

Ramsar Information Sheet

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HungaryLakes by Tata



Designation date 17 March 1989
Site number 419

Coordinates 47°40'55"N 18°17'36"E

Area 1 897,00 ha

Color codes

Fields back-shaded in light blue relate to data and information required only for RIS updates.

Note that some fields concerning aspects of Part 3, the Ecological Character Description of the RIS (tinted in purple), are not expected to be completed as part of a standard RIS, but are included for completeness so as to provide the requested consistency between the RIS and the format of a 'full' Ecological Character Description, as adopted in Resolution X.15 (2008). If a Contracting Party does have information available that is relevant to these fields (for example from a national format Ecological Character Description) it may, if it wishes to, include information in these additional fields.

1 - Summary

Summary

The Old Lake is the largest lake of Komárom-Esztergom county situated in the inner city of Tata. It is an artificial storage lake formed in the Middle Ages with swelling up a steam called Által-ér. It is a unique incident in all over the world that migrating birds rest at an inner city lake. Sometimes 25-30 thousands of waterfowls spend the night there.

Regarding the land use, in the area of the delta of Által-ér a mosaic of habitats is formed (meadows, pastures, spring bogs, remainings of fen and bog areas, reedbeds, ploughlands, fishponds, streams). This area is wedged between urbanized and industrial regions from the North and South as well as clearly bordered by the town of Almásfüzitő and the agglomeration area of Tata town.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

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2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year 2006

To year 2014

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish) Lakes by Tata

2.1.4 - Changes to the boundaries and area of the Site since its designation or earlier update

(Update) A Changes to Site boundary Yes ② No ○
^(Update) The boundary has been delineated more accurately ✓
(Update) The boundary has been extended □
(Update) The boundary has been restricted □
(Update) B. Changes to Site area the area has increased
^(Update) The Site area has been calculated more accurately ☑
(Update) The Site has been delineated more accurately ✓
(Update) The Site area has increased because of a boundary extension
(Update) The Site area has decreased because of a boundary restriction

2.1.5 - Changes to the ecological character of the Site

(Update) 6b i. Has the ecological character of the Ramsar Site (including applicable Criteria) changed since the previous RIS?

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Former maps 0

Boundaries description (optional)

There are two areas. 1. Follows the boundary of the Tatai Old Lake. 2. North border: Szőny-Füzítő canal. East border: Freeway 1., West border: Tata-Naszály-Almásfüzítő road. South border: The border of Tata city

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does	Komárom-Esztergom county
the site lie?	
b) What is the nearest town or population centre?	Tata

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other Yes O No

Yes O No countries?

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party? Yes O No lacktriangle

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha): 1897

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from 1897.43 GIS boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

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Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	Pannonic

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

European Commission DG Environment webpage

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/sites_hab/biogeog_regions/index_en.htm

The biogeographic regionalisation scheme applied is the same used by the European Union (according to the Habitats Directive)

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

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- ☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities
- ☑ Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

This wetland gives complex support to the survival of endangered and vulnerable animal and plant species. The Old Lake has a special value in maintaining ecological diversity of this region, this role is outstandingly unique in an inner city. This wetland has an important role for maintaining the biological diversity of the biogeographic region. There are numerous bird species with large populations.

Justification

Variable habitats can be found in the relatively small area, that results high biodiversity especially in bird species. Decreasing hunting activity and extensive use of land resulted increasing populations of vulnerable and endangered species in the last 10 years. Population is given in pairs in the case of breeding populations and in specimens in the case of migrant populations.

- ☑ Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions
- ☑ Criterion 5 : >20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers 80000 indivuduals

3.2 - Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Scientific name	Common name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Allium suaveolens			✓		LC ©®		Considered as LC	biogeografically important or rare species
Cyperus longus			✓		LC ©®		Considered as LC	biogeografically important or rare species
Gymnadenia conopsea			/				Considered as LC	biogeografically important or rare species
Ludwigia palustris			✓		LC ©		Considered as LC	biogeografically important or rare species
Ophrys sphegodes			/		NT ©S		Considered as NT	biogeografically important or rare species

3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	criterion	Species contributes under criterion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red / List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Birds												
CHORDATA / AVES	Acrocephalus melanopogon	Moustached Warbler		2 000	3			LC ●鈴 ●躃				Breeding population: 1-5 pairs

