

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Switzerland Kaltbrunner Riet



Designation date 9 November 1990
Site number 509
Coordinates 47°12'44"N 08°59'05"E

Area 157,00 ha

Color codes

Fields back-shaded in light blue relate to data and information required only for RIS updates.

Note that some fields concerning aspects of Part 3, the Ecological Character Description of the RIS (tinted in purple), are not expected to be completed as part of a standard RIS, but are included for completeness so as to provide the requested consistency between the RIS and the format of a 'full' Ecological Character Description, as adopted in Resolution X.15 (2008). If a Contracting Party does have information available that is relevant to these fields (for example from a national format Ecological Character Description) it may, if it wishes to, include information in these additional fields.

1 - Summary

Summary

The site Kaltbrunner Riet is located in the alluvial plain of the river Linth and covers an area of 157 ha. The site is the last-remaining area of marshland, an ecosystem that once characterized the floodplain between Lake Walen and Lake Zurich. The marshlands disappeared at the beginning of the 19th century when floods were confined by the construction of the Escher and Linth canals. Today, the Kaltbrunner Riet is partially maintained and used as litter meadows and plays a key role in maintaining this traditional type of land-use on the Swiss Plateau. The diversity of habitats is important and includes reed beds, marshland with fens and ponds as well as wet meadows and transitional bogs with and without sphagnum mosses. The site is a haven for many plant and animal species in the intensively cultivated surrounding area and harbors an important diversity rare and endangered species such as amphibians and dragonflies. A total of 31 plant and 90 animal species are listed on the red lists of endangered species in Switzerland and seven plant and 71 animal species are recorded in the IUCN red list. The site is an important breeding or stopover area for many species of waterbirds.

The Kaltbrunner Riet is managed by the NGO Pro Natura, which runs a small visitor's center (http://www.pronatura-sg.ch/schutzgebiet kaltbrunner riet).

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

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2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year 1990

To year 2014

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)

Kaltbrunner Riet

2.1.4 - Changes to the boundaries and area of the Site since its designation or earlier update

(Update) A Changes to Site boundary Yes O No

(Update) B. Changes to Site area

No change to area

2.1.5 - Changes to the ecological character of the Site

(Update) 6b i. Has the ecological character of the Ramsar Site (including applicable Criteria) changed since the previous RIS?

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Former maps 0

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?

Canton of St. Gall

b) What is the nearest town or population centre? Communes of Uznach, Kaltbrunn, Benken

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes O No \odot

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party?

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha): 157

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
Freshwater Ecoregions of the World (FEOW)	Central & Western Europe

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

Swiss Plateau (Mitelland) / sub-division: Oriental Plateau

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

☑ Criterion 1: Representative, rare or unique natural or near-natural wetland types

The site is the last-remaining area of marshland, an ecosystem that once characterized the floodplain between Lake Walen and Lake Zurich. The diversity of habitats is important and includes reed beds, marshland with fens and ponds as well as wet meadows and transitional bogs with and without sphagnum mosses. The site is a haven for many plant and animal species in the intensively cultivated surrounding area and harbors an important diversity rare and endangered species such as amphibians and dragonflies.

The Kaltbrunner Riet is of exceptional historico-culturally importance in terms of being the last-remaining landscape characterized by semi-natural spaces and traditional agriculture. It is thereof a high priority to preserve the biophysical, geophysical and cultural features of the site.

- ☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities
- ☑ Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

Located in the former alluvial plain of the river Linth, the site is the last remnant of the marshes that once dominated the area between Lake Walen and Lake Zurich. It now forms an island in the intensively exploited agricultural landscape. The site is strongly influenced by man, including through the exploitation of litter meadows. The Kaltbrunner Riet is a refuge for the protection of plant and animal species, including many rare and endangered plant and animal species. The site is important for migrating shorebirds/waders as well as for several species of rare and endangered breeding birds. The Kaltbrunner Riet was an important nesting site in Central Europe of the black-headed gull (Larus ridibundus), but has lost its importance in recent years.

