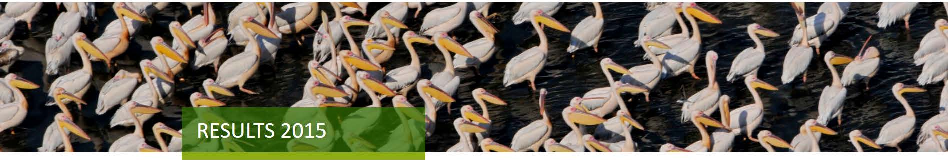
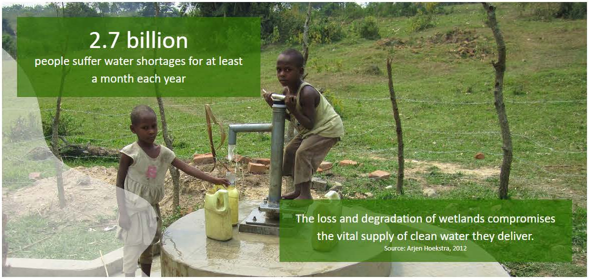


RESULTS 2015

THE PROBLEM



2.7 billion

people suffer water shortages for at least a month each year

The loss and degradation of wetlands compromises the vital supply of clean water they deliver.

Source: Arjen Hoekstra, 2012

Drainage of peatlands threatens the **71 billion** tons of carbon stored in the tropical peatlands of Southeast Asia, and leads to peat fires that are a serious health risk.

Wetlands act as **water** sources, sinks and purifiers.

They **protect** our shores.

They are Earth's greatest **natural** carbon stores.

They support abundant and **unique nature.**

They are the engines of **local economies**.

They provide **plentiful** food and fish.

Wetlands International works to safeguard and restore wetlands to benefit people and nature.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2015

Healthy Wetland Nature

- Mapped the critical wetland habitats of the Arctic
- Enabled uptake of sustainable livelihoods in Nigeria's Niger Delta
- Raised awareness of wetlands among teachers and children in Wetland Schools in China

Vibrant Coasts and Deltas

- Scaled up Building with Nature in Central Java, Indonesia
- Facilitated sustainable water and wetland management in Panama City
- Enhanced sustainable livelihoods and coastal wetlands in Sine Saloum Delta, Senegal

Blue Lifelines in the Desert

- Improved flood prediction in Mali's Inner Niger Delta
- Safeguarded Senegal's Ndiael Special Avifauna Reserve
- Launched initiative to improve water security in Mali

Replenished Water Stores from Mountains to Sea

- Assessed the value of Kenya's Tana river basin wetlands
- Led the campaign for a wetland law in Argentina
- Gained recognition for ecosystem-based solutions for global disaster risk reduction

Peatland Treasures are Safeguarded and Restored

- Mobilised support for peatland restoration in Russia
- Increased government recognition of the need to protect peatlands in Malaysia
- Strengthened peatland policies in Indonesia

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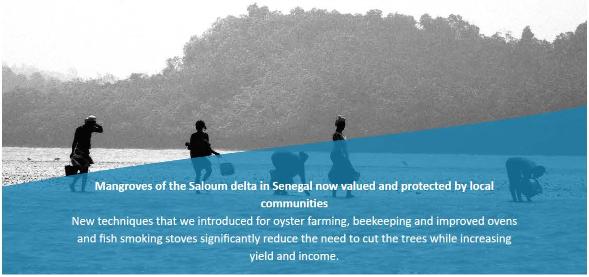
BREAKTHROUGHS IN 2015

Certification for responsible soy production improved to safeguard wetlands in Argentina

As a result of our evidence-based advocacy, soy producers who wish to gain certification under the Roundtable for Responsible Soy cannot drain wetlands to expand their crop.



Mangroves of the Saloum delta in Senegal now valued and protected by local communities

New techniques that we introduced for oyster farming, beekeeping and improved ovens and fish smoking stoves significantly reduce the need to cut the trees while increasing yield and income.

