## Ramsar Site: 810 - Pasvik

## **Additional information**

## **Ecosystem services:**

Rich findings of archeological interest documents human habitation of the area 8,000 years ago. The valley of Pasvik has in the border area a history of Russian, Finnish and Norwegian background. Saami people dominated the area prior to recent settlement by Norwegians.

The famous naturalist Hans Tho. L. Schaanning settled in the valley around 1900 and collected data particularly on the birdlife in the area well known among naturalists. His farm at Noatun (within the reserve) is currently protected as a national historical monument. Several books and articles have been written on historical events and on the local flora and fauna.

Leisure activities including fishing. Boating is strictly restricted due to specific border regulations. The area is also scarcely populated and the tourist and leisure impact on the area is very low. Also some reindeer husbandry within the site.