

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Netherlands Deelen



Designation date 30 December 1992 Site number 579

Coordinates 53°01'17"N 05°54'16"E

Area 514,00 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 Deelen (514 ha) is located to the north of the city of Heerenveen. It is one of the few remnants of the extensive complex of peat bog landscapes that once covered northwestern Overijssel and Friesland provinces. It is an area of former peat-workings along the small river Boorne (or Koningsdiep) comprising open water, channels ("petgaten"), reedbeds, shrubs and wet meadows. The "petgaten" (channels dug for the harvesting of peat) are relatively young, because peat digging started early 1900. Petgaten are also dug for nature development purposes. This resulted in a large area of shallow open water, where succession from land to water takes place. The petgaten are separated from each other by small ridges (strips of land where peat was laid to dry). Reed, alder and willows grow on these ridges. The site is especially important for waterbird species.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - 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 2015

To year 2020

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)

Unofficial name (optional)

Originally designated as 'De Deelen'

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 O No

(Update) B. Changes to Site area

(Update) For secretariat only: This update is an extension □

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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Boundaries description

The boundary of the Ramsar site is equal to the Natura 2000-site with the same name.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie? Friesland

b) What is the nearest town or population Heerenveen with a population of 50.650 in 2021 (Source: CBS, Netherlands Statistics).

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

centre?

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): 514

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries 514.264

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	Atlantic

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

The bio-geographic regions dataset used, contains the official delineations used in the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and for the EMERALD Network set up under the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention)

3 - Why is the Site important?

<no data available>

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities												
☑ Criterion 3 : Biologica	al diversity											
	Justification ma	The Deelen is designated as a Natura 2000 site (SPA) and can therefore be considered important for maintaining the biodiversity of the Atlantic biogeographic region. Besides the species mentioned under criterion 2, the site has also been designated as a SPA for a number of bird species that are not on Annex I of the BD.										
☑ Criterion 4 : Support of	during critical lif	fe cycle stage	e or in ad	verse conditio	ns							
☑ Criterion 5 : >20,000 v	waterbirds											
Overall water	bird numbers 26	5,986										
	Start year 20)15										
S	ource of data: So	ovon, Dutch C	Centre for	Field Ornithol	ogy							
☑ Criterion 6 : >1% wate3.2 - Plant species v			es to th	e internatio	onal imp	ortar	nce of t	he site				
Phylum	Scientific nar		Criterion 2		erion 3		Criterion 4	IUC	CITES Appendi	ix I	Other status	Justification
Plantae												
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Gentiana pneumona	anthe	\checkmark							1	National red list species	
3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site												
Phylum Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	under criterion	Pop. Size	eriod of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I		(Other Status	Justification
Fish, Mollusc and Crustacea												
MOLLUSCA / Pisidium BIVALVIA pseudosphaerium						LC			National red list sp	ecies		

LC

The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.

Acrocephalus

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Birds

CHORDATA

AVES

Phylum	Scientific name	qualifie	rion	un		outes riterion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas clypeata	V	V		√		990	2015/16-2019/20	1.5	LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union. Pop: NORTH-WEST & CENTRAL EUROPE (WIN)
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas crecca	V		V	V		475	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	LC			National red list species	foraging, resting
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas penelope	V			V		1720	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas strepera		2 C	V	V		1294	2015/16-2019/20	1.1	LC				foraging, resting Pop: STREPERA, NORTH-WEST EUROPE
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser albifrons		V		✓		15906	2015/16-2019/20	1.3	LC				The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union. Pop: AL BIFRONS, NW SIBERIA & NE EUROPE/NORTH-WEST EUROPE
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser anser						3456	2015/16-2019/20	0.4					The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Ardea alba	V			V		140	2015/16-2019/20	0.2	LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Ardea purpurea	V		V	V		35	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Botaurus stellaris	V					5	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Branta leucopsis				V		10804	2015/16-2019/20	0.9	LC				The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Chlidonias niger	V		Ø	V		34	2015/16-2019/20	0	LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Circus aeruginosus									LC				The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Cygnus olor			V	V		192	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	LC				foraging, resting
CHORDATA / AVES	Limosa limosa	V		V	V		52	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	NT			National red list species	foraging, resting
CHORDATA / AVES	Mergellus albellus			V	V		63	2015/16-2019/20	0.2	LC				The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Platalea leucorodia			V	V		8	2019/20	0.1	LC				foraging, resting

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

Bird data are provided by SOVON, Dutch Centre for Field Ornithology.

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

<no data available>

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

4.1 - Ecological character

The Deelen is one of the few remnants of the extensive complex of peat bog landscape that once covered north-western Overijssel and Friesland.

Plant communities of European interest that occur are:

- Cicuto-Caricetum pseudocyperi,
- Carici elongatae alnetum,
- Thelypterido-Alnetum.

