

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Hungary

Rétszilas Fishponds Nature Conservation Area



Designation date 30 April 1997 Site number 899

Coordinates 46°50'18"N 18°34'37"E

Area 1 494,00 ha

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1 - Summary

Summary

The centre of the area is a fish pond system which was built in the 1930s, in place of the regulated "Össárvíz" marshland. This fish pond system is still cultivated and it has been enlarged several times. Large interwoven reeds are optimal nesting places for several species of waterfowl. The few hundred hectares of water surface play an outstanding role during bird migration.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1	1.1	-	Name	and	address	of the	compiler	of this RIS
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2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year 2006 To year 2015

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or	Rétszilas Fishponds Nature Conservation Area
Spanish)	
Unofficial name (optional)	Rétszilasi-halastavak Természetvédelmi Terület

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	
^(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 decreased	
(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?	Yes (actual)
(Update) Are the changes	Positive O Negative Positive & Negative O
(Update) No information available	
(Update) Changes resulting from causes operating within the existing boundaries?	
(Update) Changes resulting from causes operating beyond the site's boundaries?	
(Update) Changes consequent upon site boundary reduction alone (e.g., the exclusion of some wetland types formerly included within the site)?	
(Update) Changes consequent upon site boundary increase alone (e.g., the inclusion of different wetland types in the site)?	

(Update) Please describe any changes to the ecological character of the Ramsar Site, including in the application of the Criteria, since the previous RIS for the site.

The breeding bird fauna of the site has changed unfavourably. The heron and Spoonbill colonies have moved out of the site and even the gull colonies have declined significantly. The changes are negative, significant and at least partly human-induced (partly due to weather events). An Article 3.2. report has been submitted to the Secretariat.

(Update) Is the change in ecological character negative, human-induced Yes (AND a significant change (above the limit of acceptable change)



(Update) Has an Article 3.2 report been submitted to the Secretariat? Yes ●

2.2 - Site location

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b) Digital map/image

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Boundaries description

Follows the boundary of the Nature Conservation Area (national protection).

2.2.2 - General location

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

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

- a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes O No \odot
- b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party?

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha): 1494

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries 1494.08

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

biogeographic regions	
Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	Pannonian

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

Pannonnic Biogeographic region

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

<no data available>

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

Rétszilas Fishponds Nature Protection Area has an important role in maintaining ecological diversity in the Carpathian basin because the similar areas are usually in worse condition. This wetland has an important role for maintaining the biological diversity of the biogeographic region. Fishponds are suitable habitats for nesting and migratory birds. This area is a good example for near-natural wetland habitats in the Carpathian basin. This wetland is important for its quality in preserving high diversity especially of animal communities. This wetland is important for its quality in preserving high diversity especially of animal communities. Relatively large area with different types of vegetation and open water surface providing valuable rare habitats, such as Myriophylletum-Potametum, Lemno-Utricularietum, Phragmition australis, Caricetum acutiformis ripariae, Bolboschoenetum maritimi, Agrostio-caricetum distantis, Agrosti-Alopecuretum pratensis, Astragalo-Festucetum rupicolae, Salvio-Festucetum rupicolae and Salicetum triandrae.

- ☑ Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions
- ☑ Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

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
Acorus calamus								
Astragalus asper			/					
Cirsium brachycephalum		 ✓	2		LC ©#		Habitats Directive Annex II	
Filipendula vulgaris			2					
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae			2					
Nuphar luteum			2					
Nymphaea alba								
Ophrys sphegodes			2				CITES Apendix II (in EU, CITES Annex B)	
Stratiotes aloides			✓					
Utricularia vulgaris			2					

Rétszilas Fishponds Nature Protection Area has an important role in maintaining ecological diversity in the Carpathian basin because the similar areas are usually in worse condition.

