

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Poland Przemków Fish Ponds



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1 - Summary

Summary

Wetland situated in the river Szprotawa catchment, includes two fish pond complexes (15 ponds-769 ha and 20 ponds-179 ha), and an adjacent to them fens, bogs, wet meadows, reedbeds, and riparian forests. The site is one of the most important iresting and feeding places for birds during migration in this part of Europe – especially for bean goose Anser fabalis and as breeding place for waterbirds.

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	2012
To year	2017

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

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Spanish)	
Official name (in English, French or	Przemków Fish Ponds

Unofficial name (optional) Stawy Przemkowskie

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Boundaries description

The boundary is the same as an existing Natura 2000 special protection area Przemków Fish Ponds PLB020003.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does	Dolnośląskie and Lubuskie Voivodeship
b) What is the nearest town or population centre?	south at a distance of 0.5 km Przemków village, 6500 people.

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

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

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): 4605.42

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from 4606.35

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	Continental

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

Geobotanical region of deciduous forests of Central Europe at the edge of the East-European region of mixed forests (boreal) – according to the Polish regionalisation by Jerzy Kondracki, 2001: Regional geography of Poland. The region embraces eastern part of Denmark, southernmost Sweden, central and north-eastern Germany and most of the territory of Poland except for its two mountain ranges (Alpine region) and the north-eastern edge of the country, belonging to sub-boreal or East-European mixed forest biogeographic region.

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

<no data available>

☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

Justification 216 species of birds, including 147 breeding, of which 48 species are water birds have been identified within the area.

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

✓ Criterion 5 : >20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers	29330
Start year	2002
Source of data:	SDF Natura 2000 Przemkowskie Fishponds (Stawy Przemkowskie) and Management Plan of Przemków Landscape Park

☑ Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

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
Dianthus superbus	Large Pink	X					VU – vulnerable (according to Red List of Plants in Poland)	
Nymphaea candida	Dwarf White Water Lily						W - vulnerable (according to Polish Red Data Book of Plants)	
Ophioglossum vulgatum	Southers Adderstongue	×					VU – vulnerable (according to Red List of Plants in Poland)	
Platanthera bifolia	Lesser-Butterfly Orchid	Ø					W – wilnerable (according to Red List of Plants in Poland)	

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

Phylum	Scientific name		Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	criterion	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendi I	x Other Status	Justification
Birds											
CHORDATA/ AVES		Common Kingfisher			2009		LC Str			Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 1-5 breeding pairs

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	qual uno crite	erion	Species contributes under criterion 3 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)		CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas clypeata	Northern Shoveler				400	2014						
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas crecca	Eurasian Teal; Green-winged Teal] 1400	2017		LC				moulting and ailerons replacement, one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas platyrhynchos ڇ 🤐 💫	Mallard	DØ] 7800	2017		LC Str				moulting and ailerons replacement, one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser albifrons	Greater White- fronted Goose	DØ]			LC				one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser anser 🏭 🛀 🔌	Greylag Goose	DØ			ו			LC ●¥ ◎∰				moutling and ailerons replacement, one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser fabalis 🛃 🔍 💫	Bean Goose	DØ	ØO		8000	2016	19	LC SW				one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations, supporting at least 1% of NW Europe (non- breeding) population during migration; 1000-10000 ind. in years 2000-2011 (Ławicki et al. 2012)
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ardea alba	Great Egret	ØO]	2009					Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 10-290 ind. non-breeding
CHORDATA/ AVES	Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl	ØD]	2009		LC Strained			Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 0-3 ind. non-breeding
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya ferina 💕	Common Pochard				8000	2016	2.5	₩ •				one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations, supporting at least 1% of NE & NW Europe (non- breeding) population during migration - data based on one count only
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya fuligula 🕌 🛀 🔌	Tufted Duck	DØ] 1600	2016		LC				one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya nyroca 🕌 🛀 🔌	Ferruginous Duck	ZZ]			NT Str		Ø	EN - endangered (according to Polish Red Data Book of Animals), Annex I EU Birds Directive	breeding, 1-2 pairs (2008-2009)
CHORDATA/ AVES	Botaurus stellaris 🕌 🤐 🔎	Eurasian Bittern	ZZ]	2009		LC			Annex I EU Birds Directive, Polish Red Data Book of Animals (LC)	pop. size: 6-9 males, breeding
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ciconia ciconia 🌄 🔍 💫	White Stork	//]	2009					Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 1-3 breeding pairs
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ciconia nigra	Black Stork	ZZ]	2009		LC			Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop size: 1 breeding pair
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus aeruginosus	Western Marsh Harrier	ZZ]	2009		LC			Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 10-15 breeding pairs
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier	ØO			ן			LC			VU – vulnerable (according to Polish Red Data Book of Animals), Annex I EU Birds Directive	non-breeding, 3-5 individuals (2008-2009)
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus pygargus	Montagu's Harrier]	2009		LC Strainer			Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 0-3 breeding pairs
CHORDATA/ AVES	Crex crex	Corn Crake	//]			LC Str			Annex I EU Birds Directive	breeding, 5-25 males (2008-2009)
CHORDATA/ AVES	Cygnus cygnus	Whooper Swan	ZZ			ן	2009		LC			Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 1-3 breeding pairs, rare in Poland

