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Sharing Tools and Approaches to Actively Engage Local People at Wetland Sites



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Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, created by 1946, 10 wetland centres

Launched by WWT in 1991

WLI – support network consisting of 350 wetland centres

Part of Ramsar CEPA programme

Regional approach – WLI Americas





Wetland centres



A place, wildlife, people, a message

Inspiration, an interface

Different things to different people

A variety of different formats





Engagement and local people



Moving from informing to engaging and empowering

Importance of engaging local stakeholders

Sharing good practice amongst sites

Changing attitudes and behaviour





Case studies from across the region



US – Engaging stakeholders in Wetland Stewardship Activities. Laura Chamberlin

Mexico – Involving local people in wetland science and monitoring. Jaime Torres.

Chile – Civil society's role in protecting wetlands. Patricio Guerrero

