

# Wetlands of International Importance

## Ramsar

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Ramsar is an international treaty (first adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar) that provides the framework for the conservation and use of wetlands and their resources. There are 160 Countries that belong to Ramsar and 2,005 wetlands are listed that are of international importance. Some of the most well known wetlands are described below.

### Everglades National Park

Located in Florida, this large World Heritage Site of over 560,000 hectares and is extremely important for nesting, staging and migrating birds. It has many threatened and endangered species of flora and fauna, including over one thousand species of plants.

### Kakadu Wetlands

Located in the Northern Territory of Australia, this park is about half the size of Switzerland. When in flood crocodiles, wild horses, buffalo and other wildlife can be found. It also attracts millions of migratory birds each year.

### Pantanal

It is the largest, permanent wetland in the Western Hemisphere. The site includes some of the largest concentrations of wildlife and is probably the most important wetland in South America for birds.



There are 192 million Ha of wetlands listed with Ramsar! That is over 72 New Zeland's!!