

Wetlands International is in the process of producing the fifth edition of Waterbird Population Estimates. Unlike previous editions, the fifth edition will be made available as an interactive web-based information source containing updated population sizes and trends. The aim is to launch this fifth edition for the next Conference of Parties of the Ramsar Convention in July 2012.

Wetlands International has now launched a consultative process to gather the latest information on waterbird populations and trends. Daniel Blanco, head of Wetlands International's South American office, is leading the consultation for waterbird populations in South America, while Arne Lesterhuis, of BirdLife International is leading the consultation process on behalf of the Waterbird Conservation Council) for Central and North America and the Caribbean.

We hereby would like to invite you to help with reviewing and updating estimates and trends based on any data or knowledge you may have. Perhaps you can help us with a particular species, or groups of species? Our preference for sources is published literature or readily available grey literature (technical reports) but any suggestions as to experts to contact would also be very welcome.

The fourth edition of Waterbird Population Estimates is posted on the website <http://www.wetlands.org/WatchRead/Currentpublications/tabid/56/mod/1570/articleType/downloadinfo/articleId/2028/Default.aspx>

This includes a downloadable Excel spreadsheet with the population estimates, trends and sources. You can also request the file by sending a mail to Arne Lesterhuis (see below).

If you have new information for populations in South America, please send it to Dario Unterkofler [dunterkofler@humedales.org.ar](mailto:dunterkofler@humedales.org.ar)

If you have new information for populations in Central and North America and the Caribbean, please sent it to Arne Lesterhuis:  
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Many thanks in advance!

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