

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Norway Øvre Forra



Designation date 6 August 2002 Site number 1194

Coordinates 63°36'07"N 11°36'21"E

Area 10 254,00 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

Øvre Forra is one of Norway's largest nature reserves, larger than some national parks of the country. The Site constitutes a huge, intact mire system found at a relatively high elevation (370m - 936m), which is partly forested (Norway spruce and Scots pine) and interspersed with several smaller lakes and meandering rivers. The landscape is characterized by the mire system, and mires also exist on a sloping terrain due to high precipitation. Ombrotrophic bogs receive all their nutrients from precipitation and as a result they are nutrient-poor with only a few vascular plant species. Peat depth varies greatly in relation to the varied landscape, and ranges from 2.5 m in the large plain areas to only a few cm in the sloping terrain (>10° inclination).

In 1982, a discovery was made of a bloomery (Heglesvollen) for production of iron straight from bog ore. Several remains from such bloomeries exists all over Øvre Forra. Fuel for the bloomery furnaces was charcoal, and deforestation in relation to this activity likely resulted in waterlogging, contributing to the formation of the many mires one can find in this area today.

The river Forra is a tributary river of the Stjørdalselva which runs through the protected area. The Forra meanders through the large plain mire landscape and over an 8 km long stretch, the river descends by only 2.2 m, resulting in two large and deep slow-flowing river stretches.

The area is well known for its abundance of waterfowl, especially waders, but also for its diversity in mire types and flora. A total of 331 vascular plant species are registered, along with 370 species of higher fungi. One can also find 130 species of birds (19 wader species), and more than 70 of these are registered as breeding species. The most abundant avian species in Øvre Forra are common redshank, common greenshank, common gull, common snipe and whimbrel.

Human activities include canoeing, berry picking (cloudberries and blueberries), skiing activities, hiking and recreational hunting and fishing.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1	 Name 	and	address	of the	compiler	of this	RIS
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Responsible compiler

Institution/agency Norwegian Environment Agency

Post address Post box 5672 Torgarden, N-7485 Trondheim, Norway

National Ramsar Administrative Authority

Postal address Postal

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

From year 1970

To year 2021

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)

Øvre Forra

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

No change to 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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Former maps 0

Boundaries description

The boundaries are the same as for the Øvre Forra Nature Reserve.

2.2.2 - General location

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

Trøndelag

b) What is the nearest town or population

Levanger

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes $\mbox{O}\mbox{ No}\mbox{ }\mbox{\Large @}$

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): 10254

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from 10254.878 GIS boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	1. Alpine
	2. Middle boreal zone (MbO2 - clearly oceanic section), Northern boreal zone (NbO2 - clearly oceanic section) and Alpine zone (AO1 – slightly oceanic section)

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

- 1. Biogeographical regions of Europe, European Environment Agency, 2005
- 2. Zonal division showing the variation in vegetation from south to north and from the lowlands to the mountains, and sectional graduation showing the variation between the coast and inland (In: Moen, A. 1998. Nasjonalatlas for Norge; vegetasjon. Statens kartverk, Hønefoss).

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

Criterion 1: Representative, rare or unique natural or near-natural wetland types

Øvre Forra is representative of a large and unspoilt mire and forested mire-system to be found at higher elevation. Characteristic, and of international interest, are the many different types of mires, such as blanket bogs, raised bogs, ombrotrophic mires, alkaline fens and others. As a whole, Øvre Forra comprises a unique natural environment and mountainous cultural landscape.

☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

Øvre Forra include several threatened ecological communities, such as meanders (NRL: VU), blanket Optional text box to provide further bog (NRL: VU), semi-natural fen (NRL: EN) and semi-natural grassland (NRL: VU). Additionally, the Site information hosts several rare/threatened species, including the Eurasian eagle-owl (NRL: EN), ruff (NRL: VU) and the freshwater pearl mussel (NRL: EN).