☑ Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions

3.2 - Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Scientific name	Common name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Allium angulosum	Mouse Garlic	Ø					VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Anagallis minima	Chaffweed	2					EN (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Bryum gemmiparum	Bryum Moss	2					CR (National Red List Bryophytes 2004)	
Bryum versicolor		2					CR (National Red List Bryophytes 2004)	
Caldesia parnassifolia		Ø					RE (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Carex buxbaumii	Buxbaum's Sedge	2					EN (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Carex diandra	Lesser Panided Sedge	Ø			LC ●数 ●瞬		VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	

Scientific name	Common name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	Other status	Justification
Cinclidotus aquaticus		2				EN (National Red List Bryophytes 2004)	
Drosera anglica	Great Sundew	Ø				VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Dryopteris cristata	Crested Wood Fern	Ø				VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Eriophorum gracile	Slender Cottonsedge	Ø				EN (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Fissidens grandifrons	Largeleaf Fissidens Moss	2				EN (National Red List Bryophytes 2004)	
Fissidens rufulus	Beck Pocket-moss	2				EN (National Red List Bryophytes 2004)	
Gentiana pneumonanthe		2				VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	exclusive host-plant of Maculinea alcon in the site
Gladiolus palustris	Marsh Gladiolus	Ø				EN (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Gratiola officinalis	Hedge Hyssop	Ø			LC oth	VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Hygroamblystegium fluviatile	Brook-side Feather-moss	2				VU (National Red List Bryophytes 2004)	
Hyophila involuta	Hyophila Moss	2				VU (National Red List Bryophytes 2004)	
Iris sibirica	Siberian Iris	Ø				VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Laserpitium prutenicum		2				EN (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Lathyrus palustris	Marsh Pea	Ø			LC Str	VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Leersia oryzoides	Rice Cutgrass	Ø				EN (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Liparis loeselii	Fen Orchid	Ø				VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Lysimachia thyrsiflora	Tufted Loosestrife	2				VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Nymphoides peltata	Fringed Water Lily	Ø			LC ●数 ●瞬	VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Pycreus flavescens		Ø			LC ●辭	VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Scorpidium scorpioides	Hooked Scorpion-moss	2				VU (National Red List Bryophytes 2004)	
Selinum carvifolia	Cambridge Mlk Parsley	Ø				VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	

Scientific name	Common name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Spiranthes aestivalis	Summer Ladys-tresses	Ø					VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Thelypteris palustris	Marsh Fem	Ø			LC		VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Utricularia intermedia	Flatleaf Bladderwort	Ø					EN (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	
Uricularia minor	Lesser Bladderwort	2			LC •\$* •\$#		VU (National Red List Ferns and Flowering Plants 2002)	

The site is a refuge for the protection of plant and animal species, including many rare and endangered species.	

