

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: Sejro Bugt, Nekselø Bugt and Saltbæk Vig.

International No. 157; National No. 18.

4. Geographical coordinates: 55°47'N, 11°18'E

5. Altitude: (average and/or max. & min.) 0-25m Sea level

6. Area: (in hectares) 43,877 hectares.

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

Marine waters with shallow bays. Cultivated islands with scattered habitation. Sand and gravel barriers with saltmarshes and lagoons. Coastal clay cliffs and heath. Meadows and reed swamps in the transition zone.

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, H, G, J, E.

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: 6

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 2: The two nationally red listed plant species *Botrychium simplex* and *Liparis loeselii* occur within the site. The nationally and globally red listed amphibian *Bombina bombina* has an important population on the island of Nekselø.

Criterion 6: The site regularly supports more than 1% of the individuals in the populations of the following species:

Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) 26,985 (1992) (SPA No.94) – 1,8% of the Baltic/Denmark/Netherlands population

Common Scooter (*Melanitta nigra*) 16.300 (1988-93) (SPA No.94) – 1% of the W Sib/W & N Eur/W

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

Coastal area 10-30 km North East of the town of Kalundborg. Administrative region is Vestsjælland 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)

No specific information.

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

Marine habitats and saltmarshes. See also point 7 and 8.

The two invasive introduced plant species *Rosa rugosa* and *Heracleum pubescens* are spreading along the coastline.

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

Botrychium simplex and *Liparis loeselii* are on the national red list.

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

The site is a resting and feeding area for waterbirds:

Whooper Swan (*Cygnus cygnus*) 266 (1996) (SPA No.94), 341 (1994) (SPA No.99)

Teal (*Anas crecca*) 450 (1994) (SPA No.99)

Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*) 2450 (1992) (SPA No.94)

Afr population

Velvet Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) 3,250 (1988-93) (SPA No.94)

Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*) 465 (1996) (SPA No.99)

Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*, 200 (1994) (SPA No.99)

Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*) 1,500 (1994) (SPA No.99)

Breeding area for aquatic and salt marsh birds including *Recurvirostra avosetta*, *Sterna paradisaea*, *Circus aeruginosus*, *Philomachus pugnax*, *Sterna paradisaea*, *Cephus grylle* and *Phalacrocorax carbo*.

On the island of Nekselø there is an important population of the endangered amphibian *Bombina bombina*.

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

No specific information.

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

Territorial waters, private, the State represented by the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Defence.

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

(a) grazing (b) mainly farmland

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

Increased planting and habitation along the coasts render them less suitable as breeding areas. Cultivation of meadows behind coastal sand barriers. Stop of cattle grazing of certain coastal meadows change habitats of waterbirds, rape amphibians etc.

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)

Nature conservation: About 600 hectares at Overby Lyng, Korevlen, Ordrup Næs and Vesterlyng.

A nature conservation scheme of Saltbæk Vig with surroundings has been completed in 1992.

Alleshave Bugt adjacent to Saltbæk Vig is a nature reserve (70 hectares) established in 1993.

The whole area is included in the EU Bird Protection Area No. 94 and 99. The site overlaps partly the EU Habitat Protection Site No. 135.

Part of the Ramsar site is a Wildlife reserve.

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

Ongoing EU LIFE project on the redlisted frog species *Bombina bombina* ay Nekselø. County plans for site management at several protected areas.

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.)

Information folder with walking trails for Nekselø, Sejro and Vesterlyng.

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

Korevlerne and Vesterlyng are major sites for bathing etc. and visited by very many people every summer. Nekselø is visited by approx. 20,000 persons/year.

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: West Zealand 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)

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