☑ Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

The area is well known for its abundance of waterfowl, especially waders, but also for its diversity in mire Justification types and botany. A total of 331 vascular plant species are registered, along with 370 species of "higher fungi". One can also find 130 species of birds, of these 19 species constitute waders.

Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions

Optional text box to provide further

The area is an important breeding location for several bird species. Additionally, the area provides valuable pastures for reindeer as well as migration routes and paths for driving the herds. The reindeer graze in the Øvre Forra year round, particularly in the mires during spring time due to early snow melt.

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Plantae								
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Pseudorchis albida	/	✓				National Red List: Considered as VU	A rare species encountered in this wetland.
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Schoenus ferrugineus	/					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Fungi					<u> </u>			
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Clavaria zollingeri	/					National Red List: Considered as VU	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Cortinarius salor	 ✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
ASCOMYCOTA/ LECANOROMYCETES	Cyphelium karelicum	V					National Red List: Considered as VU	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Entoloma pratulense	V					National Red List: Considered as VU	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Entoloma rhombisporum	 ✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Entoloma velenovskyi	/					National Red List: Considered as VU	
ASCOMYCOTA/ GEOGLOSSOMYCETES	Geoglossum hakelieri	/					National Red List: Considered as EN	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Hygrocybe ingrata	/			VU		National Red List: Considered as VU	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Hygrocybe subpapillata	/					National Red List: Considered as VU	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Hygrocybe turunda	/					National Red List: Considered as VU	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Tricholoma sejunctum	✓					National Red List: Considered as EN	

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Capitalized letters shows the species' status on the National Red List 2021.	
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3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name		Species contributes under criterion 3 5 7 8	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Others										
CHORDATA / MAMMALIA	Castor fiber					LC				Criterion 4: This species breed within this wetland area.
CHORDATA / MAMMALIA	Gulo gulo	2 000				LC			National Red List: Considered as EN, Annex II of Berne Convention	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Lutra lutra		10000			NT	1		Annex II of Berne Convention	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Lynx lynx					LC			National Red List: Considered as EN, Annex III, Berne Convention	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Rangifer tarandus					VU				During winter approximately 700 ind. graze in the area of Skjøttingen–Hårskallen.
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Ursus arctos					LC	1		National Red List: Considered as EN,	

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies unde criterion 2 4 6 9	Species contributes under criterion 3 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification	

Fish, Mollusc and Crustacea						
MOLLUSCA / Margaritifera BIVALVIA margaritifera			EN		National Red List: Considered as VU	
Birds						
CHORDATA / Actitis hypoleucos			LC			Criterion 4: This species is a common breeder.
CHORDATA / Anas crecca			LC			Criterion 4: One of the most frequently encountered breeding duck species.
CHORDATA / Anas penelope						Criterion 4: This species can be observed during migration.
CHORDATA / Aquila chrysaetos			LC			Criterion 4: This is a common breeding species, particularly during rodent years.
CHORDATA / Aythya fuligula			LC			Criterion 4: This species is a common breeder.
CHORDATA / Aythya marila			LC		National Red List: Considered as EN	Criterion 4: This species can be observed during migration.
CHORDATA/ AVES			LC		National Red List: Considered as EN	Criterion 4: This used to be a characteristic breeding species.
CHORDATA / Bucephala AVES clangula			LC			Criterion 4: One of the most frequently encountered breeding duck species.
CHORDATA / Buteo lagopus			LC			Criterion 4: This is a common breeding species, particularly during rodent years.
CHORDATA / Charadrius AVES hiaticula			LC		Ann. II Berne Convention	Criterion 4: This species breed within this wetland area.
CHORDATA / Chroicocephalus ridibundus					National Red List: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: This used to be a characteristic breeding species.
CHORDATA / Clangula hyemalis			VU			Criterion 4: This species can be observed during migration.
CHORDATA / Cygnus cygnus			LC		Ann. Il Berne Convention, Emerald Network	Criterion 4: This species utilize Fersoset as a staging area during spring migration.
CHORDATA / Gallinago AVES gallinago			LC			Criterion 4: This species is a noteworthy breeder.
CHORDATA / Gallinago media			NT		Ann. Il Berne Convention	Criterion 4: This species is a noteworthy breeder.
CHORDATA / Gavia arctica			LC		National Red List: Considered as NT	Criterion 4: This species is a common breeder.
CHORDATA / Gavia stellata			LC			Criterion 4: This species is a common breeder.
CHORDATA/ AVES			LC			Criterion 4: This species is a common breeder.
CHORDATA / Larus canus			LC		National Red List: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: This species breed within this wetland area.
CHORDATA / Melanitta nigra			LC		National Red List: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: This species is a common breeder.
CHORDATA / Mergus AVES merganser			LC			Criterion 4: This species is a common breeder.