3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

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Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	Spec contril und crite	butes ler rion	Period of pop. Est. O	occurrence R	CN C ed Applist	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Birds											
CHORDATA/ AVES		Common Sandpiper	V V			2014	L	C 歸		EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Alcedo atthis	Common Kingfisher	7 700			2014	L	C 歸		VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas clypeata	Northern Shoveler	9			2014	L	C SS SSF		EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas crecca	Eurasian Teal				2014	L	C SE		VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas querquedula	Garganey	770 0			2014	L	C 歸		EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas strepera	Gadwall				2014	L	C 歸		EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anthus campestris	Tawny Pipit	9 900			2014	L	C SS		EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anthus pratensis	Meadow Pipit	99 00			2014	N	IT SEP		VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aquila chrysaetos	Golden Eagle	9 900			2014	L	C SS SSF		VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ardea purpurea	Purple Heron	9 900			2014	L	C SS		CR (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya ferina	Common Pochard	99 00			2014	V	U SE		EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya fuligula	Tufted Duck	9 900			2014	L	C SP		VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Bubo bubo	Eurasian Eagle- Owl				2004	L	C 歸		EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Bucephala clangula	Common Goldeneye				2014	L	C 爾		VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Specie qualifie under criterio	es r on	Spec contrib unde criter	utes er ion	Pop. Size Period of pop. Est	% occurrence	IUCN Red /	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AVES	Carpodacus erythrinus	Common Rosefinch	77				2014		LC			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Charadrius dubius	Little Ringed Plover	77				2014		LC			EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Black-headed Gull	77				2014					EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ciconia ciconia	White Stork	990				2014		LC Sir			W (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus aeruginosus	Western Marsh Harrier	77				2014		LC Sign			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus pygargus	Montagu's Harrier	77				2014		LC OST			W (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Corvus monedula	Western Jackdaw	77				2014		LC Sir			W (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Crex crex	Corn Crake	77				2013		LC			CR (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Emberiza calandra	Corn Bunting	77				2013					VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Emberiza hortulana	Ortolan Bunting	77				2014		LC Str			CR (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Emberiza schoeniclus	Common Reed Bunting	9				2014		LC Sign			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Gallinago gallinago	Common Snipe	77		000		2014		LC			CR (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Hippolais icterina	Icterine Warbler	V				2014		LC			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus	Mediterranean Gull	77				2014					VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ixobrychus minutus	Little Bittern	77				2014		LC ●数 ●翻			EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Lanius excubitor	Great Grey Shrike	V				2014		LC SS STRF			RE (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Lanius minor	Lesser Grey Shrike	77				2009		LC			RE (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Lanius senator	Woodchat Shrike	77				2013		LC			CR (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Larus canus	Mew Gull	V				2014		LC Sign			EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Lullula arborea	Woodlark	77				2014		LC Sign			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Luscinia svecica	Bluethroat	77				2014		LC			W (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Mergus merganser	Common Merganser	y				2014		LC Single			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area

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CHORDATA/ AVES	Merops apiaster	European Bee- eater	1				2014		LC Sign			EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Numenius arquata	Eurasian Curlew	1				2014		NT			CR (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night Heron	1				2014		LC ●数 ●開			EN (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	1				2014		LC Sign			RE (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Panurus biarmicus	Bearded Reedling	77				2014		LC			W (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	Wood Warbler	I				2014		LC			W (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Phylloscopus trochilus	Willow Warbler	I				2014		LC			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Picus canus	Grey-headed Woodpecker	1				2012		LC Sign			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Podiceps nigricollis	Black-necked Grebe	1				2009		LC			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Porzana parva	Little Crake	1				2014		LC ●部			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Porzana porzana	Spotted Crake	1				2014		LC			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Remiz pendulinus	Eurasian Penduline Tit	1				2014		LC ●数 ●簡			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Riparia riparia	Sand Martin	1				2014		LC ●舒			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Saxicola rubetra	Whinchat	V				2014		LC ●辭			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Scolopax rusticola	Eurasian Woodcock	1				2013		LC ●辭			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tachybaptus ruficollis	Little Grebe	I				2014		LC			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tadorna tadorna	Common Shelduck	1				2014		LC Sign			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa totanus	Common Redshank	1				2013		LC Sign			RE (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Turdus pilaris	Fieldfare	1				2014		LC Sign			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Turdus torquatus	Ring Ouzel	V				2013		LC			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Marian San	Eurasian Hoopoe	1				2014		LC oth			VU (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
CHORDATA/ AVES	Vanellus vanellus	Northern Lapwing	1				2014		NT OTH			CR (National Red List Breeding Birds 2010)	Criterion 4: Rare natural habitat in intensely used area
Fish, Mollusc and Cru													
MOLLUSCA/ GASTROPODA	Anisus vorticulus	Ramshorn Snail	/				1964					EN (Red List Molluscs 2012)	

