

Ramsar Information Sheet

Published on 8 March 2018 Update version, previously published on : 27 May 2013

NorwayLovund/Lundeura



Designation date 27 May 2013
Site number 2161
Coordinates 66°21'57"N 12°19'28"E

Area 153,00 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 Site is situated in the county of Nordland and consists of approximately ¼ of the Lovund Island, as well as the smaller Alkøya Island. The Site covers an area from Hestvika in the north-west along the western and northern part of the Lovund mountain bay at 623 m.a.s.l. Lundeura is a scree with large boulders covering the side of the mountain. The mountain harbors a large colony of the Atlantic puffin Fratercula arctica, estimated to about 40 000 pairs in 1979. At the Alkøya Island some breeding pairs of the razorbill Alca torda and the black-legged Kittiwake Rissa tridactyla have been recorded. The islands also harbors breeding pairs of the European shag Phalacrocorax aristotelis and other more common sea birds like the common eider Somateria mollissima, the Eurasian oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus, the black guillemot Cepphus grylle as well as gulls and terns.

Bird cliffs play an important role in the nutrient flow. The birds are foraging in the ocean and bring nutrients to the bird cliffs and surrounding area by spreading guano, which provides nutrient-rich growing conditions and results in rich vegetation on the island. Islands with bird cliffs like this one are of essential importance for the seabird population in the North Atlantic Ocean.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of the	his RI	of	piler	comp	the	of	address	and	lame	- N	.1	2.1	2
---	--------	----	-------	------	-----	----	---------	-----	------	-----	----	-----	---

Compiler 1

Name	Ellen Haakonsen Karr
Institution/agency	Norwegian Environment Agency
Postal address	P.O. Box 5672 Torgarden, N-7485 Trondheim, Norway
E-mail	post@miljjodir.no
Phone	+47 73 58 05 00

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

From year 1979

To year 2017

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)

Lovund/Lundeura

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

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

<1 file(s) uploaded>

Former maps 0

Boundaries description

The boundaries are the same as for Lovunda/Lundeura nature reserve.

2.2.2 - General location

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

Nordland

b) What is the nearest town or population centre?

Sandnessjøen

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries?

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): 153

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries 153.32

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	Atlantic

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

European Environmental Agency (EEA, 2012): http://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/figures/biogeographical-regions-in-europe-1

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

Lovunda/Lundeura consists of the steepest part of the Island Lovund, which is a scree of large rocks and boulders. The site has a special importance to the puffin Fratercula arctica, and a large colony nests in Other reasons holes between the rocks. The site is unique due to the location close to the birds feeding grounds and due to the steep topography providing necessary protection for nesting. This is one of Norway's many bird cliffs, and they are of essential importance for the seabird-population in the North Atlantic Ocean.

1	Criterion 2:	Rare species	and threatened	ecological	communities
200		Tale apolica		Coological	CONTINUE

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

1	Criterion	5	÷	>20	,000	waterbirds
---	-----------	---	---	-----	------	------------

Overall waterbird numbers 40.000 pairs Start year 1979

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
Ophioglossum vulgatum	Adder's Tongue	₽					National red list: Considered as VU	This species is found is the area.

It is referred to the National Red List 2015.	
il is reierred to the National Red List 2015.	

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	Species contributes under criterion	Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red / List	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Birds											
CHORDATA / AVES	EL	Razorbill		0000				NT ●\$* ●\$#		National red list: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: Lownda/Lundeura is a breeding site for this species. No acceptable estimate for breeding population exists.
AVES		Golden Eagle						LC Sign		Annex II, CITES	Criterion 4: This species is regularly hunting in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	SCL	Eurasian Eagle- Owl						LC ©SP		National red list: Considered as EN	Criterion 4: Lownda/Lundeura is a breeding site for this species. No acceptable estimate for breeding population exists.
CHORDATA / AVES	Cepphus grylle	Black Guillemot		0000				LC		National red list: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: Lownda/Lundeura is a breeding site for this species. No acceptable estimate for breeding population exists.

