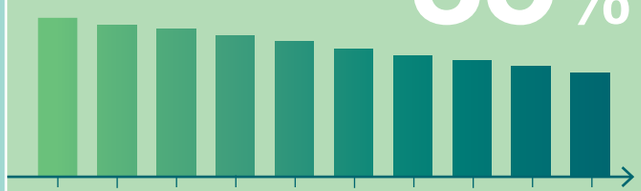
WETLANDS
A CALL FOR ACTION

NATURAL WETLANDS ARE DISAPPEARING THREE TIMES FASTER THAN FORESTS

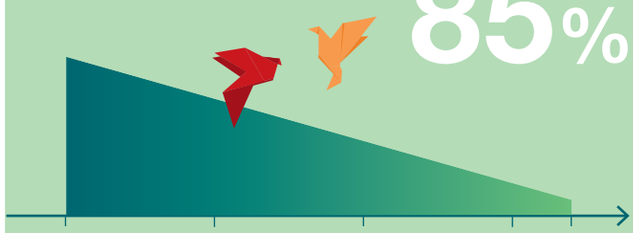
35% of global wetlands lost in **55 years** (1970-2015)

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85% lost since **1700s**

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WHAT LOSS OF WETLANDS MEANS

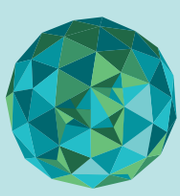
FOR PEOPLE

- Water scarcity
- Exposure to flooding and extreme weather events
- Lost livelihoods and well-being
- Food insecurity



FOR THE PLANET

- Biodiversity decline
- Increased carbon and methane emissions
- Loss of natural freshwater filtration



TAKE THREE ACTIONS

VALUE WETLANDS

BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS
FRESH WATER STORES
CARBON SINKS
SOURCE OF LIVELIHOODS

STOP DRAINING

THE LIFE FROM WETLANDS USE WISELY

REWET REFOREST RESTORE WETLANDS

SOME WETLANDS TO LOVE

PEATLANDS
Pastaza-Marañón Foreland Basin - **Peru**

CORAL REEFS
Great Barrier Reef - **Australia**

MANGROVES
Sundarbans - **Bangladesh**

MARSHES
Okavanga Delta - **Botswana**

FLOOD PLAINS
Pantanal - **Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay**

ESTUARIES
Severn Estuary - **UK**

COASTLINES
Amalfi Coast - **Italy**

SWAMPS
Everglades - **USA**

BOGS
Cuvette Centrale - **Republic of Congo**

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

VALUE – MANAGE – RESTORE – LOVE

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