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under contributes under criterion under criterion 2 4 6 9 3 5 7 8	Period of pop. Est. % occurre	IUCN nce Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA / AVES	Mergus serrator			LC				Criterion 4: This species can be observed during migration.
CHORDATA / AVES	Numenius phaeopus			LC				Criterion 4: This species is a noteworthy breeder.
CHORDATA / AVES	Pluvialis apricaria			LC				Criterion 4: This species is a noteworthy breeder.
CHORDATA / AVES	Scolopax rusticola			LC				Criterion 4: This species breeds within this wetland area.
CHORDATA / AVES	mollissima			NT			National Red List: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: This species can be observed during migration.
	Tadorna tadorna			LC				Criterion 4: This species can be observed during migration.
	Tringa glareola			LC			Ann. Il Berne Convention	Criterion 4: This species is a noteworthy breeder.
CHORDATA / AVES	Tringa nebularia			LC				Criterion 4: This used to be a characteristic breeding species.
CHORDATA / AVES	Vanellus vanellus			NT			National Red List: Considered as CR	Criterion 4: This species is a common breeder.

¹⁾ Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

Capitalized letters shows the species' status on the National Red List 2021.	
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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
Meanders	2		National Red List: Considered as VU
Semi-natural grassland	2		National Red List: Considered as VU
Semi-natural fen	2		National Red List: Considered as EN
Blanket bogs	2		National Red List: Considered as VU

Optional text box to provide further information

Ridge raised bog: National Red List: Considered as NT

Capitalized letters show the habitats' status on the National Red List for Ecosystems and Habitat types 2021.

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

4.1 - Ecological character

The main area of the reserve includes the upper part of the river Forra, surrounded by extensive mires. The mires cover 62% of the area. There are both flat mires and mires in sloping terrain (blanket mires). The mires have a very varied vegetation and are of international importance.

Extensive forested areas with coniferous forests (36% of the protected area, of which 11% grow on mires). Freshwater bodies are numerous and the slow flowing and meandering river Forra is often covered with aquatic vegetation, Potamogeton, Carex and Nymphaea (in all 24 species). Gallery (partly swamp) forests occur along the river (Betula pubescens, Alnus incana and Salix spp.), and are an important feature of flora and fauna. Some higher elevated hills and peaks with nutrient demanding vegetation occur to the west. Small hay-gathering areas exist from former times, most of these are today growing back to natural vegetation, however, smaller areas are kept open by traditional methods according to the management plan for the area. The area also constitutes an important breeding site for waders.

Nowadays, the most abundant bird species in Øvre Forra is the common redshank. This species has outnumbered the previously most abundant species, the meadow pipit. The numbers of the meadow pipit, the Northern lapwing, the European golden plover and the common sandpiper all tend to be lower than 40 years ago. The common gull and two Tringa species, the common redshank and the common greenshank, seem to have increased in numbers, while the situation for the common snipe and the whimbrel appears to be stable. The ruff used to be a characteristic species on the Øvre Forra's bogs in the 1970s, but has since vanished. Altogether, the study shows an apparently quite stable avifauna over the time span of 40 years in this environmentally stable reserve.

