

Membership Dues

Membership type	Membership fee
Student Members (valid for maximum of five years subject to student status)	₹ 500 per annum
General Members From South Asian Countries Other than South Asian Countries	₹ 1,000 per annum ₹ 5,000 per annum
Nominated Members (upon invitation)	No fee
Life Members Payable one-time	₹ 20,000
Institutional Members Non-profit Others	₹ 10,000 per annum ₹ 20,000 per annum

How to become a member

Interested individuals or institutions can download and fill up the membership form available on: <https://south-asia.wetlands.org/our-network/members/>

All membership applications are subject to review and approval by the Governing Body, which also allocates a membership category.

Upon membership decision, you will receive an email with annual dues to be paid. Membership will be confirmed after payment of annual dues.

Membership dues are paid annually (with the exception of Lifetime Members) on a calendar year basis. New members joining October 1 – December 31 will retain membership till December 31 of the following year.

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Wetlands International South Asia

Become a Member

Wetlands - our lifeline

Wetlands occur where water meets land. In these transitional ecosystems, the water table is usually at or near the surface, or land is covered by water permanently or seasonally. Wetlands are variously known by a number of terms such as lakes, floodplains, estuaries, marshes, swamps, fens, bogs, tidal flats, mangroves, sea-grass beds, coral reefs and even include human-made systems such as reservoirs, salt pans, tanks and irrigation canals. Wetlands exist in every country and every climatic zone from the polar regions to the tropics and from high altitudes to dry regions.

Wetlands are sources of water, providers of a number of plants, animal and mineral products, buffer humanity against the impacts of extreme events such as floods, storms and cyclones, and serve as recreational and cultural spaces. A number of plant and animal species use wetlands as habitats. Species

such as migratory birds and fishes depend on wetlands to complete their life cycles. Wetlands provide excellent opportunities for education and research on aquatic ecosystems, and are inextricably linked with our culture and belief systems. Wetlands such as mangroves and peatlands are one of the most efficient carbon stores. A world without wetlands is a world which is water, food and climate insecure.

Despite their immense contributions, wetlands are one of the most rapidly degrading ecosystems on earth. Concerted action by government, civil society groups, individuals, and the private sector is urgently needed to reverse this trend. Halting the degradation of wetlands and restoring these unique ecosystems is an effective way to conserve wetland-dependent species and make the society resilient and water, food and climate secure.



About Wetlands International South Asia



Wetlands International South Asia is a non-government organisation working for sustaining and restoring wetlands, their resources and biodiversity in the South Asia region. Our office in New Delhi (India) was established in 1996 as a part of the Wetlands International network. Wetlands International is a global, independent, non-profit organisation dedicated to conservation and restoration of wetlands. Wetlands International network is driven by their vision of 'a world where wetlands are treasured and nurtured for their beauty, the life they support and the resources they provide'.

With a Global Office in The Netherlands, Wetlands International presently works in over 100 countries through a network of 20 regional and national offices and expert networks. Wetlands International is one of the five International Organisation Partners of the Ramsar Convention. In 2005, Wetlands International South

Asia was registered under the Societies Registration Act of Government of India.

Wetlands International South Asia is a science-based organization. The organization endeavours to use a mix of approaches including technical knowledge, policy dialogue and field demonstrations for addressing various issues related to wetland conservation and management. To leverage change, the organization works with national and state governments, knowledge centers, civil society as well as private sector, often acting as catalysts to enable joined up actions. Specific knowledge, tools and pilot projects help us achieve change. Given that securing positive change in status of wetlands and linked livelihoods takes considerable time, the organization works for long term engagement, forging strategic and innovative partnerships to achieve result-oriented outcomes.



Membership benefits



Electronic copy of newsletter 'Sarovar'- published two times in a year on a specific topic related to wetlands in South Asia



Access to electronic databases on wetlands available with the organization



Access to expert advice on wetlands conservation and management and information on major developments in the sector



Opportunity to participate in policy dialogues and lend voice to specific issues leading to wetland degradation in this region and ways of resolving them collectively



Opportunity to contribute to development and implementation of interventions for conservation and wise use of wetlands

Membership categories

By application

- **Student members** (valid for maximum of five years subject to student status)
- **General members** (open to all individuals)
- **Institutional members** (open to NGOs and research organizations)
- **Life members** (open to individuals and professionals aspiring for a long-term engagement in research or practice on wetland issues)

By invitation

Nominated members (highly experienced professionals and persons of high-repute willing to promote the cause of wetlands on national and international platforms, nominated by the Governing Body)

Who can be a member?



Students pursuing graduate degree and above in any discipline and interested to promote wetlands conservation



Individuals interested in safeguarding and restoring wetlands



Experts engaged in policy or programming aspects of wetlands, and willing to champion the cause of wetland conservation



NGOs and research organizations working on programmes relevant to wetland degradation and their conservation