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	qu u cri	becie Ialifie Inder Iterio 4 6	es on	contr un crit	ecies ributes ider erion 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List		CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AVES	Cygnus olor ڇ 🛀 🍛	Mute Swan		20				130	2016		LC Strainer				moutling and ailerons replacement, one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Fulica atra 🛃 🖳 🔎	Eurasian Coot		20				10000	2016		LC				moutling and ailerons replacement, one of the most important resting areas in the country during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Gallinago gallinago	Common Snipe		20							LC Star				moutling and ailerons replacement
CHORDATA/ AVES	Grus grus	Common Crane		20							LC Strainer Strainer			Annex I EU Birds Directive	breeding/non-breeding, 8-10 pairs/ 150 pairs (2008-2009), moutling and ailerons replacement
CHORDATA/ AVES	Haliaeetus albicilla	White-tailed Eagle		20								V	×	LC - least concerned (according to Polish Red Data Book of Animals), Annex I EU Birds Directive	breeding, 1 pair (2008-2009)
CHORDATA/ AVES	Lanius collurio	Red-backed Shrike	Ø	20					2009					Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 80-100 breeding pairs
CHORDATA/ AVES	Limosa limosa 📲 🚉 쵱	Black-tailed Godwit	Ø	20					2009		NT			Annex II Habitat Directive	One of the last breeding populations in the region, 0-3 pairs, about 45 non-breeding individuals
CHORDATA/ AVES	Locustella naevia	Common Grasshopper Warbler		20							LC Star				moutling and ailerons replacement
CHORDATA/ AVES	Milvus migrans	Black Kite	ØC						2009					Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 0-1 pairs, stutus: breeding/non-breeding
CHORDATA/ AVES	Milvus milvus	Red Kite	Ø						2009		NT Str			Annex I EU Birds Directive, Polish Red Data Book of Animals (NT)	pop. size: 0-1 pairs, status: breeding/non-breeding
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pluvialis apricaria 📲 🚉 🌖	European Golden Plover; European Golden-Plover	Ø						2009		LC Stress			Annex I, II, III EU Birds Directive, Polish Red Data Book of Animals (EXP-extinct or probably extinct in Poland)	pop. size: 273-5000 non-breeding ind.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Porzana parva 📲 💁 🌖	Little Crake		20					2009					Annex I EU Birds Directive, Polish Red Data Book of Animals (NT)	pop. size: 0-7 breeding pairs
CHORDATA/ AVES	Sylvia nisoria	Barred Warbler		20					2009					Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 40 breeding pairs
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa glareola	Wood Sandpiper	Ø						2009					Annex I EU Birds Directive	pop. size: 3-85 non-breeding ind.
	and Crustacea														
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGI	Misgurnus fossilis	Mud Ioach	ØC								LC ●辞			Annex II Habitat Directive, Polish Red Data Book of Animals (NT)	
Others															
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Bombina bombina		ØC											Annex II, IV Habitat Directive	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Canis Iupus	Wolf	ØC								LC	V		Annex II, IV Habitat Directive	
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Hyla arborea		Ø								LC Star			Annex IV Habitat Directive	
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Lacerta agilis chersonensis		Ø								LC			Annex IV Habitat Directive	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Lutra lutra	European Otter	Ø								NT ©tsp	V		Annex II, IV Habitat Directive	

