



Ramsar Information Sheet

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Norway Stabbursneset



Designation date	24 July 1985
Site number	312
Coordinates	70°09'47"N 24°56'33"E
Area	1 568,00 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

Stabburneset is the most important part of the wetland area in the inner part of the Porsanger fjord, considered one of the most important wetlands in Fennoscandia. The Site consists partly of a river delta including shallow marine waters, sand banks exposed at low tide, saltmarshes and wet mires. Here, one can find large well-developed salt meadows with Arctic plant species and communities. The Valdak marshes in the southern end of the Site are internationally important staging, feeding and moulting areas for several species of waterfowl. Many migrating species of ducks, geese and waders stage here, and this is the most important staging site for the lesser white-fronted goose in Northern Europe. The most numerous bird species occurring at the Site are the red knot (up to 20 000 ind.) and the common eider (up to 5 600 ind.). Additionally, the river Stabburselva is important for Atlantic salmon and is being used for sport fishing. There is also an information center close to the Site and strict regulations prevent hunting and camping during sensitive times.

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	1983
To year	2017

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Stabburnseset
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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 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? No

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Former maps	0
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Boundaries description

The boundaries are the same as of the Stabburnseset Nature Reserve.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?	Finnmark
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b) What is the nearest town or population centre?	Lakselv, approx pop. est. 2 500 (2013)
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2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes No

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party? Yes No

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha):	1568
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Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from
GIS boundaries

1563.73

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	2. Alpine
Other scheme (provide name below)	1. Northern boreal zone (NbOC – transitional section)

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

1. 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).
2. Biogeographical regions of Europe, European Environment Agency, 2005

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

Other reasons: The Site is an Arctic wetland system dominated by a river delta and large mudflats exposed during low tide. The area also has one of the largest salt- and brackish marshes in northern Norway. The mudflats and marshes create an area unusually rich in birds.

- Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

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

- Criterion 5 : >20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers:

Start year:

Source of data:

- Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

- Criterion 8 : Fish spawning grounds, etc.


































Justification: The river Stabburselva is one of the most important rivers for the Atlantic salmon in the county, and it also has vital populations of the sea trout and the Arctic char.





















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

<no data available>

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

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
			2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
Birds																		
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Northern Pintail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: This species use this site as a staging area during both spring and autumn migrations.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Green-winged Teal; Eurasian Teal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: This species use this site as a staging area during both spring and autumn migrations.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Eurasian Wigeon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: This species use this site as a staging area during both spring and autumn migrations.

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			2	4	6	9	3	5	7								
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> 	Mallard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Anas querquedula</i> 	Garganey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	31		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National red list: Considered as EN	Up to 31 ind.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Anser anser</i> 	Greylag Goose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: This species use this site as a staging area during both spring and autumn migrations.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Anser erythropus</i> 	Lesser White-fronted Goose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	90	2017	VU 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National red list: Considered as CR	90 ind in 2017. Criterion 4: This is internationally important area for resting and feeding species of migrating wetland birds such as this species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Anser fabalis</i> 	Bean Goose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	216		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National red list: Considered as VU	Up to 216 individuals. Criterion 4: This species stage here during spring migration.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Calidris alpina</i> 	Dunlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann. II Berne Convention	Criterion 4: This is internationally important area for staging and feeding species of migrating wetland birds such as this species. Commonly encountered during both spring and autumn migrations.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Calidris canutus islandica</i> 	Nearctic Red Knot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20000	2005		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Up to 20.000 ind. Criterion 4: This is internationally important area for staging and feeding species of migrating wetland birds such as this species. Commonly encountered during both spring and autumn migrations.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> 	Common Ringed Plover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> 	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			NT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Larus argentatus</i> 	Herring Gull	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Larus canus</i> 	Mew Gull	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Larus marinus</i> 	Great Black-backed Gull	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Limosa lapponica</i> 	Bar-tailed Godwit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1000		NT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: This is internationally important area for staging and feeding for this species. Common during spring and autumn migrations.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Melanitta fusca</i> 	Velvet Scoter; White-winged Scoter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			VU 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: The area is an important moulting area for this species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Melanitta nigra</i> 	Black Scoter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List: Considered as NT	Criterion 4: The area is an important moulting area for this species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Mergus merganser</i> 	Common Merganser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: The area is an important moulting area for this species. Also commonly encountered during both spring and autumn migrations.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Mergus serrator</i> 	Red-breasted Merganser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: The area is an important moulting area for this species. Also commonly encountered during both spring and autumn migrations.