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		3		
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		4		
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools				
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Nonforested peatlands		1		Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> Xp: Permanent Forested peatlands		2		Representative

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Alloclavaria purpurea	National Red List: Considered as NT
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Bankera violascens	National Red List: Considered as NT
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Briza media	This wetland comprise the Northernmost distribution range for this species.
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Carex lepidocarpa	National Red List: Considered as NT
ASCOMYCOTA/NOT ASSIGNED	Chaenotheca subroscida	National Red List: Considered as NT
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Clavaria fumosa	National Red List: Considered as NT
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Cystostereum murrayi	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Dactylorhiza incarnata	Very common species in this wetland area.
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Dactylorhiza incarnata cruenta	Very common species in this wetland area.
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Dactylorhiza viridis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Gentianella campestris campestris	National Red List: Considered as NT
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Gentianella campestris islandica	National Red List: Considered as NT
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Gymnadenia conopsea	Demanding species, adapted to rich mire areas.
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Hammarbya paludosa	
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Hebeloma birrus	National Red List: Considered as NT
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Hygrocybe nitrata	National Red List: Considered as NT
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Hygrocybe russocoriacea	National Red List: Considered as NT
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Hygrophorus secretanii	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Micranthes tenuis	National Red List: Considered as NT
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Moneses uniflora	Very common species in this wetland area.
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Myricaria germanica	National Red List: Considered as NT
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Phellinus kamahi	National Red List: Considered as NT
ASCOMYCOTA/NOT ASSIGNED	Pseudographis pinicola	National Red List: Considered as NT

Optional text box to provide further information

Not assessed for Catalogue of Life yet:

Tayloria tenuis - National Red List: Considered as NT.

Capitalized letters show the species' status on the National Red List 2015.

4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Salmo salar				Salmon Salmo salar goes up the river Forra, but does not enter the site.
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Salmo trutta				Trout Salmo trutta is using the river and lake in the site.
CHORDATA/AVES	Picoides tridactylus				
CHORDATA/AVES	Surnia ulula				

Invasive alien animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Neovison vison	Potential	No change

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
D: Moist Mid-Latitude climate with cold winters	Dfc: Subarctic (Severe winter, no dry season, cool summer)

Normal annual precipitation is well above 1000 mm, with cold winters and relatively warm summers. Slow snow melt in the spring also creates a humid climate. Middle yearly temperature is 2,3°C, with an average of -6,9°C in January and 12,1°C in July. Snow cover usually lasts from October/November to May/June.

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4.4.2 -	Geomorn	hic	setting

a) Minimum 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	$\overline{\mathscr{A}}$
Lower part of river basin	
More than one river basin	
Not in river basin	
Coastal	
Please name the river basin or basins. If the site lies in a sub-basin, please	se also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.
Forra river	

4.4.3 - Soil

Mineral	
(Update) Changes at RIS update	No change ② Increase O Decrease O 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)

Cambro-silurian bedrock, with minerotrophic rock (calcerous grey phyllite) in the western parts and harder rocks in the eastern part (gneiss and schist). Smaller areas with greenschists (up to Hårskallen); These cambro-silurian rocks erode quickly, providing plant nutrients.

Generally, harder and more resistant bedrock when moving eastwards, which reflects in a gradually poorer vegetation (fewer species requiring a base-rich environment).

Gravel and silt deposits from the meltdown of the ice (moraine) with some huge east-west going drumlin deposits.

Peat depth varies greatly coherent with the varied landscape, and range from 2,5 m in the large plain mire areas to only a few cm in sloping terrain (>10° inclination).

4.4.4 - Water regime

Water permanence

Water permanence	
Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Usually permanent water present	

Source of water that maintains character of the site

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

Water destination

Presence?	Changes at RIS update	
To downstream catchment	No change	

Stability of water regime

Presence?	Changes at RIS update	
Water levels largely stable	No change	

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

Water quality is high and nitrogen-poor, with a flow average of 20m3/sec in the river Forra.