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	qual un crite	ecies lifies der erion	con t cr	pecies atributes under iterion 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est	% occurrence	IUCN Red / List	CITES Appendix	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA / AVES	ECL.	Common Kingfisher					8			LC ●数 ●器				Breeding population: 5-10 pairs
CHORDATA / AVES	SCL 🤌	Northern Pintail					167			LC OW				Mgrant population at the site: 167 specimens
AVES	Anas clypeata	Northern Shoveler					312			LC ©SP				Mgrant population at the site: 312 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas crecca	Eurasian Teal; Green-winged Teal					2300			LC Sign				Mgrant population at the site: 2300 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard					14500			LC ●数 ●瞬				Breeding population: 30-40 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 14500 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas querquedula	Garganey					154			LC ©\$*				Mgrant population at the site: 154 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas strepera	Gadwall					144			LC				Breeding population: 1-3 pairs Migrant population at the site: 144 specimens.
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser albifrons	Greater White- fronted Goose				2 00	45000			LC				Mgrant population at the site: 45000 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser anser	Greylag Goose					3200			LC ●部				Breeding population: 25-30 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 3200 specimens.
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser erythropus	LesserWhite- frontedGoose	77				5			VU • iii • iiii		V	Considered as critically endangered	Population of maximum 5 individuals. Criterion 4: This species is an occasional visitor in very small numbers, but even those few specimens are of international significance, as the entire breeding population in Europe is below 100 pairs.
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser fabalis	Bean Goose					11600			LC				Mgrant population at the site: 11600 specimens Criterion 4: wintering population in the Carpathian Basin has declined drastically in the last 20 years, but the site still provides and important refuge for this species.
AVES	Aquila heliaca	Asian Imperial Eagle; Eastern Imperial Eagle					4			VU €\$ ®®				Mgrant population at the site: max 4 specimens.
CHORDATA / AVES	EC.	Great Egret					350			LC ©#				Mgrant population at the site: 350 specimens.
AVES	Ardea purpurea	Purple Heron					8			LC ©#				Breeding population: 5-10 pairs
/	Ardeola ralloides	Squacco Heron					3			LC ©\$*				Mgrant population at the site: 3 specimens.
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya ferina	Common Pochard					2250			VU ی: ®®				Breeding population: 8-10 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 2250 specimens.
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya fuligula	Tufted Duck				200	3100			LC St Str				Breeding population: 0-2 pairs Migrant population at the site: 3100 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya nyroca	Ferruginous Duck					81			NT		V		Breeding population: 1-4 pairs Migrant population at the site: 81 specimens.

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Spec quali und crite	ifies der erion	COI	pecies ntributes under riterion	Size	Period of pop. Est. occur	6 IUCN rence Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
AVES	Botaurus stellaris	Eurasian Bittern					5		LC St OTER				Breeding population: 4-6 pairs
AVES	Branta ruficollis	Red-breasted Goose					51		\U €3: ⊜®		✓	Considered as critically endangered	Population of maximum 51 individuals.
CHORDATA / AVES	hybrida	Whiskered Tern			V		55		LC				Mgrant population at the site: 55 specimens.
	leucopterus	White-winged Tern					56		LC				Mgrant population at the site: 56 specimens.
CHORDATA / AVES	Chlidonias niger	Black Tem					850		LC				Mgrant population at the site: 850 specimens.
/ AVES	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Black-headed Gul				Z 🗆 C	12000						Criterion 5: Mgrant population at the site: Maximum 12000 individuals
AVES	Ciconia ciconia	White Stork					310		LC				Breeding population: 1 pair Mgrant population at the site: 310 specimens
AVES	Ciconia nigra	Black Stork					135		LC ●数 ●簡				Mgrant population at the site: 135 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Circaetus gallicus	Short-toed Snake Eagle			V		4		LC Sis Step				Mgrant population at the site: max 4 specimens.
CHORDATA / AVES	Circus aeruginosus	Western Marsh Harrier					6		LC				Breeding population: 4-7 pairs
AVES	Corvus frugilegus	Rook				Z 🗆 (25000		LC				Criterion 5: Migrant population at the site: Maximum 25000 individuals
AVES	Coturnix coturnix	Common Quail					8		LC Sis Other				Breeding population: 5-10 pairs
CHORDATA / AVES	Cygnus olor	Mute Swan			V		470		LC Sign				Breeding population: 3-6 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 470 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Dendrocopos medius	Middle Spotted Woodpecker					4		LC ©SS ©TSS				Breeding population: 3-5 pairs
CHORDATA / AVES	Dryocopus martius	Black Woodpecke	r 🗆 🗆				2		LC ©TSF				Breeding population: 1-2 pairs
/ AVES	Egretta garzetta	Little Egret					161		LC Sign				Mgrant population at the site: 161 specimens
AVES	Falco cherrug	Saker Falcon					1		EN				Breeding population: 0- 1 pairs
AVES	Ficedula albicollis	Collared Flycatcher					4		LC				Breeding population: 3-4 pairs
CHORDATA / AVES	Fulica atra	Eurasian Coot				Z 🗆 (2600		LC				Breeding population: 35-40 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 2600 specimens

