

Cultural approaches to WISE USE OF WETLANDS – past, present and future

المناهج الثقافية للاستخدام الحكيم للأراضي الرطبة - الماضي والحاضر والمستقبل

Approches culturelles de l'UTILISATION RATIONNELLE DES ZONES HUMIDES - passées, présentes et futures

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WETLANDS OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUES IN THE ARAB REGION

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Mesopotamian Marshlands (Ahwar), Iraq

- . **Date of Inscription:** 2016
- . **Criteria:** (iii), (v), (ix), & (x)
- . **Property :** Mixed, Serial 211,544 ha
- . **Ramsar Site:** Yes
- . **Property Background :**

The Ahwar is made up of three archaeological and four wetland marsh areas in southern Iraq. The archaeological cities form part of the remains of the Sumerian cities between the 4th and the 3rd millennium BCE. The Ahwar of Southern Iraq are unique, as one of the world's largest inland delta systems, in an extremely hot and arid environment, crucial for migrant birds.



Bank de'Arguin, Mauritania

- . **Date of Inscription:** 1989
- . **Criteria:** (ix) & (x)
- . **Property :** 1,200,000 ha
- . **Ramsar Site:** Yes
- . **Property Background :**
- . The property comprises sand-dunes, coastal swamps, small islands, and shallow coastal waters. The contrast between the desert environment and the marine zone has resulted in a land-and-seascape of outstanding natural significance. Wide variety of migrating birds spend the winter there. Several species of sea turtle and dolphin, shoals of fish, and Whales can also be found



Ichkeul Lake, Tunisia

- . **Date of Inscription:** 1980
- . **Criteria:** (x)
- . **Property :** 12,600 ha
- . **Ramsar Site:** Yes
- . **Property Background:**

Ichkeul lake and wetland are major stop-over for hundreds of thousands of migrating birds and other Waterfowl species that visit the area to feed and nest in and around the Lake. Ichkeul is the last remaining lakes in a chain that once extended across North Africa; thus, it gained its uniqueness and importance being crucial wetland for the migrant Waterfowl.



Sanganep and Dungonap Bey, Sudan

- . **Date of Inscription:** 2016
- . **Criteria:** (vii), (ix), & (x)
- . **Property :** Serial 260,700 ha
- . **Ramsar Site:** Yes
- . **Property Background:**

The property consists of two separate areas: Sanganep is an isolated, coral reef in the central Red Sea; and Dungonab Bay and Mukkawar Island, situated 125 km north of Port Sudan. It includes a highly diverse system of coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass beds. The site provides a habitat for populations of seabirds, marine mammals, fish, sharks, turtles and manta rays, and a globally significant population of dugongs



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