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

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Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under 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														
	Acrocephalus melanopogon	Moustached Warbler		0000	10	2009-2013		LC Sign			EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period		
	Alcedo atthis	Common Kingfisher			10	2009-2013		LC Sign			EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period		
	Anas acuta	Northern Pintail			100	2009-2013		LC			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover		
	Anas clypeata	Northern Shoveler			300	2009-2013					EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover		
	Anas crecca	Eurasian Teal; Green-winged Teal			2000	2009-2013		LC			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover		
	Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard		0000	8500	2009-2013		LC ●¥ ●₩			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover and breeding site		
	Anas querquedula	Garganey		0000	250	2009-2013					EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover		
	Anas strepera	Gadwall			40	2009-2013					EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover		
	Anser albifrons	Greater White- fronted Goose			10000	2009-2013	9	LC Sign			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover; 1% threshold is 1100 birds: Wetlands International (2017). "Waterbird Population Estimates". Retrieved from wpe.wetlands.org on Friday 28 Apr 2017		
	Anser anser	Greylag Goose			3300	2009-2013	5	LC Sign			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover and breeding site; 1% threshold is 560 birds: Wetlands International (2017). "Waterbird Population Estimates" . Retrieved from wpe.wetlands.org on Friday 28 Apr 2017		
	Anser erythropus	Lesser White- fronted Goose			3	2009-2013		VU Sign		1	EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover		
	Anser fabalis	Bean Goose			2000	2009-2013		LC			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover		
	Aquila heliaca	Asian Imperial Eagle; Eastern Imperial Eagle		0000	2	2009-2013		VU Str	/	✓	EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover		
AVES	Ardea alba	Great Egret			200	2009-2013		LC obs			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover		
	Ardea purpurea	Purple Heron			20	2009-2013		LC Str			EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period		
	Ardeola ralloides	Squacco Heron			3	2009-2013		LC ©#			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover		
CHORDAIA	Aves	Osprey	2 000		2	2013		LC offi			EU Birds Directive Annex I			
	Aythya ferina	Common Pochard			2000	2009-2013		VU ●\$* ●\$#			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover and breeding site		
	Aythya fuligula	Tufted Duck			3000	2009-2013		LC om			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover		

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	qi ci	pecies ualifies under riterion	CC	Speci ontrib unde criter	utes er ion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est	% occurrence	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	C Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya nyroca	Ferruginous Duck	V	200				40	2009-2013		NT Siss		1	EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Botaurus stellaris	Eurasian Bittern	V	2 00				20	2009-2013		LC Sisson			EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Branta ruficollis	Red-breasted Goose	V	2 00				10	2009-2013		VU ● 63 ● 158		1	EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chlidonias hybrida	Whiskered Tern	V	2 00				45	2009-2013		LC © 53 © 158			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chlidonias niger	Black Tern	Ø.	Z OC				500	2009-2013		LC Singer			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Black-headed Gull		7 00				2000	2009-2013					EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover and breeding site
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ciconia ciconia	White Stork	Ø.	Z OC										EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ciconia nigra	Black Stork	Ø.	Z OC										EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circaetus gallicus	Short-toed Snake Eagle	V	2 00				2	2009-2013		LC Sign			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus aeruginosus	Western Marsh Harrier	Ø.	2 00				14	2009-2013		LC © SP			EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus pygargus	Montagu's Harrier	V	200							LC Str			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Cygnus olor	Mute Swan		2 00				250	2009-2013		LC Str			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover and breeding site
CHORDATA/ AVES	Egretta garzetta	Little Egret	V					20	2009-2013		LC Sign			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	V	2 00							LC ©SF	\checkmark		EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Fulica atra	Eurasian Coot		2 00				2600	2009-2013					EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover and breeding site
CHORDATA/ AVES	Gallinula chloropus	Common Moorhen		2 00				20	2009-2013		LC Single			EU Birds Directive Annex II	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Haliaeetus albicilla	White-tailed Eagle	V.	2 00				7	2009-2013		LC Sign	/	 ✓	EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Himantopus himantopus	Black-winged Stilt	V	2 00										EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ichthyaetus melanocephalus	Mediterranean Gull		2 00				100	2009-2013					EU Birds Directive Annex II	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ixobrychus minutus	Little Bittern	V	3 00				30	2009-2013		LC			EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Larus cachinnans	Caspian Gull; Yellow-legged Gull		2 00				400	2009-2013		LC © 53 © 1587			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Larus canus	Mew Gull		2 00				200	2009-2013		LC Str			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion	Species contributes under criterion	Pop. Size Period	of pop. Est. occurrence		CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AVES	Limosa limosa	Black-tailed Godwit			20 2009-2	013	NT ●# ●®			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Luscinia svecica	Bluethroat			8 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Mergellus albellus	Smew					LC			EU Birds Directive Annex I	wintering period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Microcarbo pygmeus	Pygmy Cormorant		0000	50 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Netta rufina	Red-crested Pochard			40 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover and breeding site
CHORDATA/ AVES	Numenius arquata	Eurasian Curlew			30 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night Heron; Black-crowned Night-Heron					LC •\$* •\$#			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Philomachus pugnax	Ruff		0000	1000 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Platalea leucorodia	Eurasian Spoonbill			85 2009-2	013	LC ©SP			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Porzana parva	Little Crake			10 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Porzana porzana	Spotted Crake			10 2009-2	013	LC Str			EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Rallus aquaticus	Water Rail			20 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex II	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Recurvirostra avosetta	Pied Avocet	VVO O							EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Sterna hirundo hirundo				10 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex I	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AVES	Sturnus vulgaris	Common Starling; European Starling			5000 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa erythropus	Spotted Redshank			300 2009-2	013				EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa glareola	Wood Sandpiper			1000 2009-2	013	LC			EU Birds Directive Annex I	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa nebularia	Common Greenshank			30 2009-2	013	LC			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa totanus	Common Redshank			50 2009-2	013	LC Single			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover
CHORDATA/ AVES	Vanellus vanellus	Northern Lapwing			300 2009-2	013	NT • is • is			EU Birds Directive Annex II	migration stopover
1	and Crustacea										
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGI	Misgurnus fossilis	Mud loach					LC Sign			Habitats Directive Annex II	resident
Others											

