



# Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands

As approved by Rec.C.4.7 of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, Montreux, Switzerland - July 1990

NOTE: Please read the accompanying guidelines before attempting to complete this form. An example of a completed data sheet is also included.

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5. Name of wetland: ILENE AND PRESTERØDKILEN WETLAND SYSTEM
6. Date of Ramsar designation: 24 July 1985
7. Geographical coordinates: 59°15' N, 10°20' E
8. General location: (e.g. administrative region and nearest large town) Situated on the western coast of the Oslo Fjord at Tonsberg, the county of Vestfold
9. Area: (in hectares) 177 ha (45 ha land area)
10. Wetland type: (see attached classification, also approved by Montreux Rec.C.4.7)  
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11. Altitude: (average and/or maximum & minimum)
12. Overview: (general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetland's principal characteristics)  
Shallow, marine bays with mudflats at Tonsberg. Here has a mosaic landscape with reed areas, meadows, pastures and spruce forests. Prestersdalen is surrounded by reed belts and urban areas. Important resting areas for migrating waterfowl.
13. Physical features: (e.g. geology; geomorphology; origins - natural or artificial; hydrology; soil type; water quality; water depth; water permanence; fluctuations in water level; tidal variations; catchment area; downstream area; climate)  
Here has been built up by fluvial and marine deposits.
14. Ecological features: (main habitats and vegetation types)  
In addition to the mudflats and shallow waters, the main habitats in Here are reed areas, meadows, pastures and spruce forests, and belts of reed in Prestersdalen.

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**15. Land tenure /ownership of:**

(a) site Partly private, partly municipal

(b) surrounding area Partly private, partly municipal

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**16. Conservation measures taken:** (national category and legal status of protected areas - including any boundary changes which have been made; management practices; whether an officially approved management plan exists and whether it has been implemented)

Established as a nature reserve in 1969 (Prestevodkileve) and in 1981 (Ilene). Strict regulations prevent human activity, including building, hunting, drainage etc.

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**17. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:** (e.g. management plan in preparation; officially proposed as a protected area etc.)

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**18. Current land use: principal human activities in:**

(a) site Nature conservation

(b) surroundings/catchment Ilene: mainly agriculture  
Prestevodkileve: Urban and agriculture

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**19. Disturbances/threats, including changes in land use and major development projects:**

(factors which may have a negative impact on the ecological character of the wetland)

(a) at the site Parts of Ilene show signs of overgrowing

(b) in the surroundings/catchment

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**20. Hydrological and physical values:** (groundwater recharge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilisation etc.)

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**21. Social and cultural values:** (e.g. fisheries production, forestry, religious importance, archaeological site etc.)

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**22. Noteworthy fauna:** (e.g. unique, rare, endangered, abundant or biogeographically important species; include count data etc.)

The most numerous species are Anas crecca,  
A. platyrhynchos, Cygnus olor, Calidris alpina,  
Philomachus pugnax and Varellus varellus.

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**23. Noteworthy flora:** (e.g. unique, rare, endangered, or biogeographically important species/communities etc.)

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**24. Current scientific research and facilities:** (e.g. details of current projects; existence of field station etc.)

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**25. Current conservation education:** (e.g. visitors centre, hides, information booklet, facilities for school visits etc.)

An information centre has been established at Hene, and an observation tower will be erected

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**26. Current recreation and tourism:** (state if wetland used for recreation/tourism; indicate type & frequency/intensity)

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**27. Management authority:** (name and address of body responsible for managing the wetland)

Fylkesmannen i Vestfold (The County Governor of Vestfold)  
Stoltenbergsgt. 38  
N-3100 Tønsberg  
Norway

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**28. Jurisdiction:** (territorial e.g. state/region and functional e.g. Dept of Agriculture/Dept of Environment etc.)

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**29. Bibliographical references:** (scientific/technical only)

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**30. Reasons for inclusion:** (state which Ramsar criteria - as adopted by Rec.C.4.15 of the Montreux Conference - are applicable)

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**31. Map of site** (please enclose the most detailed and up-to-date map available - preferably at least 1:25,000 or 1:50,000)

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