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	qı u cr	pecies ualifies under riterior 4 6	s d	und	butes der	Pop. Size	Period of pop. E	% occurrence 1)	IUCN ce Red / List		CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
AVES	columbarius	Merlin	Ø.	2 🗆				2			LC			Annex II, Bern Convention	(2 pairs in 2002) Criterion 4: Lovunda/Lundeura is a breeding site for this species.
CHORDATA / AVES	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	Ø.	2 0							LC • is • is	V			Criterion 4: This species is regularly hunting in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Fratercula arctica	Atlantic Puffin	✓.	2 0		•		40000			VU • iii • iii			National red list: Considered as VU	(40000 pairs in 1979) Criterion 4: Lovunda/Lundeura is an important breeding site for this species.No acceptable estimate for breeding population exists
	Haliaeetus albicilla	White-tailed Eagle	· 🗸	2 0							LC • is • is	V	 ✓		Criterion 4: This species is regularly hunting in the area.
AVES	Larus argentatus	Herring Gull		2 0							LC • iiii				Criterion 4: Lovunda/Lundeura is a breeding site for this species.
CHORDATA / AVES	Linaria flavirostris	Twite		2 🗆							LC • is • is			National red list: Considered as NT	Criterion 4: Breeding site for this species.
	Oenanthe oenanthe	Northern Wheatear		2 0							LC •#				Criterion 4: This species breeds at the site.
/	Phalacrocorax aristotelis	European Shag		20							LC • iiii				Criterion 4: Breeding site for this species.
CHORDATA / AVES	Rissa tridactyla	Black-legged Kittiwake	Ø.	2 0							LC • iiii			National red list: Considered as EN	Criterion 4: Lovunda/Lundeura is a breeding site for this species. No acceptable estimate for breeding population exists.
AVES	parasiticus	Parasitic Jaeger		20							LC •#				Criterion 4: Breeding site for this species.
CHORDATA / AVES	Sterna hirundo	Common Tern	√.	20							LC of the			National red list: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: Lovunda/Lundeura is a breeding site for this species. No acceptable estimate for breeding population exists.
AVES	Sterna paradisaea	Arctic Tern		2 🗆				50			LC •#				(50 individuals in 2007) Criterion 4: Lovunda/Lundeura is a breeding site for this species.
CHORDATA / AVES	Sturnus vulgaris	European Starling		2 0							LC • is • is			National red list: considered as NT	Crriterion 4: Breeding site for this species.
Others															
CHORDATA / MAMMALIA	60L	European Otter	V								NT ©	V		National red list: Considered as VU	This species is occasionally observed at the site.
CHORDATA / MAMMALIA	Phoca vitulina	Harbor Seal	V								LC •*			National red list: Considered as VU	This species is occasionally observed at the site.

¹⁾ Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

Fratercula arctica, justification for criterion 5: Approximately 40.000 pairs of birds are breeding in the site each year; the most numerous are Atlantic Puffin Fratercula arctica (40.000 pairs in 1979). Although the numbers have decreased since 1979 the numbers of breeding pairs are still high. There is a deficiency of newer data from the site, but there is planned a bird counting in 2018.

It is referred to the National Red List 2015.

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							
Bird Cliff	2	Steep mountain sides where a number of sea birds nests.	Listed as VJ on the National Red list for Ecosystems and Habitat types. Highly important for several sea bird species, in this case particularly puffins.							

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

4.1 - Ecological character

The site is characterized by the steep scree Lundeura, which is covered by large boulders and rocks all the way up to the top of the Lovund mountain. This scree is important as the nesting site for seabirds, and the puffins in particular. The vegetation on site is dominated by grass and heath, with some birch forest. Bird cliffs play a role in the nutrient flow in these kinds of ecosystems. The birds are foraging in the ocean and bring nutrients to the bird cliffs and surrounding area by spreading guano. The guano provides nutrient-rich growing conditions and results in rich vegetation on the island. Islands with bird cliffs like this one are of essential importance for the seabird-population in the North Atlantic Ocean.

