

# Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands (RIS)

*Categories approved by Recommendation 4.7 (1990), as amended by Resolution VIII.13 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Contracting Parties (2002) and Resolutions IX.1 Annex B, IX.6, IX.21 and IX. 22 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Contracting Parties (2005).*

## Notes for compilers:

1. The RIS should be completed in accordance with the attached *Explanatory Notes and Guidelines for completing the Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands*. Compilers are strongly advised to read this guidance before filling in the RIS.
2. Further information and guidance in support of Ramsar site designations are provided in the *Strategic Framework for the future development of the List of Wetlands of International Importance* (Ramsar Wise Use Handbook 7, 2nd edition, as amended by COP9 Resolution IX.1 Annex B). A 3rd edition of the Handbook, incorporating these amendments, is in preparation and will be available in 2006.
3. Once completed, the RIS (and accompanying map(s)) should be submitted to the Ramsar Secretariat. Compilers should provide an electronic (MS Word) copy of the RIS and, where possible, digital copies of all maps.

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Designation date

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Site Reference Number

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## 2. Date this sheet was completed/updated:

Designated: 22 September 1993

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## 3. Country:

UK (England)

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## 4. Name of the Ramsar site:

The New Forest

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## 5. Designation of new Ramsar site or update of existing site:

**This RIS is for:** Updated information on an existing Ramsar site

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## 6. For RIS updates only, changes to the site since its designation or earlier update:

### a) Site boundary and area:

\*\* Important note: If the boundary and/or area of the designated site is being restricted/reduced, the Contracting Party should have followed the procedures established by the Conference of the Parties in the Annex to COP9 Resolution IX.6 and provided a report in line with paragraph 28 of that Annex, prior to the submission of an updated RIS.

### b) Describe briefly any major changes to the ecological character of the Ramsar site, including in the application of the Criteria, since the previous RIS for the site:

**7. Map of site included:**

Refer to Annex III of the *Explanatory Notes and Guidelines*, for detailed guidance on provision of suitable maps, including digital maps.

**a) A map of the site, with clearly delineated boundaries, is included as:**

- i) **hard copy** (required for inclusion of site in the Ramsar List): *yes* ✓ -or- *no* ;
- ii) **an electronic format** (e.g. a JPEG or ArcView image) *Yes*
- iii) **a GIS file providing geo-referenced site boundary vectors and attribute tables** *yes* ✓ -or- *no* ;

**b) Describe briefly the type of boundary delineation applied:**

e.g. the boundary is the same as an existing protected area (nature reserve, national park etc.), or follows a catchment boundary, or follows a geopolitical boundary such as a local government jurisdiction, follows physical boundaries such as roads, follows the shoreline of a waterbody, etc.

The site boundary is the same as, or falls within, an existing protected area.

For precise boundary details, please refer to paper map provided at designation

**8. Geographical coordinates (latitude/longitude):**

50 49 32 N                      01 39 22 W

**9. General location:**

Include in which part of the country and which large administrative region(s), and the location of the nearest large town.

Nearest town/city: Southampton

Central southern England

**Administrative region:** Hampshire; Wiltshire

**10. Elevation (average and/or max. & min.) (metres):** **11. Area (hectares):** 28002.81

Min.	9
Max.	125
Mean	54

**12. General overview of the site:**

Provide a short paragraph giving a summary description of the principal ecological characteristics and importance of the wetland.

The New Forest is an area of semi-natural vegetation including valley mires, fens and wet heath within catchments whose uncultivated and undeveloped state buffer the mires against adverse ecological change. The habitats present are of high ecological quality and diversity with undisturbed transition zones.

The suite of mires is regarded as the *locus classicus* of this type of mire in Britain. Other wetland habitats include numerous ponds of varying size and water chemistry including several ephemeral ponds and a network of small streams mainly acidic in character which have no lowland equivalent in the UK. The plant communities in the numerous valleys and seepage step mires show considerable variation, being affected especially by the nutrient content of groundwater. In the most nutrient-poor zones, *Sphagnum* bog-mosses, cross-leaved heath, bog asphodel, common cottongrass and similar species predominate. In more enriched conditions the communities are more fen-like.

**13. Ramsar Criteria:**

Circle or underline each Criterion applied to the designation of the Ramsar site. See Annex II of the *Explanatory Notes and Guidelines* for the Criteria and guidelines for their application (adopted by Resolution VII.11).

**1, 2, 3**

**14. Justification for the application of each Criterion listed in 13 above:**

Provide justification for each Criterion in turn, clearly identifying to which Criterion the justification applies (see Annex II for guidance on acceptable forms of justification).

Ramsar criterion 1

Valley mires and wet heaths are found throughout the site and are of outstanding scientific interest. The mires and heaths are within catchments whose uncultivated and undeveloped state buffer the mires against adverse ecological change. This is the largest concentration of intact valley mires of their type in Britain.

Ramsar criterion 2

The site supports a diverse assemblage of wetland plants and animals including several nationally rare species. Seven species of nationally rare plant are found on the site, as are at least 65 British Red Data Book species of invertebrate.

Ramsar criterion 3

The mire habitats are of high ecological quality and diversity and have undisturbed transition zones. The invertebrate fauna of the site is important due to the concentration of rare and scarce wetland species. The whole site complex, with its examples of semi-natural habitats is essential to the genetic and ecological diversity of southern England.