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	qua un crit	ecies Ilifies Ider erion 6 9	co	Species Intributes Under Sriterion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Pseudepidalea viridis		ØC)						Annex IV Habitat Directive	
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Rana arvalis		ØC]			LC			Annex IV Habitat Directive	

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

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
3260 Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation	Ø	Batrachion vegetation communities	Habitat endangered in Europe, Annex I Habitats Directive
6410 Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae)	Ø	fluctuating Molinia meadows	Habitat endangered in Europe, Annex I Habitats Directive
4030 European dry heaths	Ø		Habitat endangered in Europe, Annex I Habitats Directive
6510 Lowland hay meadows (Alopecurus pratensis, Sanguisorba officinalis)	Ø	extensive lowland meadows	Habitat endangered in Europe, Annex I Habitats Directive
91E0 Alluvial forests with Anus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Ano-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)	Ø	riparian forests and riparian willow thickets	Habitat endangered in Europe, Annex I Habitats Directive

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

4.1 - Ecological character

The main types of habitats found in the area of the wetland are reedbeds and meadows, small areas of fens, fish ponds as a shallow eutrophic waterbodies with large open water, alder forests, riparian forests, and willow bushes.

On the most of ponds there is rush along the shores, made mainly of narrowleaf cattail Typha angustifolia, mannagrass sp. Glyceria sp and common reed Phragmites communis.

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 > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		1		
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Ts: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater marshes/ pools on inorganic soils		2		
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non- forested peatlands		4		
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> W: Shrub- dominated wetlands		3		

Human-made wetlands				
Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
1: Aquaculture ponds		1		
9: Canals and drainage channels or ditches		2		

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Scientific name	Common name	Position in range / endemism / other
Dactylorhiza maculata	Heath Spotted-Orchid	endangered in the region of Lower Silesia
Dactylorhiza majalis	Broad-Leaved Marsh-Orchid	endangered in the region of Lower Silesia
Neottia ovata	Eggleaf Twayblade	endangered in the region of Lower Silesia
Viola persicifolia		endangered in the region of Lower Silesia

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
CHORDATAAVES	Ardea cinerea	Gray Heron;Grey Heron	183	1997-1998		in 1978-1998 observed breeding, in 1997-1998 pop. size: 85-98 pairs (according to Adamski, Czapulak 1998)
CHORDATAMAMMALIA	Castor fiber	Eurasian Beaver				NT according to IUCN Red List
CHORDATAAVES	Numenius arquata	Eurasian Curlew				one of the last nesting populations in the region, 0-2 pairs (in 2008-2009 according to BULiGL Brzeg)
CHORDATAVAVES	Panurus biarmicus	Bearded Reedling				numerously nesting on the site, pop. size: 10-350 pairs
CHORDATAAVES	Podiceps grisegena	Red-necked Grebe				pop. size: 8-22 pairs, breeding

Invasive alien animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Impacts
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Neovison vison	American Mnk	Actually (major impacts)
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Nyctereutes procyonoides	Raccoon dog	Actually (major impacts)
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Ondatra zibethicus	Common Muskrat;Muskrat	Potentially

Optional text box to provide further information

Population size was estimated in 2008-2009 for all species.

The invasive species were noted on the site, however there is no data about their impact.

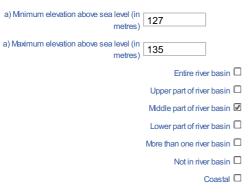
4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
	Dfb: Humid continental
D: Moist Mid-Latitude	(Humid with severe winter,
climate with cold winters	no dry season, warm
	summer)

Climate is transitional, under medium influence of oceanic and low mountain climate impact. July is the warmest month with the average temperature of about 18'C. The coldest month in January with an average temperature of about -1,7'C. Rainfall is low and amounts to an average of 550mm per year.

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting



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.

Szprotawa river.