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	qu	peci lalifi lnde iteri	es er on	CO	unde riter	utes er ion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence		CITES Appendix	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA	Amphibia			عاد												
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Bombina bombina	Fire-bellied Toad	2 0	םכ								LC •#			Habitats Directive Annex II	resident
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Emys orbicularis	European Pond Terrapin	V	םכ											Habitats Directive Annex II and IV	resident
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Eptesicus serotinus	serotine; Common Serotine	V 5	2 C								LC Sign			Habitats Directive Annex IV	migration period
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Hyla arborea		2									LC ●部			Habitats Directive Annex IV	resident
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Lacerta agilis		V	םכ								LC ©SF			Habitats Directive Annex IV	resident
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Lacerta viridis		/									LC OSS			Habitats Directive Annex IV	resident
CHORDATA	Mammalia <u>************************************</u>	Eurasian Otter	V	00					10	2013					EU Habitats Directive Annex II	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Mustela eversmanii	Steppe Polecat	2												Habitats Directive Annex II and IV	resident
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Myotis daubentonii		V 6	2 [LC			Habitats Directive Annex IV	migration period
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Myotis myotis	mouse-eared bat; Mouse-eared Myotis	V 5	2 [LC Sign			Habitats Directive Annex II and IV	migration period
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Natrix tessellata		V	םכ								LC ●数 ●際			Habitats Directive Annex IV	resident
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Pelobates fuscus		V									LC ©SF			Habitats Directive Annex IV	resident
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Pelophylax lessonae		Ø	00								LC om			Habitats Directive Annex IV	resident
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Pipistrellus pipistrellus	Common Pipistrelle	V 5	2 C								LC Sign			Habitats Directive Annex IV	migration period
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Plecotus auritus	brown big-eared bat; Brown Long- eared Bat	V 5	2 [LC OSS			Habitats Directive Annex IV	migration period
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Proserpinus proserpina		2												Habitats Directive Annex IV	resident
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Rana arvalis		V	0								LC Sin			Habitats Directive Annex IV	breeding period
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Rana dalmatina		V 6	0								LC ©SF			Habitats Directive Annex IV	breeding period
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Rhinolophus hipposideros	lesser horseshoe bat	V	20								LC Sign			Habitats Directive Annex II and IV	migration period
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Triturus dobrogicus	Danube Crested Newt	V 5	2 [Habitats Directive Annex II and IV	breeding period
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Zerynthia polyxena	Southern Festoon	Ø	0											Habitats Directive Annex IV	resident

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

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

Name of ecological community	Community qualifies under Criterion 2?	Description	Justification
3150 Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition–type vegetation	Ø	Myriophylletum-Potametum	Listed on Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive
3160 Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds	2	Lemno-Utricularietum	Listed on Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive

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

4.1 - Ecological character

The structure of water-plant communities can be studied well on the area of Rétszilas Fishponds. The open water reed-grass vegetation (Lemno-Utricularietum and Myriophyllo-Potamogetonetum), reedbed (Scirpo-Phragmitetum and Bolboschoeno-Phragmitetum), the mosaic-like mixture of sedge (Cladietum marisci) plant communities and the characteristic types of Transdanubian sodic pastures along the lakes can be also found. The following plant communities are interesting from the nature conservation point of view:

- Astragalo-Festucetum rupicolae
- Agrostetum albae
- Agrosti-Caricetum distantis
- Alopecuretum pratensis
- Agrosti-Eleochari-Alopecuretum
- Bolboschoenetum maritimi

In the meadows lying on the northern part of the area there are ear-grain cultures. As the yield of the production is low, the tendencies of cultivation show reduction. The uncultivated areas are being re-meadowed in the most natural way.

