

Additional information to **4CA033**

The designation date for Mer Bleue is 26 September 1995. (the RIS erroneously says 5 Oct).

Besides the wetland types mentioned at the RIS, wetland type **9**, artificial drainage channels, also applies. Justification can be found in the “physical features” section.

In the database, “saline” is put in brackets because the groundwater is saline only. The surface waters throughout the area are fresh.

Criteria: 1b, 1d, 2a, 2b

In the RIS file, there is a sheet titled “Significance of Mer Bleue”. It contains a clear justification of the criteria. Only for criterion 2a, the following should be considered: the only globally threatened species occurring at the site, according to the IUCN Red Lists, is the spotted turtle *Clemmys guttata* (although it is indicated on the RIS as being nationally rare, it is in fact globally threatened). All other plant and animal species that are indicated as being threatened, rare or anything like that, are not globally threatened according to IUCN!

The site falls under IUCN category V.
(Derived from the WCMC web database at:
<http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cgi-bin/padb.p>)

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