4.4.5 - Sediment regime

Sediment regime unknown

4.4.6 - Water pH

Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4)

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change

● Increase

O Decrease

O Unknown

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Unknown 🗹

Please provide further information on pH (optional):

Most of the area with management in Øvre Forra Nature reserve is rich fen (pH > 6 in the peat), and much of this consists of sloping fens (gradient of more than 3°) with a good supply of calcareous water. The fen below the footpath has rich fen vegetation close to the path, but gradually becomes poorer (lower pH in the peat) toward the forest margin.

4.4.7 - Water salinity

Fresh (<0.5 g/l)

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change O Increase O Decrease O Unknown O

Unknown

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Oligotrophic 🗹

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change

☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Unknown ☐

Unknown

Please provide further information on dissolved or suspended nutrients (optional):

Water quality is high and nitrogen-poor, with a flow average of 20m3/sec in the river Forra.

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 O ii) significantly different \odot

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Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development \square

Surrounding area has higher human population density

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types $\ \square$

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

Timber production and recreational use as within the site.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Flows with Services		
Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Wetland non-food products	Livestock fodder	Medium
Wetland non-food products	Other	Medium

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
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	Picnics, outings, touring	Medium
Spiritual and inspirational	Cultural heritage (historical and archaeological)	Medium
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	Medium

Supporting Services

	Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
	Nutrient cycling	Carbon storage/sequestration	Medium	

Other ecosystem service(s) not included above:

The area has an important role in flood control, since its catchment area is large and the river Forra drains into one of the larger rivers in the region, the river Stjørdalselva situated in an agricultural valley with spring flood problems.

The area has played an important role in the history of the inhabitants of the area since they started to produce iron from bog ore approximately 2200 years ago and this period lasted about 1200 years. During this period all the forest was logged as firewood for iron production and the mires were used for haymaking. The haymaking lasted long after the bog ore period was over and the last haymaking on the mires was around 1935. Mountain dairy farming was common in the area until some years after 1900.

The area is today used for grazing cattle and sheep. Also some reindeer herding is performed, especially in the winter months and as calving ground. Parts of the area is popular for trekking, often combined with hunting activities, fishing or berry picking (cloudberries and blueberries). Also canoeing, skiing activities.

Extensive research on a number of fields have been conducted in the past: Hydrology, limnology, climate, geology, flora and fauna.

Within the site:	8 000 +

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

Description if applicable

There are reasons to assume that the site has been changed by ancient human activity over a period of 1200 years when the people here made iron from bog ore. The production of an estimated 50 tons of steel probably led to a total deforestation of the area with a subsequent formation of mires. The mires were held open by haymaking the following 1000 years and the last 100 years the forest is slowly creeping in on the mires again.

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 $\hfill\Box$

character of the wetland

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

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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:	
Private and state (statsallmenning).	
In the surrounding area:	
Private and state (statsallmenning).	

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for	County Governor of Trøndelag
managing the site:	
Postal address:	Statsforvalteren i Trøndelag Pb. 2600 N-7734 STEINKJER
E-mail address;	sftlpost@statsforvalteren.no

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

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	unknown impact	Medium impact	>	No change	✓	No change

Please describe any other threats (optional):

Trouble describe any outer universe (optional).
Within the Ramsar site:
Little impact at present.
In the surrounding area:
Little impact at present.

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

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Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site		
Nature Reserve	Øvre Forra		whole		

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict Nature Reserve
filderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
II National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
al 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

5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented

Other

Dogs have to be kept on a leash in the period 1st April – 20th August.

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 O No ®

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:

A leaflet exists, and a poster has been put on display at the different entrances to the area.

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
Animal community	Implemented
Plant community	Implemented

Extensive research on a number of fields have been conducted in the past: Hydrology, limnology, climate, geology, flora and fauna.

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

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Fish:

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Archaeology:

Berre, I. 1983. Om jarnvinna og jarnvinneanlegg. Levanger historielag. Årsskrift 1983. (in Norwegian - on the iron production)

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

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



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6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

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