

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: O U X

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 glaucola*, grand mars changeant, *Gomphus vulgatissimus*, *Tritus sp.* *Bombina variegata*, *Castor fiber*, *Mustela putorius*, putois coulevre vipérine

grand sylvaen = butterfly = *limenitis populi*

Noteworthy flora: massette à feuille étroite, *Carex disticha*, orchis tacheté, orchis incarnat, la gymnadénie à éperon, *Epipactis palustris*, la gesse des marais, le glaïeul des marais, la gentiane 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:

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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

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Map of site: enclosed 1: 25'000