

Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands

Categories approved by Recommendation 4.7 of the Conference of the Contracting Parties.

NOTE: It is important that you read the accompanying *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document before completing this form.

1. Date this sheet was completed/updated:

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Site Reference Number

2. Country:

Denmark

3. Name of wetland: Nordre Rønner

International No. 148; National No. 9

4. Geographical coordinates: 57°22'N, 10°56'E

5. Altitude: (average and/or max. & min.) 0-2 m

6. Area: (in hectares) 2,920

7. Overview: (general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetland's principal characteristics)

The site is a sea area (2,920 hectares) with stony banks and uninhabited islands (12 hectares) situated north of the island of Læsø. Very isolated.

8. Wetland Type (please circle the applicable codes for wetland types as listed in Annex I of the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document.)

marine-coastal: **A** · **B** · C · D · **E** · F · G · H · I · J · K

inland: L · M · N · O · P · Q · R · Sp · Ss · Tp · Ts
· U · Va · Vt · W · Xf · Xp · Y · Zg · Zk

man-made: 1 · 2 · 3 · 4 · 5 · 6 · 7 · 8 · 9

Please now rank these wetland types by listing them from the most to the least dominant:

A, B, E.

9. Ramsar Criteria: (please circle the applicable criteria; see point 12, next page.)

1 · **2** · 3 · 4 · 5 · **6** · 7 · 8

Please specify the most significant criterion applicable to the site: 1

10. Map of site included? Please tick *yes* -or- *no* (Please refer to the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document for information regarding desirable map traits).

11. Name and address of the compiler of this form:

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Please provide additional information on each of the following categories by attaching extra pages (please limit extra pages to no more than 10):

12. Justification of the criteria selected under point 9, on previous page. (Please refer to Annex II in the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document).

Criterion 1: The habitat of stony islets with northern Atlantic seabird colonies is very rare in Denmark.

Criterion 2: The site is a nationally important breeding site for the red listed bird Rock Pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*)

Criterion 6: The site supports more than 1% of the individuals in the population of the Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) 16,200 – 1,1% of the Baltic/Denmark/Netherlands population.

13. General location: (include the nearest large town and its administrative region)

Sea area approx. 8 km north of Læsø (Ramsar area No. 160). Nearest town is Vesterø. Administrative region is Nordjylland County.

14. Physical features: (e.g. geology, geomorphology; origins - natural or artificial; hydrology; soil type; water quality; water depth
Water permanence; fluctuations in water level; tidal variations; catchment area; downstream area; climate)

No specific information.

15. Hydrological values: (groundwater recharge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilisation etc)

A sea area.

16. Ecological features: (main habitats and vegetation types)

Shallow sea areas with stony banks and stone islets.

17. Noteworthy flora: (indicating, e.g., which species/communities are unique, rare, endangered or biogeographically important, etc)

The site has a rich and varied algae flora.

18. Noteworthy fauna: (indicating, e.g., which species are unique, rare, endangered, abundant or biogeographically important; include count data, etc.)

One of the most important breeding sites in Denmark for Black Guillemot (*Cepphus grylle*), which has been a red listed species in Denmark until 1997. The area is also a nationally important breeding site for the red listed Rock Pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*) and breeding area and haul-out for Common Seal.

19. Social and cultural values: (e.g. fisheries production, forestry, religious importance, archaeological site etc.)

Local fishery on eels.

20. Land tenure/ownership of: (a) site (b) surrounding area

(a) Territorial waters. Læsø municipality, the State represented by the Ministry of Defence.

21. Current land use: (a) site (b) surroundings/catchment

(a) None. Uninhabited.

22. Factors (past, present or potential) adversely affecting the site's ecological character, including changes in land use and development projects: (a) at the site (b) around the site

(a) The island is gradually overgrown with bushes and grasses, which is changing the conditions for breeding birds. Potential threats are illegal landings and disturbance of breeding waterbirds and seals.

23. Conservation measures taken: (national category and legal status of protected areas - including any boundary changes which have been made: management practices; whether an officially approved management plan exists and whether it has been implemented)

Admittance is forbidden by Læsø municipality in the breeding season, except for local fishermen. The whole area is identical with the EU Bird Protection Area No. 9 and included in EU Habitat Protection area No. 176.

24. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented: (e.g. management plan in preparation; officially proposed as a protected area etc.)

No specific information.

25. Current scientific research and facilities: (e.g. details of current projects; existence of field station etc.)

No specific information.

26. Current conservation education: (e.g. visitors centre, hides, information booklet, facilities for school visits etc.)

No specific information.

27. Current recreation and tourism: (state if wetland is used for recreation/tourism; indicate type and frequency/intensity)

No specific information.

28. Jurisdiction: (territorial e.g. state/region and functional e.g. Dept of Agriculture/Dept. of Environment etc.)

Nature Conservation and administration of the Ramsar Convention and EU Bird and Habitat Directives: Ministry of Environment.

The legislation on Agriculture and Fisheries: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Nature Conservation Scheme: Ministry of Defence and Nordjylland County.

29. Management authority: (name and address of local body directly responsible for managing the wetland)

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30. Bibliographical references: (scientific/technical only)

- Miljø- og Energiministeriet, Skov- og Naturstyrelsen 1996: EF-fuglebeskyttelsesområder og Ramsarområder. Kort og områdebeskrivelser, status 1995. [With an English summary]. 273 pp.
 - Miljø- og Energiministeriet, Skov- og Naturstyrelsen 1999: Birds of Danish SPAs – trends in occurrence. 119 pp.
 - Ministry of Environment and Energy, The National Forest and Nature Agency 1996: Danish Report 1996 on the Ramsar Convention, Denmark and Greenland. 105 pp. + 4 appendices.
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