includes dune systems	E
	Estuarine waters; permanent water of estuaries and estuarine systems of deltas	F
	Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats	G
	Intertidal marshes; includes salt marshes, salt meadows, saltings, raised salt marshes; includes tidal brackish and freshwater marshes	H
	Intertidal forested wetlands; includes mangrove swamps, nipah swamps and tidal freshwater swamp forests	I
	Coastal brackish/saline lagoons; brackish to saline lagoons with at least one relatively narrow connection to the sea	J
	Coastal freshwater lagoons; includes freshwater delta lagoons	K
Inland Wetlands	Permanent inland deltas	L
	Permanent rivers/streams/creeks; includes waterfalls	M
	Seasonal/intermittent/irregular rivers/streams/creeks	N
	Permanent freshwater lakes (over 8 ha); includes large oxbow lakes	O
	Seasonal/intermittent freshwater lakes (over 8 ha); includes floodplain lakes	P
	Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline lakes	Q
	Seasonal/intermittent saline/brackish/alkaline lakes and flats*	R
	Permanent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/pools	Sp
	Seasonal/intermittent saline/brackish/alkaline marshes/ pools*	Ss
	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	Tp
	Seasonal/intermittent freshwater marshes/pools on inorganic soil; includes sloughs, potholes, seasonally flooded meadows, sedge marshes*	Ts
	Non-forested peatlands; includes shrub or open bogs, swamps, fens	U
	Alpine wetlands; includes alpine meadows, temporary waters from snowmelt	Va
	Tundra wetlands; includes tundra pools, temporary waters from snowmelt	Vt
	Shrub-dominated wetlands; Shrub swamps, shrub-dominated freshwater marsh, shrub carr, alder thicket; on inorganic soils*	W
	Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands; includes freshwater swamp forest, seasonally flooded forest, wooded swamps; on inorganic soils*	Xf
	Forested peatlands; peatswamp forest*	Xp
	Freshwater springs; oases	Y
Geothermal wetlands	Zg	
Subterranean karst and cave hydrological systems	Zk	
	<i>* As appropriate, includes: floodplain wetlands such as seasonally inundated grassland (including natural wet meadows), shrublands, woodlands or forest</i>	

Manmade wetlands	Aquaculture (eg fish/shrimp) ponds	1
	Ponds; includes farm ponds, stock ponds, small tanks; (generally below 8 ha)	2
	Irrigated land; includes irrigation channels and rice fields	3
	Seasonally flooded agricultural land**	4
	Salt exploitation sites; salt pans, salines, etc	5
	Water storage areas; reservoirs/barrages/dams/impoundments; (generally over 8 ha)	6
	Excavations; gravel/brick/clay pits; borrow pits, mining pools	7
	Wastewater treatment areas; sewage farms, settling ponds, oxidation basins, etc	8
	Canals and drainage channels, ditches	9
	Karst and other subterranean hydrological systems, human-made	10
	<i>** To include intensively managed or grazed wet meadow or pasture</i>	