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Spec quali und crite	ifies der erion	COI	pecies ntributes under riterion 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est. occurrence			CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
	gallinago	Common Snipe					310		LC Sign				Mgrant population at the site: 310 specimens
	chloropus	Common Moorhen					10		LC •#				Breeding population: 8-12 pairs
AVES	albicilla	White-tailed Eagle			V		21		LC ●部	V	\checkmark		Mgrant population at the site: max 21 specimens.
AVES	himantopus	Black-winged Stilt					52		LC ●設 ●開				Breeding population: 0-6 pairs Mgrating population at the site: max 52 specimens
	minutus	Little Bittern					18		LC				Breeding population: 15-20 pairs
AVES		CaspianGull; Yellow-legged Gull				7 00	7200		LC Sign				Criterion 5: Mgrant population at the site: Maximum 7200 individuals
CHORDATA / AVES	at. 🌖	Mew Gull				7 00	4500		LC •#				Criterion 5: Mgrant population at the site: Maximum 4500 individuals
AVES	Limosa limosa	Black-tailed Godwit			V		106		NT STSF				Migrant population at the site: 106 specimens
AVES	Luscinia svecica	Bluethroat					6		LC •ä: •m				Breeding population: 4-7 pairs
AVES	Mergellus albellus	Smew					262		LC •#				Mgrant population at the site: max 262 specimens.
CHORDATA / AVES	pygmeus	Pygmy Cormorant					410						Breeding population: 5-10 pairs Mgrant population at the site: max410 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	SCL 🤌	Red-crested Pochard					87		LC Str Str				Breeding population: 2-7 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 87 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Numenius arquata	Eurasian Curlew			V		52		NT ●\$\$ ●®#				Migrant population at the site: 52 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	nycticorax	Black-crowned Night Heron; Black-crowned Night-Heron					310		LC ●\$* ●®				Mgrant population at the site: 310 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Philomachus pugnax	Ruff					2200		LC Single				Mgrant population at the site: 2200 specimens
	leucorodia	Eurasian Spoonbill] 65		LC Sign				Mgrant population at the site: max 65 specimens
AVES	Porzana parva	Little Crake					8		LC Sign				Breeding population: 5-10 pairs
CHORDATA / AVES	Porzana porzana	Spotted Crake					6		LC • SS • SSS				Breeding population: 5-7 pairs

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Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion	Species contributes under criterion	Size	Period of pop. Est. occurrence	IUCN Red / List	CITES Appendix /	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
AVES	Rallus aquaticus	Water Rail	0000		10		LC •\$* •\$#				Breeding population: 8-12 pairs
/	Recurvirostra avosetta	Pied Avocet	0000		108		LC •\$				Breeding population: 0-7 pairs Mgrant population at the site: max 108 specimens
AVES	Sterna hirundo	Common Tem	0000		235		LC ©SF				Breeding population: 0-110 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 235 specimens.
AVES	Market State of State	European Starling	0000		65000		LC •\$				Criterion 5: Mgrant population at the site: Maximum 6500 individuals
AVES		Spotted Redshank	0000		320		LC •#				Mgrant population at the site: 320 specimens
AVES	Tringa glareola	Wood Sandpiper	0000		1200		LC •\$* •\$#				Mgrant population at the site: max, 1200 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Tringa nebularia	Common Greenshank	0000		265		LC ©				Mgrant population at the site: 265 specimens
AVES	Tringa totanus	Common Redshank	0000		415		LC OTSF				Breeding population: 0-2 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 415 specimens
CHORDATA / AVES	Vanellus vanellus	Northern Lapwing	0000		650		NT ●¥ ●SFF				Breeding population: 0-8 pairs Mgrant population at the site: 650 specimens.

