

# 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: Ertholmene

International No. 165; National No. 26

## 4. Geographical coordinates: 55°19'N, 15°11'E

5. Altitude: (average and/or max. & min.) 0 – 22m      6. Area: (in hectares) 1,250 ha

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

Sea area (1,213 hectares) with rocky islands (37 hectares).

## 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, D.

## 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: 2

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*

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**extra pages (please limit extra pages to no more than 10):**

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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 the only breeding locality in Denmark for Guillemot (*Uria aalge*) and Razorbill (*Alca torda*), which two bird species are on the Danish red list.

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

Ertholmene are situated east of the island Bornholm. Nearest town is Svaneke. Administrative region is Bornholm County.

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**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)

Deep waters off Bornholm containing rocky islands.

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

No specific information.

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

Rocky islands with sparse vegetation.

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

No specific information.

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

The only breeding locality in Denmark for Guillemot (*Uria aalge*) and Razorbill (*Alca torda*). The second largest breeding colony of Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) in Denmark.

Guillemot (*Uria aalge*) 2,000-2,500 pairs

Razorbill (*Alca torda*) 745 pairs

Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) 3,000 pairs

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

Ertholmene are of great cultural, historical and architectural value

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

Territorial waters, the State represented by the Ministry of Defence.

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

None

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**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 potential threat is pollution from oil tankers.

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**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: The total Ramsar Site was protected in 1984. About 30 hectares on and around Græsholm (scientific sanctuary) is totally protected against hunting and there is no public access). There are restrictions on sailing and windsurfing.

The whole area is identical with the EU Bird Protection Area No. 79.

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

No specific information.

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

No specific information.

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

An information brochure about the nature of the islands exists and there are good bird observation possibilities from an old tower which also houses exhibitions about nature and the history of the islands.

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

The main island is intensively visited by tourists (about 80,000 per year), but only in daytime, and there is no public access to the wetland parts.

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**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 Nature Conservation Scheme: Ministry of Defence.

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

Ministry of Defence

Christiansø Administration

Christiansø

3740 Svaneke

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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.
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  - 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.
  - [www.christiansoe.dk](http://www.christiansoe.dk)
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