Przemkowskie ponds are laying in a basin between Dalkowskie Hills on the north and Lubin High Plain on the south, through which flows Szprotawa, escaping to Bóbr.

The catchment area includes wide reduction of land crossed by the Szprotawa river, limited with range of moraine hills on the north, and undulating height terrain on the south. The relief of the area was formed during the Middle Poland glaciations.

4.4.3 - Soil

	Mneral 🗵
	Organic 🗹
	No available information \Box
,	t of changing hydrological

Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)?

Please provide further information on the soil (optional)

On the site dominate the marshy soil, mud soil and half-bog soil, formed from silted fens peat. The catchment area is dominated by brown, fawn and podsolic soils made on sand, gravel and clay, and also glay and mineral-muck soils.

4.4.4 - Water regime

Source of water that maintains character of the site

Presence?	Predominant water source
Water inputs from groundwater	
Water inputs from surface water	
Water inputs from rainfall	

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

The refuge is located in the Szprotawa river valley. Landscape formed under the influence of the glacier is shaped by a vast, flat river valley cut by network of mostly not maintained drainage ditches. Ponds were created by Szprotawa and Przemkowska Struga water damming. The first of these was established in 1860, the complex was expanded after World War II. The area covered by numerous hollows and small ponds resulting from the burning of peat layers.

The retention and flood protection function - wet meadows and rushes capture spring flooding in the Szprotawa valley retarding the flooding wave tributary coming from Bóbr. The area is heavily meliorated, fed by groundwater and surface water and rainfall.

- Significant erosion of sediments occurs on the site \Box
- Significant accretion or deposition of sediments occurs on the site \Box
- Significant transportation of sediments occurs on or through the site \Box
- Sediment regime is highly variable, either seasonally or inter-annually
 - Sediment regime unknown 🜌

4.4.6 - Water pH

- Acid (pH<5.5) 🗌
 - Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4) 🗹
 - Alkaline (pH>7.4) 🗌
 - Unknown 🛛

4.4.7 - Water salinity

- Fresh (<0.5 g/l) 🗹
- Mxohaline (brackish)/Mxosaline (0.5-30 g/l)
 - Euhaline/Eusaline (30-40 g/l) \Box
 - Hyperhaline/Hypersaline (>40 g/l)
 - Unknown

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Eutrophic

Mesotrophic

Oligotrophic

Dystrophic

Unknown

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 O

site itself:

Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development $\hfill\square$

- Surrounding area has higher human population density \Box
- Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use 📝

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types $\ensuremath{\mathnormal{V}}$

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

Beside the southern border of the site, there are pine forests on inland dunes, on the north moraine hills dominated by agricultural fields and small deciduous forest. In the close area there are no such big wetlands, similar area is about 100km away – Milicz Fishponds, on the east fishponds in Parowa.

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
Fresh water	Drinking water for humans and/or livestock	Medium
Wetland non-food products	Livestock fodder	High
Wetland non-food products	Reeds and fibre	High

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	Medium
Hazard reduction	Flood control, flood storage	High

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	High
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	High
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	High
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	High
Scientific and educational	Important knowledge systems, importance for research (scientific reference area or site)	High
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	High
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	Medium

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganizms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High
Soil formation	Accumulation of organic matter	High
Pollination	Support for pollinators	High

Other ecosystem service(s) not included above:

Current land (including water) use:

a) within the Ramsar site:

- fishery (fish ponds):

- agriculture (cattle grazing, mowing meadows);

- much of it is not used, left to natural succession;

tourism (nature tours, fishing):

The area is visited by several thousand tourists and observers of nature per year. Regular events are organized, among them: "Picnic with the birds", "Honey and Wine Festival," "Happy Holiday Carp". A number of devices were built for helping getting around the area and bird watching. Entrance to the ponds is possible only with a local guide, within organized group. In the area runs marked nature trail, tr

b) the surrounding land / catchment:

- mainly agriculture,

- forestry, hunting

- wastelands of a former military training ground, left to natural succession

Within the site: 10000

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

Description if applicable

A model area of local cooperation, inspired by non-governmental organizations (Fundacja Ekologiczna "Zielona Akcja" PTPP proNatura), continued by the Lower Silesia Landscape Park Complex (Przemkowski Landscape Park), and organized around the Local Action Group "Heather Land", Local Fishing Group "Lower Silesian Carp Country", the Roma People Association in Przemków and the Polish Angling Association, group number 30 in Przemków.