¹⁾ Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

Criterion 4: Waterfowl hunting is banned on the site so it provides a refuge to waterfowl where they can roost and feed safely.

Criterion 5: Water birds individual number can reach 80.000. 48.000 geese stayed in the area for 3 weeks.

For Biological components: animal species, see taxonomic list.

3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

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4 - What is the Site like? (Ecological character description)

4.1 - Ecological character

Által-ér is a stream which flows through Tata, and it gains up the water coming down from the surrounding mountains. It is the water-collector of several creeks and sources so that it creates a large habitat-system for societies living requiring water.

There is a very valuable bog area (namely: Tófarok) which is mostly wet throughout the whole year. Dominant plant communities are fan forests, (e.g. Alnus glutinosa, Salix alba, Salix fragilis, Salix cinerea). In a small spot there is a reedbed as well. This part of the area is quite a diverse habitat of the site.

"Által-ér" is a little stream which had been dammed up in the 15th century in order to create a water stocking pond. It was also used for extensive fish breeding. The stream has remained the basic supplier of the "Old-lake" even for today. The size of the lake is 219 hectares. On the shore the dominant plant communities are pine-trees and different species of ferns (For example: Dryopteris filix- mas and Dryopteris assimilis).

4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Inland wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
Fresh water > Flowing water >> Mt Permanent rivers/ streams/ creeks		2		
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		1		
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		4		
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Ts: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater marshes/ pools on inorganic soils		3		
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Xf. Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands				
Fresh water > Flowing water >> Y: Permanent Freshwater springs; oases				

Human-made wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
1: Aquaculture ponds		1		
Zk(c): Man-made subterranean hydrological systems		0		

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Scientific name	Common name	Position in range / endemism / other
		Endangered, biogeografically
Allium angulosum		important or rare species.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Anacamptis coriophora		important or rare species. 1000 flowering specimens.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Anacamptis palustris		important or rare species. 50-100 specimens.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Anacamptis palustris elegans		important or rare species. 50 specimens.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Anthyllis vulneraria	Kidney Vetch	important or rare species.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Azolla caroliniana		important or rare species.
Centaurea scabiosa		Endangered, biogeografically
sadleriana		important or rare species.
		Endangered, biogeografically important or rare species. 1-5
Dactylorhiza sambucina		specimens.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Erucastrum nasturtiifolium		important or rare species.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae		important or rare species.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Leucojum vernum		important or rare species.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Nymphaea alba		important or rare species.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Orchis mascula		important or rare species. 4-5 specimens.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Orchis militaris		important or rare species. 300-350 specimens.
Plantago maritimo		Endangered, biogeografically important or rare species.
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Dib as maken m		Endangered, biogeografically important or rare species.
Ribes rubrum		important or raile species.
Colling or control of the		Endangered, biogeografically important or rare species.
Salix rosmarinifolia		ппропанког аге ѕречеѕ.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Senecio umbrosus		important or rare species. Population of 2200 - 3500
		specimens.
		Endangered, biogeografically
Stipa pennata pennata		important or rare species.
0.0		Endangered, biogeografically
Stratiotes aloides		important or rare species.
Veratrum album		Endangered, biogeografically important or rare species.
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Vincetoxicum hirundinaria		Endangered, biogeografically important or rare species.
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4.3.2 - Animal species

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4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
C: Moist Mid-Latitude dimate with mild winters	Cfb: Marine west coast (MId with no dry season, warm summer)

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a) Mnimum elevation above sea level (in metres)
a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres)
Entire river basin
Upper part of river basin
Middle part of river basin ☑
Lower part of river basin
More than one river basin \Box
Not in river basin ☐
Coastal

Please name the river basin or basins. If the site lies in a sub-basin, please also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.

The main stream of the region is Által-ér. It springs from the Kopasz-hegy between the settlements of Pusztavám and Császár from more springs and flows into the Duna by Szelíd-dombok near Dunaalmás.

4.4.3 - Soil

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(Update) Changes at RIS update	No change Increase Decrease Unknown O
No available information	
Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)?	Yes O No ⊚
Please provide further information on the soil (optional)	
See Physical features of the site in additional material for	further information.

4.4.4 - Water regime

Water permanence

water permanence	
Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Usually permanent water present	
Usually seasonal, ephemeral or intermittent water present	

Source of water that maintains character of the site

Presence?	Predominant water source	Changes at RIS update
Water inputs from rainfall		No change
Water inputs from surface water		No change

Water destination

Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Feeds groundwater	No change
To downstream catchment	increase

Stability of water regime

owning or mater regione	
Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Water levels largely stable	increase

Please add any comments on the water regime and its determinants (if relevant). Use this box to explain sites with complex hydrology.

