



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
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(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

From the Secretary General

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Dear Roy,

RE: STRP advice on the removal of Ichkeul Ramsar Site from Montreux Record

As requested by the Guidelines for Operation of the Montreux Record, adopted by the Conference of the Contracting Parties in Resolution VI.1, I am forwarding the Montreux Record Questionnaire on Ichkeul Ramsar Site filled by Tunisia for advice in line with the "Working Definitions and Guidelines for Describing and Maintaining the Ecological Character of Listed Sites".

The Secretariat has received information from WWF International and MedWet Secretariat, suggesting that there is no longer a risk of change in the ecological character of Ichkeul Ramsar Site.

The National Park of Ichkeul is a World Heritage Site. I am also attaching the decisions adopted at the 30th Session of the World Heritage Committee in 2006 (WHC-06/30.COM/19: <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2006/whc06-30com-19e.pdf>). On Page 26, it is mentioned that "the World Heritage Committee decides to remove Ichkeul National Park (Tunisia) from the List of World Heritage in Danger".

In June 2014, during one of the GlobWetland II Project workshops in Tunisia, the participants visited Ichkeul and a recommendation was made for its removal from the Montreux Record. In November 2014, Tunisia hosted the African PreCOP meeting and Ichkeul was visited by all the African delegates and a strong suggestion was made to remove the site from the list of Montreux. Please see the further supporting documents attached.

I thank you for your continued technical and scientific assistance to the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat for the implementation of the Convention on Wetlands, and request your advice on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ania Grobicki".

Dr Ania Grobicki
Acting Secretary General