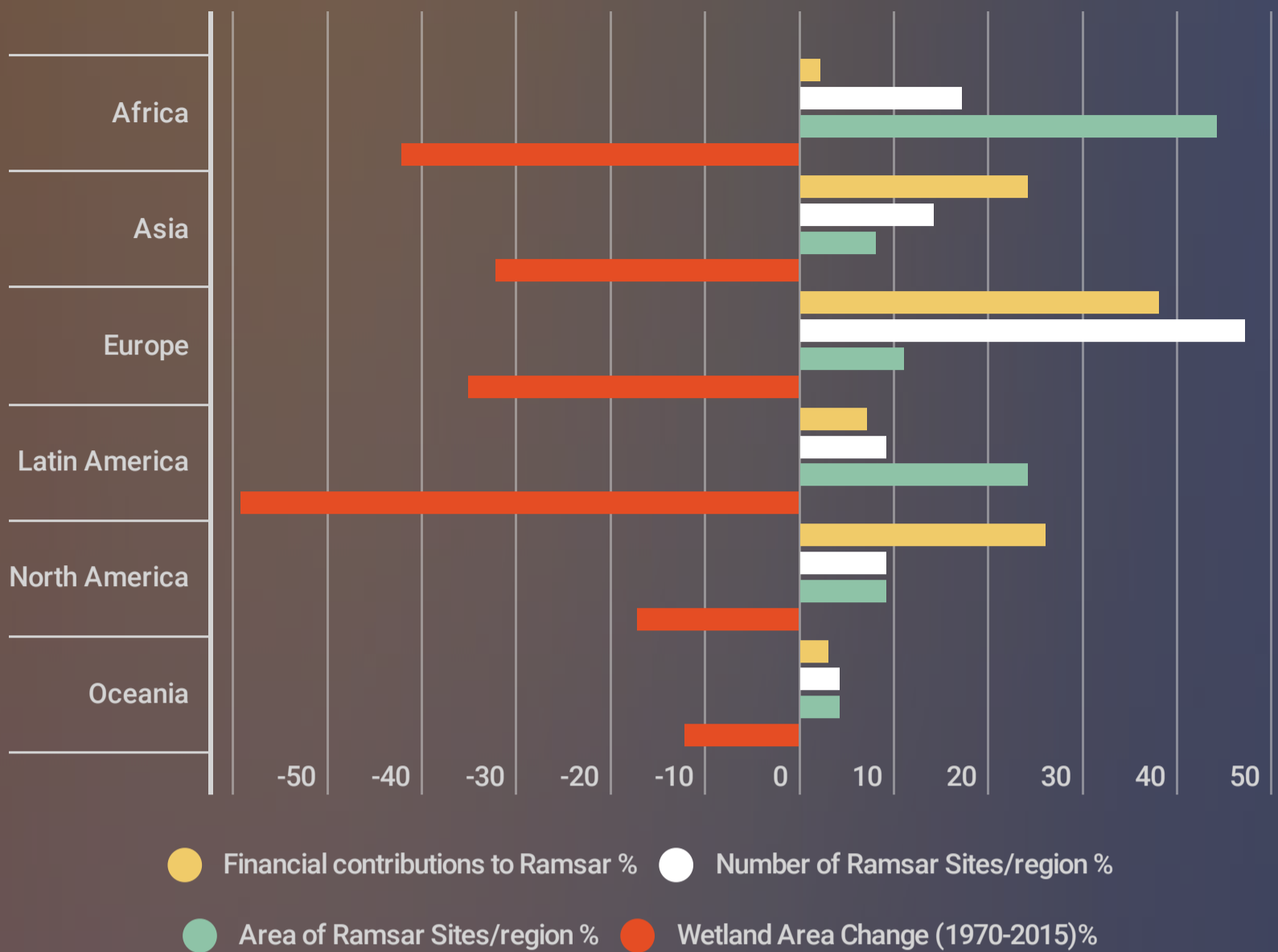


# The State of Ramsar Wetlands



## Wetland Area Change

The Wetland Extent Trends (WET) index is an indicator of change in area of natural wetlands worldwide. In 2017, the analysis extended to all Ramsar regions showing a continuing progressive decline which varied from 12% (Oceania) to 59% (Latin America\*)(1)

\*mainly data on the Caribbean excluding Orinoco and Amazon for the wetlands sampled



## Area of Ramsar Sites/region

With Africa's over 108,000 km<sup>2</sup> of designated Ramsar wetland area, the region tops the list of largest wetlands size covered under the Ramsar Convention. (2)



## Nr of Ramsar Sites/region

Europe has the largest number of designated Ramsar wetlands with 1102 Sites. Second comes Africa with 394 Ramsar wetlands and in third place is Asia with 332 Sites. (2)



## Financial Contributions

Annual contributions (US\$) to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat per region for the period 2016-2018. (3)

Note: this does not take into account financial contributions to the management of Ramsar sites within countries by Contracting Parties.

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