

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Germany Eastern shore of Lake Müritz



Designation date 31 July 1978 Site number 172 Coordinates 53°26'34"N 12°46'21"E Area 4 974,00 ha

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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 area of the Ramsar site is covered by forests, fens and lakes. The surface has been formed during the Vistula glacial. The current shore line is the result of water regulation measures during the first half of the 19th century, when the water level was lowered. On parts of the dry-fallen lake terraces natural succession took place, only slightly influenced by humans. Some other parts were grazed by cattle. Around Müritzhof (an estate near to the shore of lake Müritz) clay and sand were excavated for brick production. The excavation pits later got filled with water. The site includes a complex of lakes, some artificially regulated; marshes, reedbeds, peatland, pasture, Juniperus heath and dry pine forests. The area is an important resting site for various waterbirds and supports a rich marsh flora and a diverse invertebrate fauna. About 20 % of the area are is covered by lakes. Dry areas are covered by Juniperus heath and dry pine forests, wet areas are covered by mixed deciduous forests, fens and reeds.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

Responsible compiler

Institution/agency	International Cooperation on Biodiversity Ramsar Focal Point Germany Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection
Postal address	Stresemannstraße 128 - 130, 10117 Berlin, Germany
National Ramsar Administrati	ve Authority
Institution/agency	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Division N I 4 "International Cooperation on Biodiversity"
Postal address	Robert-Schuman-Platz 3 D-53175 Bonn Germany

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

From year	2007
To year	2019

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Eastern shore of Lake Müritz
Unofficial name (optional)	Ostufer Müritz

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 🛈 No 🖲
^(Update) B. Changes to Site area	No change to area
^(Update) For secretariat only: This update is an extension	

2.1.5 - Changes to the ecological character of the Site

g Not evaluated	^(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

Boundaries description

The border does not follow fixed land marks. In the south, the area includes a 500 m wide strip of the lake Mueritz, the border is running 500 m off the shore. The western, north-eastern and south-eastern borders are crossing forest areas. The lakes Moorsee, Warnker See, Rederangsee, Specker See, Hofsee, and Priesterbäker See (from north-west to south-east) are included in the Ramsar site. The Ramsar Site is fully included in the EU Natura 2000 site and the National Park.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does	District: Mecklenburgische Seenplatte; State: Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania; Federal Republic of
the site lie?	Germany
b) what is the hearest town of population	Waren/Müritz
centre?	

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

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a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes O $_{\text{No}}$ $\textcircled{\textbf{0}}$

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party? Yes O $_{\rm No}$ $\textcircled{\mbox{e}}$

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha):	4974
Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries	4973.519

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions								
Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region							
Marine Ecoregions of the World (MEOW)	Continental							

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

Other reasons glacial in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. It includes forested areas as well as extensive reed beds. It is an important resting site for cranes and waterfowl.

Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

Justification The variety of different habitat conditions provides the basis for the existence of a very high diversity of plant and animal species, among them rare and highly specialized species.

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

Criterion 5 : >20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers	> 20.000 during autumn migration (ducks, especially tufted duck, cranes and geese)
Start year	2007
End year	2019
Source of data:	LUNG MV, NPA Müritz

Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Plantae								
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Anacamptis morio	V					EN, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Cladium mariscus	V			LC		VU, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Dactylorhiza incarnata	×.					VU, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Dactylorhiza majalis	s.					VU, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Epipactis palustris	s.			LC		VU, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Gentianella campestris baltica	×					VU, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Gentianella uliginosa	×					CR, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Helosciadium repens	V					Annex II and IV of the Habitat Directive	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Liparis loeselii	V					Rare species, annex II and IV of the Habitat Directive	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Pinguicula vulgaris	×			LC		VU, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Platanthera bifolia	×					VU, Red List Germany, 2020	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Schoenus nigricans	V			LC		EN, Red List Germany, 2020	

supports rare/endangered species

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies unde criterion 2 4 6 9	Spec contrib under cr 3 5	ies utes iterion 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Others	thers											
CHORDATA / MAMMALIA	Lutra lutra	Rooc						NT	V		Annex II, IV Habitat Directive	
Birds												
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser anser							LC				Breeding
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya fuligula				10500	2007-2013	1.2	LC				N-W Europe
CHORDATA / AVES	Circus cyaneus							LC			Annex I, Birds Directive	wintering
CHORDATA / AVES	Falco peregrinus							LC			Annex I, Birds Directive	Breeding
CHORDATA / AVES	Gallinago gallinago							LC			CR, Red List Germany 2020	Breeding
CHORDATA / AVES	Grus grus				13500	2015-2019	3.9				Annex I, Birds Directive	Breeding; Population North-west Europe/Iberia & Morocco
CHORDATA / AVES	Haliaeetus albicilla	200						LC	X	×	Annex I, Birds Directive	Breeding
CHORDATA / AVES	Netta rufina				650	2007-2013	1.2	LC				Population South-west & Central Europe/West Mediterranean
CHORDATA / AVES	Pandion haliaetus							LC			Annex I, Birds Directive; VU, Red List Germany, 2020	Breeding
CHORDATA / AVES	Upupa epops							LC			VU, Red List Germany, 2020U, Red List Germany, 2020	Breeding
CHORDATA / AVES	Vanellus vanellus							NT			EN, Red List Germany 2020	Breeding

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

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

<no data available>

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

4.1 - Ecological character

The area is characterized by a mosaic of lakes, swamplands and dry areas, to a large extend covered by forests, reeds, shrubby vegetation or heath. The variety of different habitat conditions provides is the basis for the existence of a very high diversity of plant and animal species, among them rare and highly specialized species. The area is strictly protected and hence almost not influenced by human disturbances. There are only few roads open for the public and people are not allowed to leave the roads.

