



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENTION SUR LES ZONES HUMIDES
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

From the Secretary General

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Your Excellency,

It was a great pleasure meeting you on the occasion of my recent visit to Bhubaneswar and Chilika, where I had the pleasure of attending the launch of the new management plan.

Chilika is a model of wetland restoration and sustainable management of natural resources, and the Chilika Development Authority is exemplary in the way it has involved local populations in these activities. I would like to congratulate the Government of Odisha for this highly successful example of restoration of a very large site, which provides the livelihood of millions of human beings and is a cradle of biodiversity. While the dedication of scientists and experts in charge of such projects is essential, political support at high level is crucial for their success.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement and support and I hope that this support will be renewed and continued in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Anada Tiéga