Traditional fishery ponds are supported and promoted, as well as their product - carp, creating a positive social climate to protect the area and fishermen's tolerance to birds, even if causing some inconvenience.

ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former \blacksquare

civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland

Description if applicable

The origin of the site is anthropogenic – it is a complex of ponds existing since the nineteenth century. Area depends on the continuation and maintenance of traditional forms of management (fisheries on ponds, extensive use of meadows and pastures). Extensive fishery ponds are necessary to preserve the natural values of the area. However, attempts of its intensification can easily lead to the degradation of these values. Maintaining fens and wetlands is important for their role as habitats for waterbirds.

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

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	×				
Other public ownership		1			
Local authority, municipality, (sub)district, etc.		V			

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:

The State Treasury (approximately 85% of the area):

- fish ponds in the hands of the Agricultural Property Agency - leased to a private company;

- Przemków Swamp in the permanent Landscape Parks of Lower Silesia Team management;
- a part of former military training ground on the Voivode of the Lubuskie management;
- forest areas: Forest Districts of Przemków, Głogów, and Szprotawa;

Private property (approximately 15%) - fragments of meadows and pastures and fields on the edge of the wetland.

b) in the surrounding area:

Most of private owners, and in addition:

- State Forests

- Agricultural Property Agency,

- Municipal machinery ownership

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for managing the site:	 Regional Directorate of Environmental Protection in Wrocław Regional Directorate of Environment Protection in Gorzów Wielkopolski Lower Silesia Board of Land Amelioration and Water Facilities, Agricultural Property Agency Forest District of Przemków Forest District of Głogów Forest District of Szprotawa Lower Silesia Landscape Parks Management
Provide the name and title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Regional Director of Environmental Protection in Wrocław
Postal address:	 Regional Directorate of Environmental Protection in Wrocław, plac Powstańców Warszawy 1, 50-153 Wrocław; Regional Directorate of Environment Protection in Gorzów Wielkopolski, ul. Jagiellończyka 8, 66-400 Gorzów Wielkopolski; Lower Silesia Board of Land Amelioration and Water Facilities, al. Jana Matejki 5, 55-333 Wrocław; Agricultural Property Agency, ul. Mińska 60, 54-610 Wrocław; Forest District of Przemków, ul. Ceglana 3, 59-170 Przemków; Forest District of Głogów, Sikorskiego 54, 67-200 Głogów; Forest District of Szprotawa, ul. Żagańska 6, 67-300 Szprotawa; Lower Silesia Landscape Parks Management, ul. Puszczykowska 10, 50-559 Wrocław.

E-mail address: sekretariat.wroclaw@rdos.gov.pl

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Human settlements (non agricultural)

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Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area	
Tourism and recreation areas		unknown impact	×		

Water regulation

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Drainage	High impact		1	
Water abstraction		Medium impact	s.	×
Canalisation and river regulation		Low impact	Ń	V

Agriculture and aquaculture

	Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Li	vestock farming and ranching		Low impact	×	

Biological resource use

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Hunting and collecting terrestrial animals		Low impact	×	
Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources		Low impact	×	

Human intrusions and disturbance

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Recreational and tourism activities		Low impact	V	

Natural system modifications

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Vegetation clearance/ land conversion		Low impact		V

Invasive and other problematic species and genes

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Invasive non-native/ alien species		Low impact	×	V
Problematic native species		Low impact	s.	s.

