

INFORMATION SHEET ON RAMSAR WETLANDS

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Name of wetland: Träslövsläge - Morpus Tånge

Date of Ramsar designation: 12 June 1989

Geographical coordinates: 56°59'N 12°20'E

General location: In the County of Halland, about 80 km south of gothenburg, along the west-coast between the towns of Varberg and Falkenberg.

Area: 1,990 ha

Wetland type: A E G

Altitude: Sea level

Overview: The area consists of low-lying moist and grazed marine shore meadows along with adjacent areas of shallow sea beds. This is an important resting site, especially for waders, ducks and predatory birds.

Physical features: A coastal area where the predominate soil types are undulating moraine and shifting sand.

Ecological features: Important habitats include shallow bays or lagoon formations and the islets of varying sizes found along the coast. Rocky shores, sand dunes and moors are also found. The shore meadows are partly grazed and have high botanical values. The shores are characterized by *Corynephorus canescens*, *Cochlearia officinalis*, *Armeria maritima*, *Galium verum* and *Thymus serpyllum*.

Land tenure/ownership of

a) site: The land is privately owned.

b) surrounding area: no information supplied.

Conservation measures taken: Listed as site of national importance for nature conservation. The site includes three Nature Reserves: Gamla Köpstad (North - 51 ha and South - 265 ha) and Morpus Tånge (ca. 147 ha [or 210 ha]), in all about 463 ha. The Nature Reserves were established 26 Oct 1972 and 26 Aug 1946 respectively. Management plans exist for the areas. To encourage cattle grazing, state money has been used as subsidies to landowners.

Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented: no information supplied.

Current land use: principal human activities in

a) site: Livestock grazing; Nature conservation; Fishing.

b) surroundings/catchment: The site is situated in an agricultural area. Along the coast there are several smaller settlements. The high-way E6 follows the coastline east of the site.

Disturbances/threats, including changes in land use and major development projects

a) at the site: One obvious risk is the abandoning of cattle grazing on the shore meadows. In order to maintain their quality continued grazing is necessary. In more specific areas outdoor recreation (campgrounds, windsurfing etc) and practices such as dredging and waste dumping may create problems.

b) in the surroundings/catchment: no information supplied.

Hydrological and physical values: no information supplied.

Social and cultural values: The shallow waters within and outside the site are very productive in terms of fish and marine invertebrates.

Noteworthy fauna: Figures refer to 1988. Resting (figures from peak period): *Calidris alba* (5-20 birds), *C. minuta* (10-100), *C. temminckii* (5-15), *C. ferruginea* (50-100), *C. alpina* (1000-2000), *Philomachus pugnax* (100-200), *Limosa lapponica* (20-100), *Pluvialis apicaria* (more than 1000), *Lymnocyrtus minimus* (a few), *Gallinago gallinago* (up to 100), *Anas penelope*, *A. crecca*, *Falco peregrinus*, *F. columbarius* and *Charadrius alexandrinus* (sporadically).

Nesting: *Recurvirostra avosetta* (10-30 pairs), *Sterna albifrons* (10-15), *S. paradisaea* (about 5).

Moulting: *Cygnus olor* (about 200).

Other fauna: *Phoca vitulina* (regularly).

Noteworthy flora: *Eryngium maritimum* and *Artemisia maritima*, which are rare species in Sweden.

Current scientific research and facilities: Regular ornithological observations are made especially during the migration period.

Current conservation education: no information supplied.

Current recreation and tourism: there are some camping areas and beaches suitable for swimming.

Management authority: The manager of the Nature Reserves is the County Forestry Board, appointed by the County Administration. Other areas (outside the Reserves) are managed by the landowner himself.

Jurisdiction: Territorial and functional: County Administration

of Halland.

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Reasons for inclusion: 1b, 2a, 3b

Map of site: enclosed