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_____ to _____
_____ of the world's wetlands _____
_____ since 1900. _____ and conversion _____ to
_____ threats to wetlands, despite their value and _____.

Wetlands at risk

Conversion of wetlands for commercial development, drainage schemes, extraction of _____ and
_____, overfishing, tourism, siltation, pesticide discharges from intensive _____,
_____ pollutants _____ industrial _____, and the
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
_____ an attempt _____ flood _____, are _____
_____ to wetlands everywhere.

A major threat is the draining of wetlands _____ development, including
_____ facilities, or agricultural land. In addition, unwise use of freshwater to feed these
_____ poses a further threat. In all too many places, the amount of _____ being taken from
nature's underground aquifer is far _____ its ability to _____. The result is
that as the water level drops, millions of trees and plants are dying because they are deprived of their life-
sustaining _____.

Hundreds _____ of hectares of _____ have
been drained for agriculture. Globally, agriculture _____ for 65% of the total _____
_____ on Earth. Agriculture and other industries such as paper making are often very wasteful and
inefficient with water.

_____ species
Alien invasive _____ have had severe impacts on local aquatic flora and fauna, and can upset
the natural balance of an ecosystem. For example, the introduction of Nile perch to Lake Victoria has pushed
_____ the _____
_____ species to _____.

Pollution

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in wetlands _____ a growing concern, affecting drinking water sources and biological diversity. Drainage and run-off from fertilized crops and pesticides _____ in industry _____ and _____ nutrients _____ other toxins like mercury to water sources. These chemicals can affect the health _____ reproduction of species, _____ a serious threat to biological diversity.

Climate change

_____ change is also taking its toll. Increases in temperature are causing polar ice to melt and sea levels to rise. This in turn is leading to shallow _____ swamped and some species of mangrove trees being submerged and drowned.

_____ at _____ same time, other wetlands - estuaries, floodplains, and marshes - are being destroyed through _____.

Worldwide there are now over _____,000 dams which alter the natural flow _____ water and impact on existing ecosystems. Whilst there is much debate about the need for dams to be built, WWF _____ that development should be as _____ as possible to ensure minimum negative impact on _____.