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifie under criterio 2 4 6	s contri	erion		IUCN Red List	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ CEPHALASPIDOMORPH	Lampetra planeri -II <u>∰</u> <u>—</u>	European Brook Lamprey				2000	LC Str		EN (National Red List Fish and Cyclostomes 2007)	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Salmo trutta lacustris	Lake Trout				2000			EN (National Red List Red List of Fish and Cyclostomes 2007)	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Thymallus thymallus	European Grayling				2000	LC ●辞		VU (National Red List Red List of Fish and Cyclostomes 2007)	
Others										
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Bombina variegata	Yellow-bellied Toad				1995	LC Sign		EN (National Red List Amphibians 2005)	
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Bufo bufo	Common Toad				2011	LC Star		VU (National Red List Amphibians 2005)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Conocephalus dorsalis		2 00			2004			EN (National Red List Orthoptera 2007)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Conocephalus fuscus		2 00			2004			VU (National Red List Orthoptera 2007)	
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Coronella austriaca	Smooth Snake	2 00			1999			VU (National Red List Reptiles 2005)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Erotesis baltica		V			1985			EN (Red List Mayflies, Stoneflies and Caddisflies 2012)	
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Hyla arborea	Common Tree Frog				2013	LC Sign		EN (National Red List Amphibians 2005)	
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Lacerta agilis	Sand Lizard				2012	LC Str		VU (National Red List Reptiles 2005)	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Lepus europaeus	European Hare				2014	LC om		VU (National Red List Mammals 1994)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Lestes virens vestalis	Small Emerald Damselfly	2 00	000		2013			CR (National Red List Dragonflies 2002)	
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Lissotriton helveticus		2 00	000		2015	LC Sign		VU (National Red List Amphibians 2005)	
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Lissotriton vulgaris	Smooth Newt	2 00			2001	LC Sign		EN (National Red List Amphibians 2005)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Lucanus cervus					2013			VU (National Red List Ground Beetles and Tiger Beetles 1994)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Maculinea alcon	Alcon Blue				2000			EN (National Red List Butterflies and Burnet Moths 2014)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Maculinea nausithous	Dusky Large Blue	2 00			1989			EN (National Red List Butterflies and Burnet Moths 2014)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Maculinea teleius	Scarce Large Blue				2001			EN (National Red List Butterflies and Burnet Moths 2014)	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Mustela nivalis	Least Weasel				2013	LC Str		Vulnerable (National Red List Mammals 1994)	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Mustela putorius	European Polecat				2010	LC Sign		Vulnerable (National Red List Mammals 1994)	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Myotis myotis	Mouse-eared Bat				2010	LC ●部		VU (National Red List Bats 2013)	

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion	Species contributes under criterion	Size	Period of pop. Est. occurrer	IUCN ce Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Natrix natrix	European Grass Snake]	2014				VU (National Red List Reptiles 2005)	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Neomys fodiens	Eurasian Water Shrew]	2003	LC of			Vulnerable (National Red List Mammals 1994)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Ophiogomphus cecilia	Green Snaketail	2 000)	2012				EN (National Red List Dragonflies 2002)	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Plecotus auritus	Brown Big-eared Bat]	1995	LC of			VU (National Red List Bats 2013)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Pteronemobius heydenii		2 000]	2010				VU (National Red List Orthoptera 2007)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Stethophyma grossum	Large Marsh Grasshopper	2 000)	2013				VU (National Red List Orthoptera 2007)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Sympetrum depressiusculum		2 000)	2012				VU (National Red List Dragonflies 2002)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Sympetrum flaveolum	Yellow-winged Darter	2 000]	1984	LC			EN (National Red List Dragonflies 2002)	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Sympetrum pedemontanum	Banded Darter	2 000)	1980	LC OTH			CR (National Red List Dragonflies 2002)	
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Triturus cristatus	Warty Newt	2 000)	2011	LC			EN (National Red List Amphibians 2005)	

¹⁾ Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

The site is a refuge for the protection of plant and animal species, including many rare and endangered species.

