

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:

Waters southeast of Fejø and Femø islands.

International No. 160; National No. 21.

4. Geographical coordinates: 54°54'N, 11°30'E

5. Altitude: (average and/or max. & min.) 0-10m

6. Area: (in hectares) 41,680 hectares

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

Coastal waters with shallow shoals and banks. Uninhabited islets. Two islands with cultivated land and scattered habitation. Salt marshes and reed swamps. Coastal, natural deciduous forest.

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, H, G.

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: 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 site is a breeding for aquatic and salt marsh birds including species on the Danish red list, e.g. *Philomachus pugnax*, and *Sterna albifrons*.

Criterion 4: The site is one of the most important moulting areas in Denmark for Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*).

Criterion 6: The site regularly supports more than 1% of the individuals in the populations of the following species (count data 1999):

Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*) 3,597 – 1,7% of the NW Mainland & Central Europe population

Whooper Swan (*Cygnus cygnus*) 559 – 1,4% of the NW Mainland Europe population

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

Coastal area and waters North of the town of Saksøbing. Administrative region is Storstrøm 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)

No specific information.

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

No specific information.

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

The site is one of the most important moulting areas in Denmark for Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*).

The site is a resting and feeding area for waterbirds (count data from 1999):

Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) 353

Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*) 178

Coot (*Fulica atra*) 7,190

Breeding area for aquatic and salt marsh birds including *Phalacrocorax carbo*, *Cygnus olor*, *Circus aeruginosus*, *Recurvirostra avosetta*, *Philomachus pugnax*, *Sterna hirundo*, *Sterna paradisaea* and *Sterna albifrons*.

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.

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

(a) farmland, 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

Potential threats are leisure activities incl. boating. Heavy hunting pressure in the open sea. Surplus of nutrients in waters.

Reduced grazing on the uninhabited islets changes conditions, especially for breeding birds.

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)

The whole area is identical with the EU Bird Protection Area No. 85. The site overlaps partly the EU Habitat Protection Site No. 152.

Two Wildlife reserves have been established around Rågø and in Tårs Vig including areas of no hunting and no public access in the breeding season of the waterbirds.

24. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented: (e.g. management plans 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.)

The private foundation Aage V. Jensens Fonde has research facilities on Rågø.

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

Bird observation tower on Rågø.

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

A project for sustainable development of the archipelago with emphasis on tourism, nature and environment has been going on for 7 years.

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: Storstrøm 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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