

## 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 *Gyttja*. 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:**

A: Important resting and wintering site for *Cygnus bewickii*, *Cygnus cygnus*, *Anser fabalis*, *Anser albifrons*, *Anser anser*, *Anas penelope*, *Anas crecca*, *Anas platyrhynchos*, *Mergus albellus*, *Mergus merganser*, *Haliaeetus albicilla*, *Pandion haliaetus*, *Fulica atra*, *Grus grus*, *Limicolae*.

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*

*ostralegus, Vanellus vanellus, Gallinago gallinago, Limosa limosa, Numenius arquata, Tringa totanus, Larus ridibundus, Sterna hirundo, Chlidonias niger, Cyanosylvia svecica cyanecula, Saxicola rubetra, Locustgella luscinioides, Lanius collurio, 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-Ferchels. 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.

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

**Map of site:** enclosed.