

## The *Wetlands Supplement*: Salient features

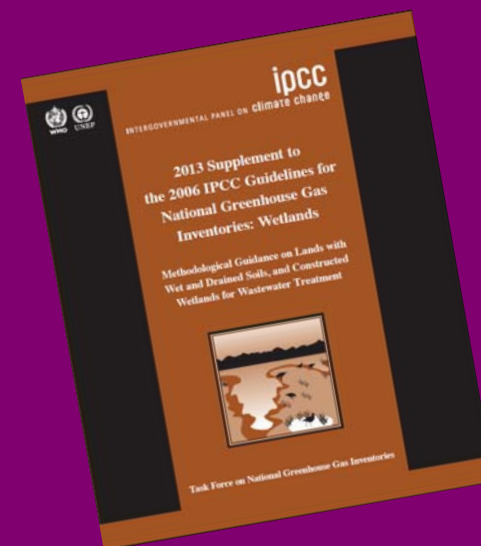
- ◆ The *Wetlands Supplement* has 7 chapters and an Overview Chapter. The report supplements the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* by filling in gaps in the coverage and providing updated information reflecting scientific advances. This includes updating default emission factors. It covers inland peatlands and other wetlands on mineral soils, coastal wetlands including mangrove forests, tidal marshes and seagrass meadows, and constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment.
- ◆ The preparation of the *Wetlands Supplement* involved experts from around the world with expertise in inventory compilation, the IPCC Guidelines and LULUCF including in wetlands, forests and wetland soils. There were 68 Lead Authors and 15 Review Editors as well as 22 Contributing Authors for additional expertise on specific topics.
- ◆ The review process included worldwide participation, with hundreds of experts reviewing the accuracy and completeness of the methodological guidance contained in the drafts. A total of 9140 review comments from 199 experts and 20 governments were received.



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## *2013 Supplement to the 2006 Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands (Wetlands Supplement)*



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## The Wetlands Supplement

The 2013 Supplement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories: Wetlands (*Wetlands Supplement*) extends the content of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines by filling gaps in coverage and providing updated information reflecting scientific advances, including updating emission factors. It covers inland organic soils and wetlands on mineral soils, coastal wetlands including mangrove forests, tidal marshes and seagrass meadows and constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment. The coverage of the 2006 IPCC Guidelines on wetlands was restricted to peatlands drained and managed for peat extraction, conversion to flooded lands, and limited guidance for drained organic soils.

### Background

Following an invitation from the UNFCCC to undertake further methodological work on wetlands, focusing on the rewetting and restoration of peatland, with a view to filling in the gaps in the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (FCCC/SBSTA/2010/13, paragraph 72), IPCC Expert Meeting on Scoping Additional Guidance on Wetlands was held on 30 March – 1 April 2011 and its proposal was presented to the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the IPCC held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 10-13 May 2011. The Task Force Bureau (TFB) of the IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI) selected the Authors and Review Editors based on the nominations aiming for a range of views, expertise and geographical representation.

The IPCC at its 35<sup>th</sup> Session held in Geneva, Switzerland on 6-9 June 2012 agreed to change the timeline for this work to allow the 2013 Revised Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol to be completed in parallel.

### Development

Work on the production of the *Wetlands Supplement* was carried out in 2011-2013 over four Lead

Author meetings and two rounds of review followed by a round of written comments by governments. The IPCC Expert Review of the First Order Draft (FOD) was completed in June 2012. The IPCC Government and Expert Review of the Second Order Draft (SOD) was completed in April 2013. The final round of submission of written comments by Governments on the Final Draft of the *Wetlands Supplement* was 12 August - 8 September 2013. The Overview Chapter of the *Wetlands Supplement* was adopted and the entire report accepted at the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC (IPCC 37) held in Batumi, Georgia, 14 - 18 October 2013. The *Wetlands Supplement* was published on the TFI website on 28 February 2014.

The *Wetlands Supplement* is available for free download at the TFI website:  
<http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/wetlands/>

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