



The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty which was developed to conserve wetland habitats and to promote wise use of their resources. The treaty was adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar. As of August 2008, 158 nations have signed the agreement. Globally 1759 wetland sites, totalling 161 million hectares have been identified for conservation. India signed the agreement in 1981 and as of August 2008, 25 wetland sites have been identified in India as sites of international significance.

Read the clues listed below and fill them in the box below to arrive at the names of some of the Ramsar sites in India.

Clue: *the names appear in all directions!!*

1. The name of this wetland suggests that it has multiple branches
2. This wetland consists of two lakes located in the city of Bhopal
3. This wetland supports the highest density of endangered saltwater crocodile in India
4. This is India's largest salt lake
5. This lake supports a unique floating wildlife reserve which is home to the endangered Manipur brow - antlered deer or Sangai
6. This lake was created due to the construction of a barrage at the confluence of rivers Sutlej and Beas.
7. This Ramsar site is located in Himachal Pradesh
8. This is the largest of the Ramsar sites in India
9. This is the smallest of the Ramsar sites in India
10. This is one of the largest and most important beels in the Brahmaputra valley of lower Assam
11. This is a marine coastal wetland located in the state of Tamil Nadu
12. This is a high altitude lake in Ladakh

**Come get started!**

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