

INFORMATION SHEET ON RAMSAR WETLANDS

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Name of wetland: Baie de Fanel & le Chablais

Date of Ramsar designation: 31 December 1975

Geographical coordinates: 46°59'N 7°03'E

General location: 40 km W of Berne, in the cantons of Berne, Neuchâtel, Vaud.

Area: 1,155 ha

Wetland type: O U X

Altitude: 432 m

Overview: The Baie de Fanel & le Chablais covers the north-eastern part of lake Neuchâtel. The area covers various biotopes of national importance and is very important as waterfowl and wader habitat.

Physical features: The Fanel is the result of the first stage of a project entitled: "South border of Lake Neuchâtel", launched to stabilize waterlevels in the Jura Region. After the second stage of the project, waterlevels have been relatively stable. Within the Fanel Nature Reserve are two artificial islands, created to encourage birds to nest.

Ecological features:

- Reedbeds, marsh with tall sedges, grassland, riverine woodland (Carr) in transition areas between the lake and slow-flowing watercourses, alluvial woods and borders, thickets, low-land willow woods

Land tenure/ownership of

- a) **site:** various owners
- b) **surrounding area:** no information supplied

Conservation measures taken:

- Article 1208 of the federal inventory of landscapes, natural sites and monuments of national importance.
- Article 4 of the federal inventory of waterfowl and migratory bird reserves, passed on 21 January 1991.
- Parliamentary Act Nr. 1783 of the Canton of Berne passed on 14 March 1962, declaring Fanel a Nature Reserve;

- Canton of Vaud: Management Plan for the South bank of Lake Neuchâtel, passed on 9 June 1981; Agreement between Vaud and Fribourg and private associations regarding the management of Natural Areas on the south bank of Lake Neuchâtel, passed on 16 June 1987; Article 177 of the inventory of natural sites and monuments in Canton Vaud, passed on 16 August 1972.
- Canton of Neuchâtel: see enclosed copy

Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:

- Articles 208, 209 of the inventory of alluvial floodplains;
- Articles 655, 2294 of the inventory of low-lying marshes;
- Article 416 of the inventory of wetlands.

Current land use: principal human activities in

- a) **site**: nature conservation, forestry, fishery, tourism; camping, water-sports; agriculture
- b) **surroundings/catchment**: agriculture, transport systems, urbanised areas.

Disturbances/threats, including changes in land use and major development projects

- a) **at the site**: erosion, development schemes, eutrophication, water-sports
- b) **in the surroundings/catchment**: development schemes; cattle rearing;

Hydrological and physical values: no information supplied

Social and cultural values: no information supplied

Noteworthy fauna: *Ardea cinerea*, *Mergus merganser*, *Podiceps cristatus*, *Porzana porzana*, *Porzana parva*, *Sterna hirundo*, *Vanellus vanellus*, *Anas platyrhynchos*, *Anas crecca*, *Anas querquedula*, *Anas strepera*, *Anas clypeata*, *Larus ridibundus*, *Larus canus*, *Larus melanocephalus*, *Larus argentatus*.

Noteworthy flora: *Typha latifolia*, *Thypha angustifolia*, *Cyperus fuscus*, *Eleocharis palustris*, *Eleocharis uniglumis*, *Scirpus maritimus*, *Polygonum amphibium*, *Ranunculus sceleratus*, *Stachys palustris*, *Odontiles serotina*, *Centaureum pulchellum*.

Current scientific research and facilities: (pour le Chablais):

Pro Natura Helvetica
Champ Pittet
1400 Chéséaux-Noréaz

Current conservation education: (pour le Chablais):

Centred'information-nature
de Champ Pittet
1400 Chéséaux-Noréaz

Current recreation and tourism: no information supplied

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Management authority:

Bern: Berner ALA, Natuschutzinspektorat Kt. BE, Kramgasse 68, 30011 Bern;

Neuchâtel: Office cantonale de la conservation de la nature, Av. Léopold-Robert 90 2300 La Chaux-de-Fonds

Vaud: Section protection de la nature et des sites, Place de la Riponne 10, 1014 Lausanne.

Jurisdiction: see bodies mentioned under management authority.

Bibliographical references: no information supplied

Reasons for inclusion: no information supplied

Map of site: enclosed 1: 50'000