

**Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)**  
**5th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**  
**Kushiro, Japan**  
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### **Recommendation 5.12: Thanks to the Japanese hosts**

EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST APPRECIATION of the generous and unstinting support provided by the Japanese authorities at all levels for the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties;

PAYING PARTICULAR TRIBUTE to the people and authorities of Kushiro who have had such memorable success in welcoming participants to their city, thus making a unique contribution to the meeting;

EMPHASIZING the significance of the financial contribution by the Government of Japan to the Convention budget, particularly the voluntary provision of an additional sum for the Wetland Conservation Fund;

EXPRESSING ITS GRATITUDE to Japanese non-governmental and business organizations which have made further voluntary contributions to the Wetland Conservation Fund;

#### **THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES**

RECORDS its thanks and appreciation to its Japanese hosts, in particular the Government of Japan, the Government of Hokkaido, the City of Kushiro, the municipal authorities of other cities and towns of Hokkaido, the Regional Promotion Committee for the Ramsar Conference, and many volunteers in Kushiro;

STATES ITS CONVICTION that the Kushiro Statement will provide inspiration and leadership to the wetland conservation community in the years following the Kushiro Conference;

PAYS TRIBUTE to the enormous successes achieved in the promotion of Education and Public Awareness of wetland values, which will guide the Convention's work in this field as it approaches its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1996;

WISHES the people and Government of Japan every success in their quest to promote wider application of the Convention in their own country and on the world scene; and

EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION of continuing Japanese support for the Convention's world-wide activities.