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 >> M Permanent rivers/ streams/ creeks		2		
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		3		
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		1		

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		
2: Ponds		2		
4: Seasonally flooded agricultural land		4		
9: Canals and drainage channels or ditches		3		

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Scientific name	Common name	Position in range / endemism / other
Carex elata elata		
Carex pseudocyperus		
Dactylorhiza incarnata		
Orchis militaris		CITES Apendix II (in EU, CITES Annex B)
Thalictrum lucidum		

4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/AVES	Acrocephalus arundinaceus	Great Reed Warbler				
CHORDATA/AVES	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	Sedge Warbler				
CHORDATAVANES	Acrocephalus scirpaceus	Eurasian Reed Warbler				
CHORDATAVAVES	Ardea cinerea	Gray Heron; Grey Heron				
CHORDATAVAVES	Athene noctua	Little Owl				
CHORDATAVAVES	Chlidonias leucopterus	White-winged Tern				
CHORDATA/AVES	Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow				
CHORDATAVAVES	Luscinia Iuscinia	Thrush Nightingale				
CHORDATA/AVES	Merops apiaster	European Bee-eater				
CHORDATA/AVES	Tringa stagnatilis	Marsh Sandpiper				
CHORDATA/AVES	Tyto alba	Barn Owl				
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Acherontia atropos					
CHORDATA/AMPHIBIA	Bufo bufo	European Toad				
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Calosoma sycophanta					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Carabus cancellatus					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Carabus coriaceus					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Carabus hortensis					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Carabus ulrichii					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Gomphus pulchellus					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Lestes virens					
CHORDATA/AMPHIBIA	Lissotriton vulgaris					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Mantis religiosa					
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Mustela erminea	Ermine				
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Mustela nivalis	Least Weasel				
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Natrix natrix	Grass Snake				
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Panchrysia deaurata					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Papilio machaon	Common Yellow Swallowtaii;Swallowtaii;Old World Swallowtaii;Artemisia Swallowtail				
CHORDATA/AMPHIBIA	Pelophylax ridibundus					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Phalera bucephaloides					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Purpuricenus budensis					
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Vanessa atalanta					

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
D: Moist Mid-Latitude	Dfb: Humid continental (Humid with severe winter,
climate with cold winters	no dry season, warm summer)

Erratic rainfall pattern results in sometimes unusually high inundation of the surrounding areas, whose waters are then led into the fishponds, leading to ecological changes (e.g. reedbeds declining). The predominant wind direction has changed from northwesterly to southerly and southwesterly.

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

RIS for Site no. 899), Rétszilas Fishponds	Nature Conservatio	n Area, Hungary					
a) Minimum elevation a	above sea level (in metres)							
a) Maximum elevation a	102							
	metres)	tira di au basia						
Entire river basin ☐ Upper part of river basin ☐								
Upper part of river basin ☐ Middle part of river basin ☑								
	•	t of river basin						
	More than o	one river basin						
	No	t in river basin						
		Coastal						
		sub-basin, please also name	e the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.					
Danubian river basin	(River Danube).							
4.4.3 - Soil								
		Mneral 🗹						
	(Update) Changes	at RIS update No change	Increase O Decrease O Unknown O					
	No availab	ole information						
	o change as a result of changin ions (e.g., increased salinity or							
4.4.4 - Water regime								
Water permanence Presence?	Changes at RIS update							
Usually permanent water	No change							
present Source of water that maintain								
Presence?	Predominant water source	Changes at RIS update						
Water inputs from surface water	✓	No change						
Water destination								
Presence? To downstream catchment	Changes at RIS update No change							
To downstream catcriment	No drange							
Stability of water regime Presence?	Changes at RIS update							
Water levels fluctuating (including tidal)	No change							
The annual water der water of the Sárvíz ca the meadows is cove	mands of the fishpond is a	approximately 12 million riodically with mixing su arr and 100-120 hectare	this boxto explain sites with complex hydrology: n m3. It is supplied continuously from the Malom and Sárvíz canals. The itable water because of its high pollution. Approximately 50-60 hectares on its covered by water in the springtime. The area is characterized by the each in the whole year.					
4.4.5 - Sediment regin	ne							
	Sediment reg	gime unknown 🗹						
4.4.6 - Water pH								
		Unknown 🗹						
4.4.7 - Water salinity								
	F	Fresh (<0.5 g/l) 🗹						
	^(Update) Changes	at RIS update No change	Increase O Decrease O Unknown O					
		Unknown						
4.4.8 - Dissolved or su	spended nutrients in wat	er						
		Unknown 🗹						
4.4.9 - Features of the	surrounding area which i	may affect the Site						
	, and if so how, the landscape a a surrounding the Ramsar Site	differ from the i) broadly sim	ilar ^O ii) significantly different ⊚					
O P	una han aun sterrich (* 15	site itself:						
	area has greater urbanisation of	_						
	ng area has higher human popi ding area has more intensive a	_						
	gnificantly different land cover o	_						
Surrounding area has ei								

