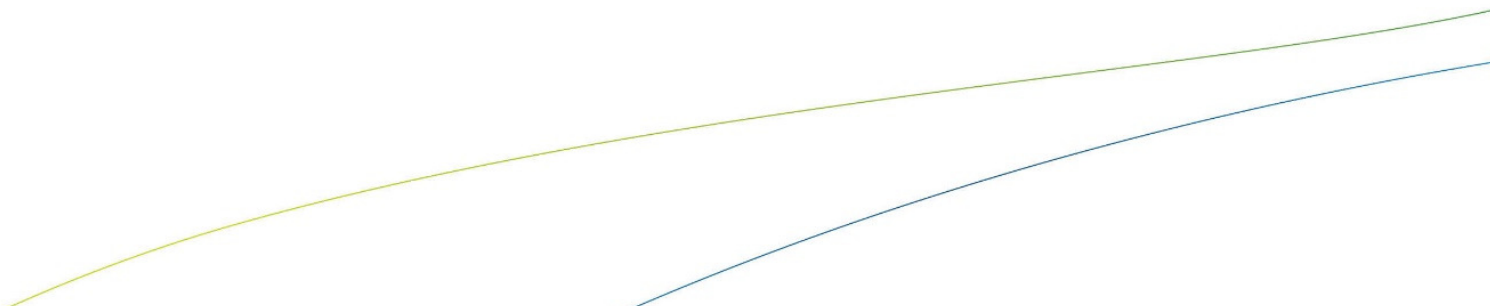




Wetlands International

Membership dues system for governments 2015

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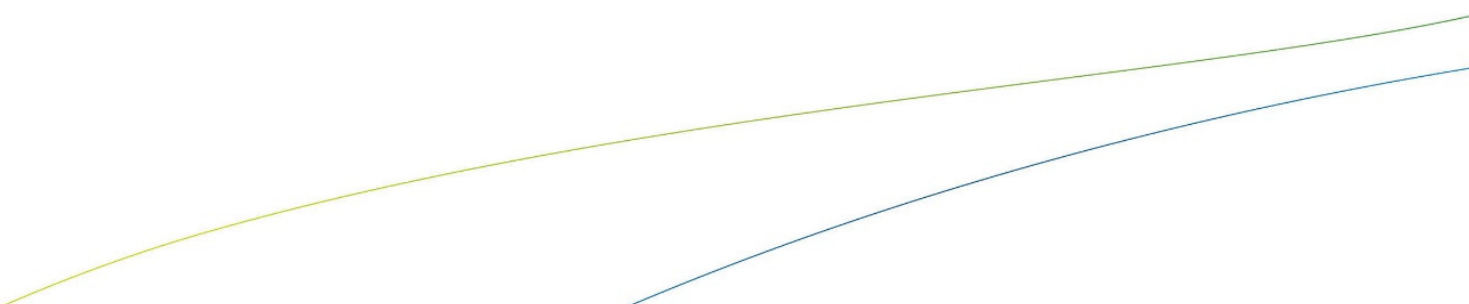
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Introduction and background history

During the 7th Association of Members meeting (China, 2007) the members adopted the proposed membership dues for the period 2007 to 2010. The members also requested Wetlands International to review the current membership dues system for government members.

A new membership dues system for government members was subsequently presented at the first electronic members meeting in November 2008. After a final amendment the new system as described here was adopted by the members in October 2009.

Basic principles

The basic principles for the membership dues system for government members are as follows:

- the "Scale of assessments" of the United Nations as a basis
- 11 government dues groups
- a minimum contribution of € 850 at the base year 2008
- annual application of an inflation correction, using the Dutch Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published annually by the Dutch Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS)

The Dutch CPI for a particular year is published annually in February of the next year. Wetlands International annually sends the invoices for the membership dues for a particular year in January of that year. Consequently the CPI used to index the annual dues will be the CPI of 2 years earlier.

Membership dues for the year	CPI used	in percentage
2008 (base year)		
2009	2007 index	1.6
2010	2008 index	2.5
2011	2009 index	1.2
2012	2010 index	1.3
2013	2011 index	2.3
2014	2012 index	2.5
2015	2013 index	2.5

The new system has been applied from 2011 onwards.

For additional information please contact your nearest regional or country office or the membership section at headquarters in the Netherlands at Janneke.BadonGhijben@wetlands.org.

Membership dues for government members

The **UN scale of assessment** (expressed in percentages) is the basis for the Wetlands International dues system for governments. Countries are placed in eleven groups according to the height of the UN scale of assessment. Each group corresponds to a certain annual membership contribution. The ratio between dues is as applied by the IUCN for member states, with some modifications in the percentage groups at the upper end.

It should be noted that the UN scale of assessment is determined for a period of three years. The "UN scale of assessments for the period 2013-2015" was adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2012 and will form the basis for the 2015 membership contribution.

An **inflation correction** is applied annually following the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the Netherlands of two years earlier as published by the Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS). A minimum fee of € 850 (starting in 2008) is applied. Every year in March the membership dues for the next year will be announced.

In the attached tables the membership dues according to the new system are presented, taking into account inflation correction.

Table 1: Sliding membership dues for government members and corresponding UN assessment percentages

Dues groups					Dues 2012	Dues 2013	Dues 2014	Dues 2015
0			Less than	0.01%	908	929	952	971
1	More than	0.01%	up to	0.05%	1,815	1,857	1,903	1,941
2	More than	0.05%	up to	0.07%	3,631	3,715	3,808	3,884
3	More than	0.07%	up to	0.11%	6,004	6,142	6,296	6,422
4	More than	0.11%	up to	0.19%	9,206	9,418	9,653	9,846
5	More than	0.19%	up to	0.35%	13,808	14,126	14,479	14,769
6	More than	0.35%	up to	0.67%	21,125	21,611	22,151	22,594
7	More than	0.67%	up to	1.31%	28,862	29,526	30,264	30,869
8	More than	1.31%	up to	3.00%	34,412	35,203	36,083	36,805
9	More than	3.00%	up to	9.00%	46,179	47,241	48,422	49,390
10	More than	9.00%			57,724	59,052	61,217	62,441

Membership dues amounts are in Euros (€)



Table 2: Wetlands International Dues Groups for government members

Group	Government member	Group	Government member
<u>Group 0</u>	-	<u>Group 6</u>	Argentina Finland Greece India Ireland
<u>Group 1</u>	Bulgaria Ecuador Estonia Kenya	<u>Group 7</u>	Austria Belgium Denmark Norway Sweden Switzerland
<u>Group 2</u>	-	<u>Group 8</u>	The Netherlands
<u>Group 3</u>	Pakistan Slovenia	<u>Group 9</u>	China, PR of Germany
<u>Group 4</u>	Slovak Republic	<u>Group 10</u>	Japan
<u>Group 5</u>	Hungary Indonesia Malaysia		

Instruction for payments

Each year the invoices, issued in Euros, for the membership dues of a particular year are sent in January of that year (unless otherwise instructed by members who wish to pay their contribution in advance).

Dues shall be paid in Euros. Payments may be made by cheque or by bank transfer to the bank account specified below. Bank charges are to be paid by the sender.

Bank transfers to the following bank account should quote the invoice and debtor number for reference.

Accountholder:	Wetlands International
Bank account no:	42.48.77.902
Bank's name :	ABN AMRO Bank
Bank's address:	Stadsring 115, EA 6241 Amersfoort The Netherlands
SWIFT CODE:	ABNANL2A
IBAN:	NL82ABNA0424877902

Please note that the bank address has changed as of 1 May 2014.

