INFORMATION SHEET ON RAMSAR WETLANDS

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Name of wetland: Les Grangettes
Date of Ramsar designation: 9 November 1991

Geographical coordinates: 46°23'N 6°54'E

General location: Canton of Vaud, 30 km SE of the city of Lausanne

Area: 330 ha

Wetland type: OUX

Altitude: 373 m

Overview: Rhone Delta on the southern shore of Lake Geneva. Only intact unspoilt shore on the Swiss side of Lake Geneva. The area hosts a rare fauna and flora.

Physical features: Geology: Marsh, alluvial deposits of the river Rhone, ancient course of the fluvio-glacial rhodanian river; ancient Rhone Delta

Ecological features: Plants with floating leaves, riparian forest, lacustrine reedbed, marsh with large and small sedges

Land tenure/ownership of
a) site: various owners
b) surrounding area: various owners

Conservation measures taken:
- Article 1502 of the national Inventory of landscapes, natural sites and monuments of national importance;
- Article of the national Inventory of Reserves for migratory birds;
- Article 183 of the Inventory of natural sites and monuments of the Canton of Vaud, passed on 16 August 1972;
- Article 8 of the national Inventory of Reserves for waterbirds and migratory birds of national and international importance.
Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:
- Article 123 of the Inventory on alluvial floodplains;
- Article 1378, 1379, 1382, 1384, 1385 of the Inventory on low-lying marshes;
- Article 289 of the Inventory on wetlands (marshy sites).

Current land use: principal human activities in
a) site: Nature Conservation, agriculture, Populus plantations, gravel pits, camping, leisure area
b) surroundings/catchment: agriculture, industry, urban areas

Disturbances/threats, including changes in land use and major development projects
a) at the site: Recent erosion of the shoreline, pollution, eutrophication, various discharges and disposals
b) in the surroundings/catchment: Construction of a new road, construction of a barrage on the course of the Rhone

Hydrological and physical values: no information supplied

Social and cultural values: no information supplied

Noteworthy fauna: Ciconia nigra, Cygnus (columbianus) bewickii, Stercorarius skua, Gavia immer, Tringa glareola, grand mars changeant, Compsus vulgaris, Tritus sp. Bombina variegata, Castor fiber, Mustela putorius, putois couleure vipérine

Noteworthy flora: massette à feuille étroite, Carex disticha, orchis tacheté, orchis incarnat, la gymnadenie à éperon, Epipactis palustris, la gesse des marais, le glaleul des marais, la gentione pneumonanthe, le liparis de laisel, Hartmann sedge.

Current scientific research and facilities: no information supplied

Current conservation education: no information supplied

Current recreation and tourism: no information supplied

Management authority:
- Fondation des Grangettes, case postale 76, 1800 Vevey;
- Section protection de la nature et des sites, Place de la Riponne 10, 1014 Lausanne

Jurisdiction:
- Section protection de la nature et des sites, Place de la Riponne 10, 1014 Lausanne

Bibliographical references:
- Flore aquatique et paludéenne de la région des Grangettes, Mémoires No 101 de la société vaudoise des sciences naturelles; (Aquatic and wet meadow plants in the Grangette region, monography 101 of the natural history society of the Canton Vaud).

Reasons for inclusion: no information supplied
Map of site: enclosed 1: 25'000