See Hydrological values of the site in additional material for further information.

Sediment regime unknown □
<no available="" data=""></no>
4.4.6 - Water pH
Unknown ☑
4.4.7 - Water salinity
Fresh (<0.5 g/l) ☑
(Update) Changes at RIS update No change
Unknown □
4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water
Eutrophic ☑
(Update) Changes at RIS update No change o Increase O Decrease O Unknown O
Unknown □
4.4.9 - Features of the surrounding area which may affect the Site
Please describe whether, and if so how, the landscape and ecological characteristics in the area surrounding the Ramsar Site differ from the i) broadly similar ○ ii) significantly different ● site itself:
Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development
Surrounding area has higher human population density \Box
Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use
Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types
Please describe other ways in which the surrounding area is different:

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Wetland non-food products	Other	Medium

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	Medium
Hazard reduction	Flood control, flood storage	Medium

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance					
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium					
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	Medium					
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	Medium					
Spiritual and inspirational	Cultural heritage (historical and archaeological)	Medium					
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	Medium					
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	Medium					

Other ecosystem service(s) not included above:

The dominant land use manners are ploughlands and fishponds. In the case of ploughlands monocultures, while in fishponds intensive fishery are characteristic, in the case of withdrawn land use built-in area is important. The extension of the marshes, ditches and roads is considerably large, conserving values. The proportion of the grasslands, forests and reedbed is less but with great conservational significance. The reedbed is situated at the edge of the land use area. The area of the grasslands is to be extended by ploughland-grassland conversion. The tree stands are made up of non-indigenious species. It is unfortunate respecting the aims of conservation but these are still to be maintained using nature-friendly methods.

Bird fauna monitoring by DINPD and Birdlife Hungary

See additional material for further information on ecosystem services.

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site?

4.5.2 - Social and cultural values

i) the site provides a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland
ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland
iii) the ecological character of the wetland depends on its interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples
iv) relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological C character of the wetland

<no data available>

4.6 - Ecological processes

<no data available>

5 - How is the Site managed? (Conservation and management)

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

Public ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Local authority, municipality, (sub)district, etc.	2	2
Other public ownership	✓	✓
National/Federal government	/	

Private ownership

Trade ownership						
Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area				
Cooperative/collective (e.g., farmers cooperative)	>	/				
Other types of private/individual owner(s)	/	/				

Provide further information on the land tenure / ownership regime (optional):

within the Ramsar site:

The Old lake is mostly owned by the State.

In the northern part of the surrounding area there are built-in sites and public areas. Some of them are owned by individuals and authorities. The composition of the owners of the land is: 45 items are the local government's, 119 state-owned, 67 agricultural cooperative's, 393 private-owned. More land items can belong to one owner and one certain land item can have 30-40 owners, so the list above does not reflect the exact number of the land items.

From the conservation point of view, this status is favorable as the majority of land items are owned by the local government, state or agricultural cooperative so it is easier to make the approaches of conservation accepted. The state ownership of the reed-beds and fish ponds are to be supported together with the withdrawn land use of the Fényes-források.

in the surrounding area:

Partly privately owned area, and partly owned by the local government.

5.1.2 - Management authority

agency or organization responsible for	Duna-lpoly National Park Directorate
managing the site:	
Provide the name and title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Balázs Tóth PhD
Postal address:	1525 Budapest, Pf. 86.
E-mail address:	DINP@DINPI.HU

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

5.2.1 - Factors (actual or likely) adversely affecting the Site's ecological character

Human settlements (non agricultural)

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Housing and urban areas	Medium impact	Medium impact		No change	2	No change

Water regulation

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Canalisation and river regulation	Medium impact	Medium impact		No change	>	No change
Water abstraction	Medium impact	Medium impact		No change	✓	No change
Drainage	Medium impact	Medium impact	✓	No change	✓	No change

Agriculture and aquaculture

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Marine and freshwater aquaculture	Medium impact	Medium impact	\checkmark	No change		No change

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Recreational and tourism activities	Medium impact	Medium impact	\checkmark	No change	/	No change

Natural system modifications

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Dams and water management/use	Medium impact	Medium impact		No change	⊘	No change