Improved flood prediction in Mali's Inner Niger Delta

Our flood prediction tool was upgraded and the results communicated to help millions of people in Mali's Inner Niger Delta to optimize the timing of the release of cattle onto the annually flooded grasslands – the most important event of the year! This information reduces the loss of cattle and conflicts over land and safeguards the wetland condition.

Wetlands recovered in the desert at Guanacache, Argentina

We helped to restore over 400 ha of wetlands in the Lagunas de Guanacache, which resulted in the accumulation of over 1 million m^3 of water and the return of native vegetation and wildlife.

Plans for massive restoration of peatlands announced by government of Indonesia

Consistent with our advocacy, there was a paradigm shift in thinking in Southeast Asia governments and major industries in 2015, shifting from large-scale drainage of peatlands towards "No Peat Policies". Indonesia mandated a new national Peatland Restoration Agency to rewet 2 million hectares of peatlands by 2020.

OUR GOALS FOR 2016

In 2016 we will:

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1. **Launch a global campaign** called ‘Coasts Count’ to mobilise conservation action for key coastal wetlands.

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2. Start to implement **two new 5-year partnership programmes** in cooperation with the Dutch government to build resilient communities in developing countries affected by water-related natural disasters and to integrate water resource management with WASH provision.

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3. **Extend the implementation of the Building with Nature programme** to safeguard a highly eroding coast in Central Java, Indonesia; and explore the potential to adopt the innovative approach along vulnerable coasts and deltas elsewhere.

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4. **Support and guide water and natural resource related decision-making** by the governments of Mali and Guinea in the Upper Niger Basin to enhance climate resilience, food and water security, and to safeguard the Inner Niger Delta.

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5. Catalyse global, regional and national **action to conserve and restore peatlands** in collaboration with governments, civil society and the private sector.

OUR FINANCES - THE NETWORK

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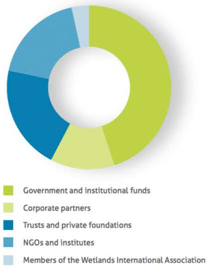
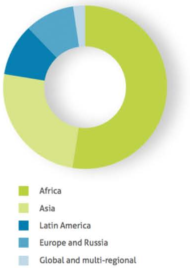


PROJECT EXPENDITURE PER REGION



OUR FINANCES - THE FOUNDATION

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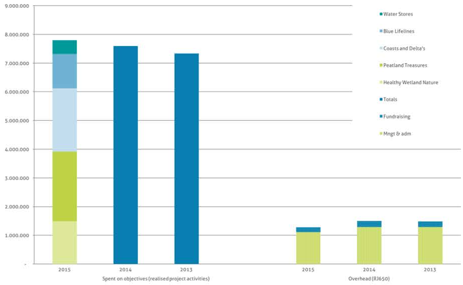

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OUR WORK ILLUSTRATED

Conserving wetlands for waterbirds & people

Peat Destruction, Soil Subsidence and Flooding in So...

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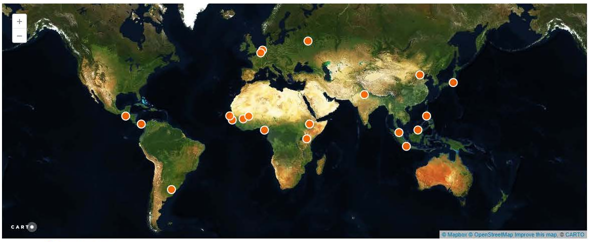

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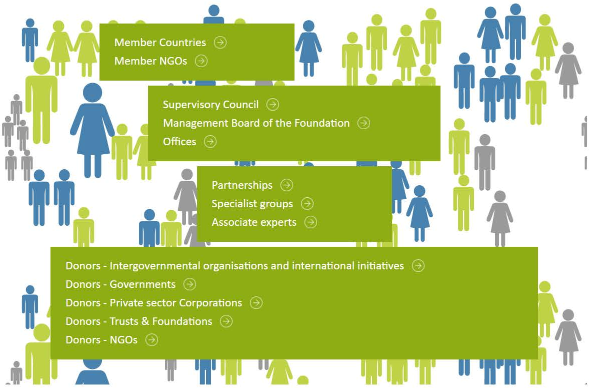

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- More than 100 countries
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