Looking for evidence-based policy proposals – focusing on wetlands

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wetlands: the source of our tap water – delivered through the water cycle
tracks global status and trends in wetlands ...
drivers at three levels for probable futures...

**drivers of change:**

- **Direct** – physical, extraction, introduction, structural modification
- **Indirect** – water-energy, food and fibre, infrastructure, tourism, local climate change
- **Global** – demography, globalization, consumption
knowledge & know-how to respond to multiple challenges ...

wetlands as parts of the post-2015 development agenda:

multi-stakeholder landscape-scale management

investments in natural infrastructure maintenance

better communication to fill knowledge gaps

efficient institutions and governance for sustainable development

Ramsar guidance to achieve wise use
synergies for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

SDG indicator 6.6.1 change over time of water-related ecosystems
spatial extent – water quantity and quality
Ramsar & UNEP co-custodians

Ramsar implements **CBD wetland part** – inland and coastal-marine

*National Reports measure the implementation of the Strategic Plan*

*Ecosystem-based Approach* maintains the ecological character and services of wetlands
wetlands into the new EU Biodiversity Strategy ...

develop existing instruments – WFD, Natura 2000, financial
work formally with Ramsar on water-related ecosystems
agricultural policies – including paludiculture to reduce GHG emissions
develop the nexus between ecosystems – water – energy – food
integrated river basin management
wetland-related biodiversity and European cultural heritage