

Convention & Protocol

UN Convention to Combat Desertification

- to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought thru national action programs
- incorporate long-term strategies supported by international cooperation and arrangements

Ramsar Convention

- 1971 in iran
- for sustainable use of wetland

Name	State
Ashtamudi	Kerala
Vembanad-Kol	Kerala
Chilika Lake	Orissa
Keoladeo NP	Rajasthan
Loktak Lake	Manipur
Sambhar Lake	Rajasthan
Wular Lake	J&K

Basel Convention

- specifically to prevent transfer of hazardous waste from developed to less developed countries
- deals with electronic waste
 - lead
 - cadmium
 - beryllium
 - bromium
 - flame retardants
- does not address movement of radioactive waste

Convention on Long-Range Trans boundary Air Pollution

- CLRTAP
- air pollution convention

Minamata convention

- on mercury
- treaty designed to protect human health and environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds
- japan

Geneva protocol

- protocol for prohibition of use in war of **asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases** and of **bacteriological methods of warfare**

Stockholm convention

- persistent organic pollutants
- aims to eliminate or restrict production and use of persistent organic pollutants
- exception - **DDT is allowed to use publicly for control of malaria**

Rotterdam convention

- convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
- **Canada refused to allow addition of chrysotile asbestos fibers to Rotterdam convention. But now they say they will not oppose its inclusion in future meetings**

Vienna convention

- protection of ozone emission

Montreal protocol

- a protocol for Vienna convention
- phase out the production of numerous substances that are responsible for ozone depletion
- include CFC and HCFC phase out management plans
- **doesn't deal with HFC**

Convention on Biological diversity

- conservation of biodiversity
- sustainable use of components
- fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources
- 2010 - **Intl. year on biodiversity**
- 2011 to 2020 - **UN-Decade on biodiversity**
- **Montreal, Canada**
- legally binding
- Aichi biodiversity targets
- **Nagoya conference**
- short term plan provides a set of 20 ambiguous yet achievable targets
- Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use