INFORMATION SHEET ON RAMSAR WETLANDS

Note: Part A = western part of the Ramsar site, Untere Havel und Schollener See, Bundesland Sachsen-Anhalt
      Part B = eastern part of the Ramsar site, Untere Havel und Gülper See, Bundesland Brandenburg (not received yet)

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Name of wetland: new: Untere Havel, Gülper See und Schollener See

Date of Ramsar designation: 31 July 1978

Geographical coordinates:
A: 52°48'N 12°11'E

General location:
A: Bundesland Sachsen-Anhalt, 10 km SE Havelberg

Area:
A: 2,850 ha

Wetland type: M T S O X 4

Altitude:
A: 25 above sea level

Overview:
A: Nature Reserve, mainly floodplain of the river Havel, and a shallow lake. Important site for waders and waterfowl as breeding, resting and wintering area.

Physical features:
A: Near-natural floodplain in river-valley of the river Havel, a tributary of the Elbe. Many small tributaries and old river arms flow through the flat floodplain. Clays, sands, and gravel form the sub-soils influenced by groundwater, which grading into peatlands and semi-terrestrial Gytta. Havel (river) and Schollener See (lake) are connected by the "Seestrang".

Ecological features:
A: Mainly seasonally/temporally flooded pasture outside the embankment; wet meadows, hydro-seral zones, varied shallow-water-vegetation and shoreline vegetation, also in the area
of the lake.

**Land tenure/ownership of**

**a) site:**
A: Many different units of mainly private ownership, cultivated by private owners and tenants, partially extensive use.

**b) surrounding area:**
A: Many private owners.

**Conservation measures taken:**
A: Nature Reserve, EC SPA, and Ramsar site. Management guidelines exist for water management and for extensive use of the pastures; management contracts and compensation agreements are in force. The Ramsar site extends into the Bundesland of Brandenburg.

**Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:**
A: Site-specific management and development planning, which ensures restricted use in agreement with the users.

**Current land use: principal human activities in**

**a) site:**
A: Nature Reserve; grazing pasture, little agriculture, river-and lake fishery, extraction of medicinal *Pelose*-mudd.

**b) surroundings/catchment:**
A: Embankments, agricultural areas, settlements.

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

**a) at the site:**
A: Restrictions on water conservation; recreational use changes in agricultural practices.

**b) in the surroundings/catchment:**
A: Proposals for further water regulation facilities (?); intensification of land use and of tourism.

**Hydrological and physical values:**
A: Prevention damage caused by floods through flood control.

**Social and cultural values:**
A: Potential for research and education with respect to nature conservation; potential for use of the grazing pastures.

**Noteworthy fauna:**

Important breeding site for: *Podiceps grisegena*, *Botaurus stellaris*, *Ciconia ciconia*, *Anser anser*, *Tadorna tadorna*, *Anas strepera*, *Anas crecca*, *Anas acuta*, *Anas querquedula*, *Anas clypeata*, *Circus aeruginosus*, *Grus grus*, *Haematopus*.
osteolegus, Vanellus vanellus, Gallinago gallinago, Limosa limosa, Numenius arquata, Tringa totanus, Larus ridibundus, Sterna hirundo, Chlidonias niger, Cyanosylvia svecica cyanecula, Saxicola rubetra, Locustgella luscinioides, Lanius collaruo, Lanius excubitor.

**Noteworthy flora:**
A: Site-specific plant communities of the Untere Havel river valley.

**Current scientific research and facilities:**
A: Nature Conservation field station Untere Havel in Schollene-Fercheis. Biological and ecological research by national scientific organisations and societies, and by IWRB and WWF.

**Current conservation education:**
A: Information centre within the field station Untere Havel river valley.

**Current recreation and tourism:**
A: As the site is a wet-meadow-nature-reserve, it is not very suitable for recreation and tourism; despite this, uncontrolled tourism, camping, sport boats and sport planes still cause disturbance.

**Management authority:**
A: Landkreis (Community authority) Havelberg, Untere Naturschutzbehörde, Havelberg, Germany

**Jurisdiction:**
A: Bezirksregierung Magdeburg (District authority), Obere Naturschutzbehörde, Olvenstedter Str. 1/2, Magdeburg, Germany.

**Bibliographical references:**

**Reasons for inclusion:** 1c, 2c, 3b.

**Map of site:** enclosed.