



7N003

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.

Completed sheets should be returned to: T.A. Jones, Ramsar Database, IWRB, Slimbridge, Gloucester GL2 7BX, England

1. Country: NORWAY 2. Date: 24/6-92 3. Ref: office use only NO 013

4. Name and address of compiler: STEINAR ELDGY
Directorate for Nature Management
Tungasletta 2, N-7005 Trondheim
NORWAY

5. Name of wetland: ISRYANE Bird Sanctuary

6. Date of Ramsar designation: 24 July 1985

7. Geographical coordinates: 77°08'N, 14°48'E

8. General location: (e.g. administrative region and nearest large town)
Situated in the south-western part of Spitsbergen

9. Area: (in hectares)
30 ha

10. Wetland type: (see attached classification, also approved by Montreux Rec.C.4.7)
(V) A

11. Altitude: (average and/or maximum & minimum)

12. Overview: (general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetland's principal characteristics)
The site consists of two islands, of which the northern one has rich grassy vegetation and small freshwater ponds. The southern island has less developed vegetation. Among the more important breeding localities for Barnacle Goose on Spitsbergen.

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)

14. Ecological features: (main habitats and vegetation types)

15. Land tenure /ownership of:

(a) site *State owned*

(b) surrounding area *state owned*

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 bird sanctuary in June 1973 (1.6.73)

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

None

18. Current land use: principal human activities in:

(a) site *None*

(b) surroundings/catchment *None*

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

None

(b) in the surroundings/catchment

None

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

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

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

Important breeding area for Branta leucopsis. Other breeding species are Somateria mollissima, Gavia stellata and Sterna paradisica.

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

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

Some zoological research has been carried out in the
Sanctuary. No facilities are available.

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

None

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

None

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

Sysselmannen p2 Svalbard (The Governor of Svalbard)
N-9170 Longyearbyen
Svalbard, Norway

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

29. Bibliographical references: (scientific/technical only)

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

36

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)