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			2	4	6	9	3	5	7								
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Numenius arquata</i> 	Eurasian Curlew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				NT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: The area is an important moulting area for this species. This is also a common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i> 	Ruff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	150			LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List: Considered as EN	Up to 150 ind. during migration. Criterion 4: The area is an important staging and moulting area for this species. It is also a common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Polysticta stelleri</i> 	Steller's Eider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Red List: Considered as VU, Ann. II Berne Convention	Criterion 4: The area is an important moulting area for this species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Somateria mollissima</i> 	Common Eider	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5600	2017	2	NT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List: Considered as NT	Criterion 4: The area is a moulting area for up to 5600. Due to strong currents, a large area in the reserve remains open, and it is an important wintering area for this species. Criterion 6: Biogeographic region: Norway & Russia
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i> 	Common Shelduck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Tringa glareola</i> 	Wood Sandpiper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann. II Berne Convention	Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Tringa totanus</i> 	Common Redshank	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 4: Common breeding species.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i> 	Northern Lapwing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				NT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List: Considered as EN	Criterion 4: The area is an important moulting area for this species. This is also a common breeding species.
Fish, Mollusc and Crustacea																	
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Salmo salar</i> 	Silver salmon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 8: The river Stabburselva is one of the most important rivers for Atlantic salmon in the county. The species wander up the river in order to spawn.
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Salmo trutta</i> 	Herling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 8: The species wander up the Stabburselva river in order to spawn.
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Salvelinus alpinus alpinus</i> 	Char	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Criterion 8: The species wander up the Stabburselva river in order to spawn.

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

Further explanation - lesser white-fronted goose: The lesser white-fronted geese that stage in Valdakmyra comprise the majority of the remaining population in Fennoscandia. They were previously a common breeding bird in the mountains of Northern Norway, but today they nest only in a few places in Finnmark. The reason for the sharp decline in the population is associated with hunting of the species along some of its migratory routes to their wintering grounds. The lesser white-fronted geese arrive at the Valdak marshes in the middle of May and leaves for their breeding grounds in the first half of June. After the breeding season, they come back here in the second half of August and leave for their wintering grounds in the first half of September.

Further explanation - bar-tailed godwit: Criterion 6 is not met but it is very close with up to 1000 ind., and the required 1% threshold at 1 200 ind. Biogeographic region: Northern Europe/Western Europe.

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

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

A large headland made up of glacial deposits from the river Stabburselva, mostly in the early postglacial period. Below the headland some of the largest salt- and brackish marshes in Northern Norway are situated, with international importance as resting and feeding area for many species of migrating wetland birds. The reserve is also an important moulting area for many species of ducks and an important winter habitat, especially for common eider. The vegetation reflects the special ecological conditions in the zone where land and sea meet and large areas with sea meadow with salt tolerating plants is dominating.

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		3		
E: Sand, shingle or pebble shores		4		
F: Estuarine waters				
G: Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats		1		Representative
H: Intertidal marshes		2		Representative

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 > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non-forested peatlands				

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Scientific name	Common name	Position in range / endemism / other
<i>Carex mackenziei</i>	Mackenzie Sedge	Of special interest are large areas with pools dominated by Mackenzie Sedge.
<i>Hippuris tetraphylla</i>	Four-leaved Mares Tail	Of special interest are large areas with pools dominated by this species.
<i>Potamogeton alpinus</i>	Alpine pondweed	Of special interest are large areas with pools dominated by this species.
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	Creeping Alkali Grass	In large areas the vegetation is dominated by Creeping Alkali Grass.

4.3.2 - Animal species

<no data available>

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)

Oceanic and Alpine climates dominate, with long and relatively mild winters. The area is arid with an annual precipitation of approx. 500 mm.

4.4.2 - Geomorphic 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
- 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 also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.

Stabburselva river
Norwegian Sea

4.4.3 - Soil

Mineral

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

No available information

Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)? Yes No

Please provide further information on the soil (optional)

The geology in the catchment area is dominated by phyllite, limestone, meta-sandstone, quartzite, slate and locally some dolomite and conglomerate.