A further species important for the site but included in the species-database so far is Euphydrias aurinia aurinia (classified EN in the National Red List Butterflies and Burnet Moths 2014).

3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

5.4 - Ecological confindinces whose presence relates to the international importance of the site					
Name of ecological community	Community qualifies under Criterion 2?	Description	Justification		
Fens	Ø	Fens are vestiges of earlier natural and cultural landscapes and are in sharp decline. They are home to highly-adapted symbiotic communities of plants and animals that include a large number of endanger plant and animal species.	Site listed in the federal inventory of fenlands of national importance		
Ponds	Ø	The different types of open waters and ponds with their typical vegetation are rare ecological communities serving as breeding biotopes for several threatened amphibians and as important nutrition sites for waterbirds and migratory birds.	Site listed in the federal inventory of amphibian spawning areas of national importance. Site listed in the federal inventory of waterbirds and migratory birds of national and international importance.		

4 - What is the Site like? (Ecological character description)

4.1 - Ecological character

Main habitat types: open water, fens, litter meadows, eutrophic marshes, ponds, canals, hedges, bushes, tree rows, artificial semi-intensive

Main plant communities: sedge marshes, reedbeds, transitional bogs with and without sphagnum mosses, molinia marshes and eutrophic meadowsweet marshes.

4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Inland wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		1		
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Ts: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater marshes/ pools on inorganic soils		2		
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non- forested peatlands		3		

Human-made wetlands

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Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1		
2: Ponds		2				
3: Irrigated land		1		Representative		
4: Seasonally flooded agricultural land		2		Representative		
9: Canals and drainage channels or ditches		3				

Other non-wetland habitat

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Other non-wetland habitats within the site	Area (ha) if known							
artificial semi-intensive cultivated meadows								

(ECD) Habitat connectivity National Ecological Network REN: Core connection areas

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Invasive alien plant species

Scientific name	Common name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
Erigeron annuus	Annual Fleabane	Actually (minor impacts)	increase
Solidago gigantea	Giant Goldenrod	Actually (major impacts)	decrease

4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATAVAVES	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	Great Reed Warbler		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Alauda arvensis	Eurasian Skylark		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Apus apus	Common Swift		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Apus melba	Alpine Swift		2013		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Asio otus	Long-eared Owl		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Carduelis cannabina	Common Linnet		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATAVAVES	Cuculus canorus	Common Cuckoo		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATAVAVES	Delichon urbicum	Common House Martin		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATAVAVES	Dendrocopos medius	Mddle Spotted Woodpecker		2013		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATAVAVES	Emberiza cirlus	Cirl Bunting		2010		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Fal∞ peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Falco subbuteo	Eurasian Hobby		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Falco tinnunculus	Common Kestrel		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Hippolais polyglotta	Melodious Warbler		2004		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Jynxtorquilla	Eurasian Wryneck		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Locustella luscinioides	Savi's Warbler		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Locustella naevia	Common Grasshopper Warbler		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Luscinia megarhynchos	Common Nightingale		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Mlvus milvus	Red Kite		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Motacilla flava	Western Yellow Wagtail		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Netta rufina	Red-crested Pochard		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Pernis apivorus	European Honey Buzzard		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	Common Redstart		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Sterna hirundo	Common Tern		2009		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Streptopelia turtur	European Turtle Dove		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Sylvia borin	Garden Warbler		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Sylvia communis	Common Whitethroat		2014		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
CHORDATA/AVES	Tyto alba	Barn Owl		2009		High Priority Species (List of National Priority Species 2011)
ARTHROPODAMALACOSTRACA	Astacus astacus	European Crayfish		1997		3 (Appendix 1 VBGF 24. Nov 1993)

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
C: Moist Mid-Latitude climate with mild winters	Cfb: Marine west coast (MId with no dry season, warm summer)

