

Total Ramsar sites in India now 54.

India adds five more Ramsar sites ✓

Three of them are in Tamil Nadu and one each is in Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram

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India has added five more Ramsar sites, or wetlands of international importance, bringing the number of such sites in the country to 54. Environment Minister Bhupendra Patel said on Tuesday. "Designated to inform that 5 more Indian wetlands have 89 Ramsar recognition, wetlands of international importance," Mr. Yadav tweeted.



Vital dikas: A view of the Pallikarai marshland in Chennai. © P. MOHAMMAD

These are the Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikarai Marsh Reserve Forest and Pichavaram Mangrove in Tamil Nadu, the Sakhya Sagar in Madhya Pradesh and the Pala Wetlands in Mizoram. India's Ramsar wetlands are spread over 11,000 sq km - around 10% of the total wetland area in the country - across 18 States. No other South Asian country has as many sites, though this has much to do with India's geographical breadth and tropical diversity. The U.K. (75) and Mexico (42) - smaller countries than India - have the most Ramsar sites, whereas Bolivia spans the largest area with 148,000 sq km under the Convention protection. Being designated a Ramsar site does not necessarily

New Ramsar Sites

3 in TN

The Karikili Bird Sanct.

Pallikarai Marsh Reserve Forest

Pichavaram Mangrove

1 in MP

The Sakhya Sagar

1 in Mizoram

The Pala wetland

Ramsar Convention 1971 → Country Iran, Place Ramsar

- ① "Convention on wetland.
- ② An intergovernmental Treaty
- ③ A framework for international cooperation
- ④ In 1971 → Country Iran Place Ramsar

Aim

→ To reduce the worldwide loss of wetlands
 → To conserve the wetlands, through wise use and management,

Secretariat

→ IUCN & IWRB
 Eg. Ahal sea (in Kara, Uzbek)
 shrinking require Int. Cooperation.