The Deelen is an important breeding area for birds of reed marshes, such as Marsh harrier, Savi's warbler, Sedge warbler, Purple heron and Bittern. Also the largest colony of Black terns in Friesland occurs here. Compared to other marshes also a large density of Grasshopper warblers occurs here. The area is also important as foraging, resting and moulting area for geese and waders.

Human activities include small scale reed-harvesting and peat extracting. The site is open for public: there are hiking routes, a hide for birdwatching and boat and hiking excursions are organised.

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 > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		1	257	
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		2	207	
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> Xp: Permanent Forested peatlands		3	51.4	

Human-made wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type
9: Canals and drainage channels or ditches		4	

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

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4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Graphoderus bilineatus				HD Annex: II & IV
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Myotis dasycneme				HD Annex: II & IV; National RL category - (2009): LC

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

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

The climates according to Köppen are rainy (Cbf) and montane (EH).

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Eutrophic 🗹

	^(Update) Changes at RIS update No change ⊙ Increase ○ Decrease ○ Unknown
	Unknown
4	1.4.9 - 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 O ii) significantly different O site itself:
	Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development \Box
	Surrounding area has higher human population density \square
	Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use \Box
	Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types

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)	Medium
Fresh water	Drinking water for humans and/or livestock	Medium
Wetland non-food products	Livestock fodder	Medium
Wetland non-food products	Reeds and fibre	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	Recreational hunting and fishing	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Water sports and activities	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	Medium
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	Medium
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	High

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganizms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High
Nutrient cycling	Carbon storage/sequestration	High

Optional text box to provide further information

The hydrological values of the Deelen include flood control and groundwater replenishment.

Diary farming 5 - 35%, Reed cutting 5 - 35%, Wind mills, Paths, tracks, cycling tracks 5 - 35%, Nautical sports 5 - 35%, Walking, horse-riding and non-motorised vehicles 5 - 35%, Water management >95%. Number of visitors not known.

Ongoing biodiversity monitoring is one of the obligatory activities in relation to the designated Natura 2000 species. SOVON, the Dutch Bird Research Organisation, coordinates for instance a continues national bird monitoring program in which it cooperates with 7000 volunteers, research institutes and organisations in the monitoring of birds throughout the Netherlands (among which the Deelen).

Visitors centre, excursions, hide.

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 $\hfill\Box$ 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
rno data availables

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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

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Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal government	✓	

Private ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Other types of private/individual owner(s)	2	2

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

within the Ramsar site:

The site is owned by Staatsbosbeheer (465 ha); the remainder is in private ownership. Surrounding area: several private owners.

in the surrounding area:

Surrounding area: several private owners.

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for managing the site:

Provide the name and/or title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:

Postal address:

See https://www.staatsbosbeheer.nl/natuurgebieden/de-deelen

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Head office: Staatsbosbeheer, P.O. Box 2, 3800 AA Amersfoort, the Netherlands, tel. 030-6926111

E-mail address:

info@staatsbosbeheer.nl

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	✓	No change		No change

Biological 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	Low impact	/	No change		No change

Human intrusions and disturbance

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Recreational and tourism activities	Low impact	Low impact	 ✓	No change	 ✓	No change

Pollution

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

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

Regional (international) legal designations

Regional (international) legal designations							
Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site				
EU Natura 2000	Deelen	https://www.natura2000.nl/gebied en/friesland/deelen	whole				

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
National Ecological Network (NEN)	Deelen	https://www.government.nl/topics /nature-and-biodiversity/nationa l- ecological-network-nen	whole

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	Deelen	http://datazone.birdlife.org/sit e/factsheet/1234	whole
Other non-statutory designation	KBA Deelen	http://www.keybiodiversityareas. org/site/factsheet/1234	whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

	la Strict Nature Reserve
	lb Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
	Il National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
	III Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
1	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

Legal protection		
Measures	Status	
Legal protection	Implemented	

Habitat

Measures	Status
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Implemented
Hydrology management/restoration	Implemented
Improvement of water quality	Implemented

Species

Measures	Status	
Threatened/rare species	Implemented	
management programmes	implemented	

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented
Livestock management/exclusion (excluding fisheries)	Implemented
Research	Implemented

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? Yes

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site? Yes **1** No O

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning Yes \overline{O} No $\overline{\odot}$ processes with another Contracting Party?

URL of site-related webpage (if relevant): https://www.natura2000.nl/gebieden/friesland/deelen

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? Yes, there is a plan

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Birds	Implemented
Water quality	Implemented

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6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

The site equals the Natura 2000-boundaries. Voor up-to-date information and references about the site see https://www.natura2000.nl/gebieden/friesland/deelen.

6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

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

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

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

iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

v. site management plan

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vi. other published literature

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



- (Hans Dekkers, -)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 1992-12-30