4.4.2 - Geomorphic set	tting			
a) Minimum elevation al	hove sea level (in			
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a) Maximum elevation al	bove sea level (in	409		
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		Upper part	of river basin	
		Middle part	of river basin	
		Lower part	of river basin	
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		Not	in river basin	
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4.4.3 - Soil				
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4.4.4 - Water regime				
Water permanence				
Presence?	Changes at R	IS update		
Usually permanent water present				
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Source of water that maintain			Olement Ploanelete	1
Presence? Water inputs from surface	Predominant w	ater source	Changes at RIS update	
water	×		No change	-
Water inputs from rainfall Water inputs from			No change	
groundwater			No change	
Water destination				
Presence?	Changes at R	IS update		
To downstream catchment	No chai	nge		
Stability of water regime				
Presence?	Changes at R	IS update		
Water levels largely stable	No chai	nge		
Water levels fluctuating (including tidal)	No chai	nge		
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4.4.7 - Water salinity				
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4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Unknown 🗹

4.4.9 - Features of the surrounding area which may affect the Site

Please describe whether, and if so how, the landscape and ecological characteristics in the area surrounding the Ramsar Site differ from the i) broadly similar O ii) significantly different \odot site itself:

Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development

Surrounding area has higher human population density 🗹

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use 🗵

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Fresh water	Water for irrigated agriculture	Low
Wetland non-food products	Other	Medium

Regulating Services

Regulating Services		
Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	Medium
Hazard reduction	Flood control, flood storage	Medium

Cultural Services

Cultural Services					
Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance			
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	Medium			
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium			
Spiritual and inspirational	Cultural heritage (historical and archaeological)	Low			
Scientific and educational Major scientific study		Low			
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	Medium			

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganizms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High

Other ecosystem service(s) not included above:

High biomass production (e.g. insects) provides feed for migratory bird.

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of Yes O No @ Unknown O ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site?

4.5.2 - Social and cultural values

i) the site provides a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland

Description if applicable

The site has been strongly influenced by man, including through the use of litter meadows.

This is a traditional cultivation method, which almost completely disappeared in the Central Plateau with the draining of wetlands and the intensification of agriculture.

ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland

iii) the ecological character of the wetland depends on its interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples

Description if applicable

One part of the area is used for agriculture. The managment of these areas is influencing the quality of the site.

iv) relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological Character of the wetland

4.6 - Ecological processes

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5 - How is the Site managed? (Conservation and management)

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

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Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Local authority, municipality, (sub)district, etc.	V	2

Private ownership

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Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Foundation/non- governmental organization/trust	2	
Other types of private/individual owner(s)	>	>

5.1.2 - Management authority

agency or organization responsible for managing the site:

Management authority: Canton of St. Gall. Agency for nature, hunting and fishing. Please list the local office / offices of any The site is managed by an executive office (Geschäftsstelle), which is subordinated to the NGO-section "Pro Natura St.Gallen-Appenzell". With the communes Uznach, Kaltbrunn and Benken, a performance agreement for the management was concluded. The control of the executive office corresponds to a commission of the municipalities and to the cantonal office for nature, hunting and fishing.

Provide the name and title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:

Head of the executive office: Antonia Zurbuchen (Dr. of science).

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5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

5.2.1 - Factors (actual or likely) adversely affecting the Site's ecological character

Human settlements (non agricultural)

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Housing and urban areas					>	

Water regulation

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Drainage	High impact	High impact	✓	No change	✓	No change
Canalisation and river regulation	High impact	High impact	/	No change	/	No change

Agriculture and aquaculture

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Livestock farming and ranching	High impact	High impact	/	No change	/	No change

Transportation and service corridors

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Utility and service lines (e.g., pipelines)	Low impact	Low impact	✓	No change	/	No change
Aircraft flight paths	Medium impact	Medium impact	✓	No change	✓	No change