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Household sewage, urban waste water	Low impact		×	V

Please describe any other threats (optional):

a) within the Ramsar site:

- lowering groundwater levels, reducing the amount of water flowing into the area;

- excessive dehydration of the meadows, the abandonment of using meadows and pastures ;

- changing grasslands on arable lands, intensification of production;

- ponds leased to a private company do not provide continuity of management, this often leads to conflict with the protection objectives and to deterioration of habitat conditions at the ponds;

- fishery mismanagement leading to the shallowing and overgrowing of ponds;

- the conflict between farmers and birds feeding on the ponds;

- bad state of water facilities such as weirs, causeways, pumping stations;

- disturbance of animals, especially birds, by anglers, tourists and hunters;

- succession aiming towards reedbeds and shurbs (loss of sedge-beds and wet meadows), lack of or unsuitable meadow and pasture management;

- increasing pressure from wild boar, raccoon dog and American mink;

b) in the surrounding area:

- changing grasslands on arable lands, intensification of production;

the abandonment of using meadows and pastures;

- development of intensive forms of agriculture in the surrounding area (e.g. breeding farm also for the fur, intensive agriculture, monocultures, cultivation of GMOs).

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

Regional (international) legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
EU Natura 2000	Special Protection Area Przemków Fish Ponds PLB 020003 (2004; 4 605.4 ha)		whole

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Ecological Area	Ecological Area Przemków Swamp (1993; 1 696.78 ha)		partly
Landscape Park	Przemkowski Landscape Park (1997; 22 338 ha) – in the south-eastern part of the site		partly
Nature reserve	Przemków Fish Ponds Nature Reserve (1984, updated 2014; 1 071.5648 ha) - in the south-western part of the site;		partly
Protected Landscape Area	Protected Landscape Area "31 - Szprotawka Valley" (2003; 5 570 ha) – north- west part of the site		partly

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	Przemków ponds (PL087)	http://datazone.birdlife.org/sit e/factsheet/931	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

Habitat

Measures	Status
Catchment management initiatives/controls	Proposed
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Proposed

Species

Measures	Status
Threatened/rare species management programmes	Proposed
Control of invasive alien animals	Proposed

Human Activities

Status
n, Implemented
Implemented
Proposed
Proposed
of Implemented

Other:

Implemented activities:

Support of a landscape park for the development of the local brand and local products, manufactured using traditional methods of farming, including carp from Przemkowskie Ponds.

The basic guidelines for the protection necessary to undertake (proposed):

- Appropriate water management in the catchment of Szprotawa river (including the provision of clean water),

- Maintain extensive fisheries production adapted to the requirements of environmental protection (tolerance of fish-eating species, the

protection of the small fish being eaten by other water organisms, habitat development and feeding sites, etc.)

- Maintenance of vast reed beds on ponds, especially tall, the larger islands overgrown with reed beds,

- Maintenance of the existing colonies of gulls, particularly in larger patches of floating islands (reed, rush)

- Maintaining and creating a zone of very wet sedge fields and flooded meadows,

- Allow creation of nesting sites in trees and bushes in the joints,

- Keep feeding sites in the form of shallow marshes (e.g. drained ponds)

- Maintenance of the bottom shallow ponds overgrown with submerged vegetation,

- Maintaining proper conditions by streams and ponds for the development of slopes useful for nesting,

- Maintenance of the existing grasslands through natural succession or refraining extensive agricultural use, not converting grassland to woodland and arable land, the land adjacent to the area

Maintaining and developing small ponds, restoration of oxbows

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- Maintaining the natural state of forest with old trees in the riparian forests and alder forests,

- Adjusting the penetration of the area by people, especially during breeding season,

- Control of populations of species that threaten protected species at the optimum level (such as wild boar, raccoon, fox, American mink).

- Prevention of poaching, also amongst the hunters who do not comply with the ethics of hunting (eg, illegal hunting, shooting of protected birds birds of prey in particular).

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? In preparation

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 processes 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:

In the area runs a nature trail, the guide and educational materials were prepared for it. Educational activities are carried out by nongovernmental organizations, local guides and Lower Silesia Landscape Parks Management (DZPK). DZPK has visitor's center where classes are held in Piotrowice village. You can get travel information and receive publications about the area.

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No, the site has already been restored

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Birds	Implemented

Countrywide Birds Monitoring Program:

- Wintering Waterfowl Monitoring;

- Birds of Prey Monitoring;

- Ferruginous Duck Monitoring;

- Whooper Swan Monitoring;

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

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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)

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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

<no data available>

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



ponds (Piotr Śnigucki, 20-06-2006)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

<1 file(s) uploaded>

Date of Designation 2015-04-09