Invasive and other problematic species and genes

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Invasive non-native/ alien species	High impact	High impact	✓	No change	✓	No change

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Unspecified	Medium impact	Medium impact	✓	No change	✓	No change
Garbage and solid waste	Medium impact	Medium impact	/	No change	2	No change
Agricultural and forestry effluents	Medium impact	Medium impact		No change	>	No change
Industrial and military effluents	Medium impact	Medium impact	/	No change	>	No change
Household sewage, urban waste water	Medium impact	Medium impact	₽	No change	2	No change

Climate change and severe weather

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Droughts	High impact	High impact	✓	No change	✓	No change

Please describe any other threats (optional):

a) within the Ramsar site:

The former fen areas remained only in small patches, and in the lower holes and former drainage ditches water is still present. In the neighbouring area, Réti fish ponds were created in the 1890s, Ferencmajori fish ponds were developed in 1962. The implementation of fish ponds were the first, but not deliberate step towards the rehabilitation of the former wetlands.

Permanent organic and oil pollution of streams and creeks that flow into the Old lake. Organic pollution comes from householding, oil comes from roads.

b) in the surrounding area:

The main threat to natural conditions is the expanding land ownership of individuals who use their sites for recreation purposes. The more sites are given into public property, the more pollution (chemicals, noise, moving) threats the wildlife. One of the main tasks of nature conservation and the public interests is to find the balance between assuring nature's harmony and giving recreation opportunities to visitors.

The area of the delta of Által-ér was a formerly extensive, vivid marsh region. With the occupation of agricultural land, the increase of the inhabited area and the effect of mining to the water basis resulted in present use and conservation values connected to this. The most important running water sources became very unstable. 250 million liter water used to flow down the Által-ér delta per day until 1960s, when the implementation of Sámuel Mikoviny's drainage plan completely altered the area.

As for our present knowledge, an overall infrastructural development is not planned in this region, but the areas by Fényes-forrás and Rétihalastavak are potential subjects for building-in. The maintenance of the streams can lead to conservation problems. The communal waste water and illegal waste deposits have significant effects. In certain years, the drought causes also devastating ecological effects because of the reduced water output of the streams flowing into. In these cases, the water level of fish ponds is lower, which can be critical in the breeding period.

In the field of conservation of the natural habitats, the presence of aggressive non-indigenous plant species threaten the natural vegetation.

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

Regional (international) legal designations

	Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
EU1	Natura 2000	Tatai Öregtó		partly

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Municipal Nature Conservation Area	Old lake		partly
Special Hunting Area	Ferencmajori fish ponds		partly

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Other non-statutory designation	Public foundation for the Old lake		partly

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict Nature Reserve L
lb Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
Il National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
'Habitat/Species Management Area: protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention
Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation
Managed Passures Protected Area: protected area managed mainly

for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems

5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Habitat

Habitat	
Measures	Status
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Proposed
Hydrology management/restoration	Proposed
Soil management	Proposed
Land conversion controls	Proposed

Other:

Further habitat restoration has been planned already. (Creating islands, dredging, restoration of littoral region, enlarging marsh area.). Financial background not provided yet.

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? In preparation

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site?

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning Yes O No opprocesses with another Contracting Party?

Please indicate if a Ramsar centre, other educational or visitor facility, or an educational or visitor programme is associated with the site:

In the eastern part of the lake there is an information desk, which introduces the ecological values of the Old Lake. Local schools and bird-watchers visit the area. The Hungarian Ornithological Association organizes several excursions around the lake every year. Birdwatching is helped by the birdwatching-tower standing on the eastern side of the lake.

See additional material for further information on educational programme.

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No, but a plan is being prepared

Further information

1/3 part of the enlargement site is a protected site of local significance. Ferencmajori fish ponds I. and IV. are parts of a special hunting area, so on these ponds hunting is prohibited the whole year. In other parts of the area, management plans are not implemented but local restrictions help to preserve natural values.

Old marshland (8 hectares) has been restored, and sluices were built. Mud was removed, littoral region was developed.

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Birds	Implemented

Bird fauna monitoring by DINPD and Birdlife Hungary

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

see other published literature

6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3) $\,$

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ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

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iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

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iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

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v. site management plan

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vi. other published literature

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6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Tens of thousands of gesse and thousands of ducks rost on Lake Oreg, in front of the baroque style Castle of Tata during the migration period (Csonka Péter; Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate, 20-12-2010)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 1989-03-17