Human intrusions and disturbance

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Recreational and tourism activities	Medium impact	Medium impact	/	No change		No change
atural system modification	ns					
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Unspecified/others			✓			
Dams and water management/use	High impact	High impact		No change	₽	No change
vasive and other problem	atic species and genes					
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Invasive non-native/ alien species	High impact	High impact	V	decrease		No change
ollution						
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Excess heat, sound,					✓	

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Cantonal protected area	Benken, Uznach, Kaltbrunn		partly
Federal inventory of Amphibian Spawning Areas of National Importance (2001, RS 451.34)	Kaltbrunnerriet (Object no. SG374)	http://www.bafu.admin.ch	partly
Federal inventory of Fenlands of National Importance (1994, RS 451.33)	Benkner-, Burger- und Kaltbrunner Riet (Object no. 198)	http://www.bafu.admin.ch	partly
Federal inventory of Landscape and Natural Monuments of National Importance (1977, SR 451.11)	Kaltbrunner Riet (Object no. 1416)	http://www.bafu.admin.ch	partly
Federal reserve for Waterbirds and Mgratory Birds of International and National Importance (1991, RS 922.32)	Benkner-, Burger- und Kaltbrunner-Riet (SG) (Object no. 127)	http://www.bafu.admin.ch	partly

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict Nature Reserve □
lb Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
II National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
III Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
IV Habitat/Species Management Area: protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention
V Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation
M Managed Resource Protected Area: protected area managed mainly

5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

Measures	Status
Legal protection	Implemented

Habitat

Measures	Status
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Partially implemented

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented
Harvest controls/poaching enforcement	Implemented
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented

Other:

Federal reserve for Waterbirds and Migratory Birds of International and National Importance (1991, RS 922.32): The extension of the perimeter entered into force on July 15, 2015.

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? Yes

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site?

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning Yes O No oprocesses with another Contracting Party?

Please indicate if a Ramsar centre, other educational or visitor facility, or an educational or visitor programme is associated with the site:

Visitor Center (Pro Natura), path system with information panels on the site, 2 nature observation towers, guided tours / excursion program, participation of volunteers

URL of site-related webpage (if relevant): http://www.pronatura-sg.ch/besucherinformation_kaltbrunner_riet

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? Yes, there is a plan

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Plant species	Implemented
Animal species (please specify)	Implemented
Birds	Implemented

Monitoring of: invertebrates (e.g. maculinea species, dragonflies, grasshoppers), amphibians, mammals ...

See monitoring reports in section 6.1.2.

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The monitoring reports and monitoring concepts are provided on the website of the local section of Pro Natura.

Monitoring concept:

http://www.pronatura-sg.ch/monitoring_kaltbrunner_riet?

Reports: http://www.pronatura-sg.ch/monitoring_kaltbrunner_riet

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

Reference list (pdf): See 6.1.2. vi.

6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3)

ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

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iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

v. site management plan

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vi. other published literature

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6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Ramsar site no. 509: Kaltbrunner Riet (Dr. A Zurbuchen, Pro Natura St. Gallen-Appenzell, 04-11-



Ramsar site no. 509: Kaltbrunner Riet (Dr. A Zurbuchen, Pro Natura St. Gallen-Appenzell, 02-07-2015)



Ramsar site no. 509: Kaltbrunner Riet (*Dr. A*Zurbuchen, *Pro Natura St.*Gallen-Appenzell, 27-042015)



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Ramsar site no. 509: Kaltbrunner Riet (Dr. A Zurbuchen, Pro Natura St. Gallen-Appenzell, 21-02-2012)



Ramsar site no. 509: Kaltbrunner Riet (*Dr. A Zurbuchen, Pro Natura St. Gallen-Appenzell, 19-11-2012*)



Ramsar site no. 509: Kaltbrunner Riet (Dr. A Zurbuchen, Pro Natura St. Gallen-Appenzell, 18-01-2013)



Ramsar site no. 509: Kaltbrunner Riet (Dr. A Zurbuchen, Pro Natura St. Gallen-Appenzell, 20-05-2013)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 1990-11-09