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Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands

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NOTE: Please read the accompanying guidelines before attempting to complete this form. An example of a completed data sheet is also included.

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1. Country: Egypt

2. Date: 8/8/94

3. Ref:

4. Name and address of compiler: Arab Republic Of Egypt
Cabinet Of Ministers
Egyptian Environment Affairs Agency
Department of Natural Protectorates
23A Ismaeil Mohamed St., Zamalek, Cairo.

5. Name of wetland: Burullus

6. Date of Ramsar designation: 9.9.88

7. Geographical coordinates: 31.30°N 30.50°E

8. General location: (e.g. administrative region and nearest large town) KAFR EL Shieuh, Baltim

9. Area: ~~(xxxxxx)~~ (km²)
462 (1974)

10. Wetland type: (see attached classification, also approved by Montreux Rec.C.4.7)
Marine and coastal (# 11)

11. Altitude: (average and/or maximum & minimum)
Sea level

12. Overview: (general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetland's principal characteristics)
Shallow lagoon and Marshes in the coastal zone, including reed Smamps, and a Sand bar.

13. 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)
Shallow fresh water/ brackish lake, connected with the sea via small outlet. Length 65km width (average) 11km. Fresh water from drains in the south and some tidal influence from sea connection.

14. Ecological features: (main habitats and vegetation types)
Saltmarsh, reed smamp, open water, mud flats, sandy shores.

15. Land tenure /ownership of:

(a) site State owned / fisheries Authority control

(b) surrounding area Private / state

16. 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)

Not protected

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

Some discussion with EC regarding the feasibility of declaring lake Burullus a protected area.

18. Current land use: principal human activities in:

(a) site Fishery and cultivation

(b) surroundings/catchment cultivation / urban settlement

19. Disturbances/threats, including changes in land use and major development projects:

(factors which may have a negative impact on the ecological character of the wetland)

(a) at the site

Land reclamation for Agriculture
Aquaculture
Overfishing
Over population urban encroachment

(b) in the surroundings/catchment

Pesticide and fertilizer use
Industrial and municipal liquid waste

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

Shore line unstable, since construction of high dam.

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

Important fishery .

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

Important site for wintering water fowl.

Internationally important numbers of Whiskered toun and wigeon, shovler, pochord and coot.

23. Noteworthy flora: (e.g. unique, rare, endangered, or biogeographically important species/communities etc.)

Marshes on the southern side of lake Burullus were labelled the " most virginal community of the (Nile) Delta "(Goodman and Meininger 1989).

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

25. **Current conservation education:** (e.g. visitors centre, hides, information booklet, facilities for school visits etc.)
None

26. **Current recreation and tourism:** (state if wetland used for recreation/tourism; indicate type & frequency/intensity)
Substantial local tourism to Baltim during Summer.

27. **Management authority:** (name and address of body responsible for managing the wetland)
Fisheries Authority

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

29. **Bibliographical references:** (scientific/technical only)
Meininger, P.L., and Mullie, W.C., (1981). The significance of Egyptian wetlands for wintering waterbirds, HLCF. Goodman, SM and Meininger, P.L. (1989) the Birds of Egypt., Oxford Univeristy press.

30. **Reasons for inclusion:** (state which Ramsar criteria - as adopted by Rec.C.4.15 of the Montreux Conference - are applicable)

31. **Map of site** (please enclose the most detailed and up-to-date map available - preferably at least 1:25,000 or 1:50,000)

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