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

Marine or coastal wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
A: Permanent shallow marine waters		1		
B: Marine subtidal aquatic beds (Underwater vegetation)		3		
D: Rocky marine shores		2		Unique

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant specie:

Other noteworthy plant species		
Scientific name	Common name	Position in range / endemism / other
Botrychium lunaria		This species contributes to the middle high species richness of the site.
Catabrosa aquatica		(National red list: Considered as NT) This species contributes to the middle high species richness of the site.
Cochlearia officinalis		This species contributes to the middle high species richness of the site.
Gentianella amarella		This species contributes to the middle high species richness of the site.
Gentianella campestris		(National red list: Considered as NT) This species contributes to the middle high species richness of the site.
Stellaria graminea		This species contributes to the middle high species richness of the site.
Stellaria longifolia		This species contributes to the middle high species richness of the site.

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
CHORDATAMAMMALIA	Halichoerus grypus	Gray Seal				This species is occasionally observed at the site.

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)

The area has a coastal climate with mild winters and relatively wet and cold summers.

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

- N. Colonia - Language - Languag	
a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in metres)	0
metres)	U

a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres)

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types

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

Lovunda/Lundeura is situated close to the fishing village Lovund with 3-400 inhabitants. The ocean outside the nature reserve is used for fishing and aquaculture.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Wetland non-food products	Livestock fodder	Low

Regulating Services

1 togulating convices			
	Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
	Hazard reduction	Coastal shoreline and river bank stabilization and storm protection	Medium

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Nutrient cycling	Storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients	High

Other ecosystem service(s) not included above

Bird cliffs are considered to be important in the nutrient flow between ocean and land.
The lower areas are used for sheep grazing.
The site is used for tourism, especially when the puffin arrives in spring.

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

te provides a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the of traditional knowledge and methods of management and use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland	,
e site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland	
cological character of the wetland depends on its interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples	iii) the ecc
it non-material values such as sacred sites are present and nce is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological 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

ı ub	lic owners	u III

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Provincial/region/state		✓
government		

Private ownership

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

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

a) within the Ramsar site: Private property.

b) in the surrounding area: Private property at land and state property at sea.

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for	County Governor of Nordland
managing the site:	
Provide the name and title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Åsmund Andersen
Postal address:	Moloveien 10, N-8002 Bodø
E-mail address:	fmnopost@fvlkesmannen.no

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Agriculture and aquaculture

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Livestock farming and ranching		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
Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources	Medium impact	Medium impact		No change	2	No change

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Industrial and military effluents	Medium impact	Medium impact		No change	>	No change

Please describe any other threats (optional):

a) within the Ramsar site:

Grazing by sheep influences the vegetation in the nature reserve.

If grazing is suspended in the future the vegetation composition in the reserve will be affected.

b) in the surrounding area:

Reductions in the stock of the lesser sand eel Ammodytes marinus, Capelin Mallotus villosus, and Herring Clupea harengus as a consequence of natural fluctuations, overfishing and climate change has an impact on the breeding success of the seabirds. The birds are further sensitive towards petrol pollution in their feeding areas.

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

Trational logal acoignations				
Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site	
Nature Reserve	Lovunda/Lundeura		whole	

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	NO029 Lovunden		whole

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	

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? No

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

processes with another Contracting Party?

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	Proposed

It is planned a systematic counting of the bird population in 2018.

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

Henriksen, S & Hilmo, O. 2015. Norwegian Red List of Species 2015. Norwegian Biodiversity Information Centre, Norway

Elven, R. med flere. 1988. Botaniske verdier på havstrender i Nordland. B Beskrivelser for regionene Nord-Helgeland og Salten. Økoforsk rapport 1988: 2B.

Lindgaard, A & Henriksen, S. 2011. The 2011 Red List for Ecosystemes and Habitat types. Norwegian Biodiversity Information Center, Norway.

Results from the Norwegian Sea Bird Monitoring and Mapping Programme. SEA POP's webpages. (http://seapop.nina.no/)

6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

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

<no file available>

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 file available>

<no data available>

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site



Lundeura (the steep scree where the puffins nest) (Espen Dahl, 23-06-2015)



Lovund (Espen Dahl, 23-06-2015)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

<1 file(s) uploaded>

Date of Designation 2013-05-27