Please describe other ways in which the surrounding area is different:

The surrounding area is one of the best agricultural lands of the country in its quality, where primarily cereals are produced. North of the area in the valley there are further extensive fishpond systems. The nearest industrial centre is located in Székesfehérvár north of the area 40 km from the site.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance		
Food for humans	Sustenance for humans (e.g., fish, molluscs, grains)	High		
Wetland non-food products	Reeds and fibre	Low		

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance					
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Storage and delivery of water as part of water supply systems for agriculture and industry	Medium					
Erosion protection	Soil, sediment and nutrient retention	Low					
Pollution control and detoxification	Water purification/waste treatment or dilution	Low					

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Low
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	Low
Scientific and educational	Important knowledge systems, importance for research (scientific reference area or site)	Low
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	Low

Within the site:	100s
Outside the site:	100s

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of vestor of the ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site? Yes O No ⊚ Unknown O

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 character of the wetland

4.6 - Ecological processes

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

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

lic owners	

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal government	V	v
Local authority, municipality, (sub)district, etc.	2	

Private ownership

Filivate Ownership								
Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area						
Cooperative/collective (e.g., farmers cooperative)		✓						
Other types of private/individual owner(s)	2	2						

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

Within the site:

state property: 634.3419 ha municipal property: 0.4115 ha private property: 864.3001 ha

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:	László Csihar (site manager within the Duna-lpoly National Park Directorate)
Postal address:	Duna-lpoly National Park Directorate H-2509 Esztergom, Strázsa-hegy, Hungary Post address: 1525 Budapest, Pf.: 86.
E-mail address:	dinpi@dinpi.hu

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Water regulation

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Drainage	Medium impact	Medium impact	✓	increase		No change
ological resource use						
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Hunting and collecting terrestrial animals	Low impact	Medium impact	v	increase		No change
uman intrusions and dist	urbance					
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Recreational and	Low impact	Low impact	✓	increase		No change

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	2	increase		No change

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Agricultural and forestry effluents	Low impact	Low impact		No change	>	No change

Climate change and severe weather

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Storms and flooding	Low impact	Low impact	✓	increase		No change

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

Regional (international) legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
EU Natura 2000	Sárvíz-völgye (HUDI 10005)	http://www.mme.hu/natura-2000-te ruletek/hudi10005	partly

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site				
Nature Conservation Area			whole				

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	Sárvíz-völgye HU11	http://www.mme.hu/sarviz-volgye	

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict Nature Reserve
Ib Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
II National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
III Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
IV Habitat/Species Management Area: protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention
V Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation
VI Managed Resource Protected Area: protected area managed mainly

for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems

5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

Measures	Status
Legal protection	Implemented

Habitat

Measures	Status
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Implemented

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Fisheries management/regulation	Implemented

Other:

The whole site is a Nature Conservation Area, which enjoys protection since 1996. The territory and its surrounding is a special hunting area (with special restrictions on hunting). Rétszilas fishponds is located in Sárvíz-völgye Natura 2000 site (HUDI 10005). Rétszilas fishponds Ramsar Site is about 15% of the whole Natura 2000 site.

With its wider surrounding (Sárvíz-völgye) the area is part of the list that is edited by Birdlife International and collects the Important Bird Areas as the most significant living places of birds.

It has an outstanding role in the river corridor running from the Danube to the Transdanubian Mountains.

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:

During the time of bird ringing activities the Hungarian Ornithological Association organises education camps for youths and students. Schoolgroups make education excursions every year. The circumstances of a regular, integrated education have to be prepared. The building of a fishing museum in Réti-major, is closely connected to nature education.

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No need identified

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Birds	Implemented

Bird fauna monitoring by Duna-Ipoly National Park Directorate (DINPD) and Birdlife Hungary University of West Hungary has been monitoring waterfowl for two decades.

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

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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)

<no file available>

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

<no file available>

iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

<no file available>

v. site management plan

<no file available>

vi. other published literature

<no data available>

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Great White Egret and Black-headed Gull at the Rétszilas Fishponds Ramsar Site (*Bence Máté, 02-02-*2015)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 1997-04-30