4.4.4 - Water regime

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
Marine water	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change
Water inputs from surface water	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change

Water destination

Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Marine	No change

Stability of water regime

Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Water levels fluctuating (including tidal)	No change

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

The area is a part of one of the largest shallow water areas in Fennoscandia (Indre Porsangerfjord), and major parts of the area within the reserve are exposed at low tide.

4.4.5 - Sediment regime

Sediment regime unknown

4.4.6 - Water pH

Unknown

4.4.7 - Water salinity

Euhaline/Eusaline (30-40 g/l)

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

Unknown

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Unknown

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

The river holds drinking water quality, but for the very low population in the area, this is a non-restricted resource.

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 site itself. i) broadly similar ii) significantly different

Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development

Surrounding area has higher human population density

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types

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

A major part of the catchment area to the river Stabburselva has the status as a National Park or Landscape Protected Area.

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

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	High
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	Medium
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	Medium
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	Medium

Other ecosystem service(s) not included above:

The river Stabburselva is a well known and important river for sports fishing activities. The river is known for its big salmon with weights up to 29 kg.

The area is to a low degree used for bird watching.

Monitoring of bird populations continues (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research and Norwegian Ornithological Society).

A local Visitors Centre, Stabburnes Naturhus og Museum, is situated close to the reserve. Information brochures are available and a booklet with information regarding the area can also be bought here. Many visit the area to explore the world's northernmost pine forest. Guided tours are possible. A nature trail and information posters have also been established.

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

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

<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

Public ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Private ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Other types of private/individual owner(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

Within the Ramsar site:

Partly private.

In the surrounding area:

Partly private.

5.1.2 - Management authority

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

County Governor of Finnmark

Postal address:

Fylkesmannen i Finnmark, Miljøvernvedlingen, Statens Hus, 9815 Vadsø.

E-mail address:

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5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Please describe any other threats (optional):

Within the Ramsar site:

Not known

In the surrounding area:

Not known

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
nature reserve	Stabburneset		whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

Ia 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

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented

Other:

The area was established as a National Nature Reserve the December 16th 1983 and was given status as Ramsar area the 24th of July 1985. The watercourse is to a great extent intact and is by its placement in protection plan I (Verneplan I) given the highest protection against exploration of the hydroelectric power resources. The conservation area is included in a planned larger marine conservation area Indre Porsangerfjord.

To protect the lesser white-fronted goose, all traffic is prohibited in one part of the area (the Valdak marshes) from 1st May until 30th June, and from 10th August until 20th September. Hunting, dog training, camping or camouflage installations are prohibited.

The area is by a Royal Decree given the status as a National Nature Reserve, which is the strongest form of Nature conservation in Norway. All kind of human activity in the conservation area is regulated by an official set of detailed regulations specific for the area.

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? Yes No

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

Please indicate if a Ramsar centre, other educational or visitor facility, or an educational or visitor programme is associated with the site:

A local Visitors Centre, Stabburnes Naturhus og Museum, is situated close to the reserve. Information brochures are available and a booklet with information regarding the area can also be bought here.

A nature trail and information posters has also been established.

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

Monitoring of bird populations continue (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research and Norwegian Ornithological Society).

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

Follestad, A., Evju, M. & Ødegaard, F. 2011. Effekter av klimaendringer for havstrand. - NINA Rapport 667, 74 s.

Directorate for Nature Management 2007. Emerald Network in Norway - Final Report from the Pilot Project. Report 2007-1b.

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Botany:
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Birds:
A number of reports exists:
Fylkesmannen i Finnmark, Miljøvernnavdelingen. 1985. Verneverdige strandområder i Finnmark. Verneverdier knyttet til vegetasjon og fugleliv i strand-, fjære og gruntvansområder. Rapport nr. 13.
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Tolvanen, P., Øien, I.J. & Ruokolainen, K. 1998. Fennoscandian Lesser White-fronted Goose conservation project - Annual report 1998. NOF Rapportserie nr. 1-1999.
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Aarvak, T. & Brøseth, H. 1994. Prosjekt dverggås. Årsrapport 1994. NOF Rapportserie nr. 1-1994.

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)

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

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iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

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v. site management plan

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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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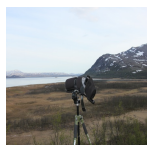
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The Valdak mire (Stabburnes Naturhus og Museum 09-09-2011)



The Valdak mire (Stabburnes Naturhus og Museum 21-05-2016)



The Valdak mire (Stabburnes Naturhus og Museum 19-08-2007)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 1985-07-24