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 >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		2	1277	Representative					
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		1	2181	Representative					
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Ts: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater marshes/ pools on inorganic soils		0		Representative					
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non- forested peatlands		3	424	Representative					
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> W: Shrub- dominated wetlands		4	9	Representative					
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Xf: Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands		3	556	Representative					
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> Xp: Permanent Forested peatlands		4	59	Representative					

Human-made wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type
4: Seasonally flooded agricultural land			

Other non-wetland habitat

Other non-wetland habitats within the site	Area (ha) if known
Heath / Juniperus shrubs	

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species		
Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Gymnadenia conopsea	Rare species in Mecklenburg- Western Pomerania, known only from 6 sites.
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Orchis mascula	It is the only occurrence of the species in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

4.3.2 - Animal species

Invasive alien animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Neovison vison	Potential	increase
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Nyctereutes procyonoides	Potential	increase
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Procyon lotor	Potential	increase

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

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

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in metres) 62
a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres) 77
Entire river basin
Upper part of river basin 🖉
Middle part of river basin
Lower part of river basin
More than one river basin \Box
Not in river basin
Coastal

Please name the river basin or basins. If the site lies in a sub-basin, please also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.

The Ramsar site drains towards the river Elde.

4.4.3 - Soil

Mineral 🗹

^(Update) Changes at RIS update	No change 🖲 Increase 🔿 Decrease 🔿 Unknown 🔿
Organic	
^(Update) Changes at RIS update	No change 🖲 Increase O Decrease O Unknown O
No available information	
Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)?	Yes O No ●
Please provide further information on the soil (optional)	

The soil spectrum reaches from organic/wet and inorganic/wet to inorganic/dry.

4.4.4 - Water regime

Water permanence		
Presence?	Changes at RIS update	
Usually permanent water		
present		

Source of water that maintains character of the site

Presence?	Predominant water source	Changes at RIS update
Water inputs from precipitation		No change
Water inputs from surface water		No change

Water destination

Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Feeds groundwater	increase
To downstream catchment	increase

Stability of water regime

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Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Water levels largely stable	No change

4.4.5 - Sediment regime

Sediment regime unknown 🗵

4.4.6 - Water pH

Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4)

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Unknown 🗖

4.4.7 - Water salinity

^(Update) Changes at RIS update No change
^(Update) Increase O Decrease O Unknown O

Unknown 🗖

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Eutrophic 🗹

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change O Increase O Decrease O Unknown O

Mesotrophic 🗹

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change Increase O Decrease O Unknown O

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 ${\color{black} @}$

site itself

Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development \Box

Surrounding area has higher human population density \Box

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use \Box

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
Wetland non-food products	Livestock fodder	Low

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	Low

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Scientific and educational	Important knowledge systems, importance for research (scientific reference area or site)	Medium
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	High
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	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

Within the site: 100s

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of 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

Traditional mowing and grazing with the aim to conserve rare plant species and biotopes

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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

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

<no data available>

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

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

Public ownership			
Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area	
Provincial/region/state	J	J	

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any	Nationalparkamt Müritz
agency or organization responsible for	
managing the site:	
Provide the name and/or title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Ulrich Meßner
Postal address:	Schlossplatz 3, 17237 Hohenzieritz
E-mail address:	poststelle@npa-mueritz.mnvet.de

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Invasive and other problematic 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	Medium impact		×.	increase	×	increase

Please describe any other threats (optional)

Several biotopes and species require management measures. Succession and overgrowth as a consequence of insufficient or inappropriate management is a potential threat.

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

Regional (international) legal designations					
Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site		
EU Natura 2000	{Müritz 2542-302} Müritz- Seenland und Neustrelitzer Kleinseeplatte 2642-401		whole		

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
national park	Müritz Nationalpark		whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict Nature Reserve

- Ib 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
- VI Managed Resource Protected Area: protected area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems

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5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection		
Status		
Implemented		

Species

Measures	Status
Threatened/rare species management programmes	Implemented

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented
Research	Implemented

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? Yes O No O

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 processes with another Contracting Party?

URL of site-related webpage (if relevant): http://www.mueritz-nationalpark.de/cms2/MNP_prod/MNP/de/Startseite/index.jsp?

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No need identified

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Water regime monitoring	Implemented
Plant community	Implemented
Animal community	Implemented
Birds	Implemented

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

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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) <no file available>

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

iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

<no file available>

v. site management plan

<1 file(s) uploaded>

vi. other published literature

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Ostuf er der Müritz (Agency for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Geology Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania, 14-08-2015)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

Date of Designation 1978-07-31