See Sections 21/22 for details of noteworthy species

**15. Biogeography** (required when Criteria 1 and/or 3 and /or certain applications of Criterion 2 are applied to the designation):

Name the relevant biogeographic region that includes the Ramsar site, and identify the biogeographic regionalisation system that has been applied.

**a) biogeographic region:**

Atlantic

**b) biogeographic regionalisation scheme** (include reference citation):

Council Directive 92/43/EEC

**16. Physical features of the site:**

Describe, as appropriate, the geology, geomorphology; origins - natural or artificial; hydrology; soil type; water quality; water depth, water permanence; fluctuations in water level; tidal variations; downstream area; general climate, etc.

Soil & geology	acidic, neutral, sand, clay, alluvium, peat, nutrient-poor, gravel
Geomorphology and landscape	lowland, hilly
Nutrient status	oligotrophic
pH	acidic, alkaline
Salinity	fresh
Soil	mainly mineral
Water permanence	usually permanent, usually seasonal / intermittent

Summary of main climatic features	<p>Annual averages (Everton, 1971–2000)                  (www.metoffice.com/climate/uk/averages/19712000/sites/everton.html)</p> <p>Max. daily temperature: 14.0° C                  Min. daily temperature: 7.0° C                  Days of air frost: 32.5                  Rainfall: 763.7 mm                  Hrs. of sunshine: 1750.7</p>
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**General description of the Physical Features:**

The New Forest comprises a complex mosaic of habitats overlying mainly nutrient-poor soils over plateau gravels. The major components are the extensive wet and dry heaths with their rich valley mires and associated wet and dry grasslands, the ancient pasture woodlands and inclosure woodlands, the network of clean rivers and streams, and frequent permanent and temporary ponds.

**17. Physical features of the catchment area:**

Describe the surface area, general geology and geomorphological features, general soil types, general land use, and climate (including climate type).

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**18. Hydrological values:**

Describe the functions and values of the wetland in groundwater recharge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilization, etc.

Flood water storage / desynchronisation of flood peaks, Maintenance of water quality (removal of nutrients)

**19. Wetland types:**

Inland wetland

Code	Name	% Area
Other	Other	92.5
U	Peatlands (including peat bogs swamps, fens)	5.3
Xf	Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands	0.8
W	Shrub-dominated wetlands	0.6
M	Rivers / streams / creeks: permanent	0.4
Xp	Forested peatland	0.4

**20. General ecological features:**

Provide further description, as appropriate, of the main habitats, vegetation types, plant and animal communities present in the Ramsar site, and the ecosystem services of the site and the benefits derived from them.

The New Forest valley mires and fens include the following community types:

M21a *Nartheicum ossifragum*–*Sphagnum papillosum* mire, *Sphagnum auriculatum*–*Rhynchospora* sub-community; M6di *Carex echinata*–*Sphagnum recurvum* mire, *Juncus acutiflorus* sub-community; M29 *Hypericum elodes*–*Potamogeton polygonifolius* soakway; M1 *Sphagnum auriculatum* bog pool; M14 *Schoenus nigricans*–*Nartheicum ossifragum* mire, and other marl bogs.

Alder carr: W4 *Betula pubescens*–*Molinia caerulea* and W5 *Alnus glutinosa*–*Carex paniculata*.

Wet heath: M16a *Erica tetralix*–*Sphagnum compactum* wet heath, *Succisa pratensis*–*Carex panicea* sub-community, and M16c *Erica tetralix*–*Sphagnum compactum* wet heath, *Rhynchospora alba*–*Drosera intermedia* sub-community.

Other inundation communities of note are: MG8; MG11; MG13; M22 and M23.

Bog woodland – rich in relict lichen communities.

Residual floodplain woodland.

Ecosystem services

## 21. Noteworthy flora:

Provide additional information on particular species and why they are noteworthy (expanding as necessary on information provided in 12. Justification for the application of the Criteria) indicating, e.g. which species/communities are unique, rare, endangered or biogeographically important, etc. *Do not include here taxonomic lists of species present – these may be supplied as supplementary information to the RIS.*

### Nationally important species occurring on the site.

#### Higher Plants.

*Pulicaria vulgaris*, *Eriophorum gracile*, *Mentha pulegium*, *Ludwigia palustris*, *Pilularia globulifera*, *Elatine hexandra*, *Eleocharis acicularis*, *Gentiana pneumonanthe*, *Illecebrum verticillatum*, *Lycopodium inundatum*, *Carex montana*, *Cicendia filiformis*, *Deschampsia setacea*, *Thelypteris palustris*, *Hammarbya paludosa*, *Eleocharis parvula*, *Galium debile*, *Gentiana pneumonanthe*, *Impatiens noli-tangere*, *Myosurus minimus*, *Oenanthe pimpinelloides*, *Parentucellia viscosa*, *Polygonum monspeliensis*, *Polygonum minus*, *Ranunculus tripartitus*, *Rhynchospora fusca*, *Thelypteris palustris*, *Utricularia intermedia*.

## 22. Noteworthy fauna:

Provide additional information on particular species and why they are noteworthy (expanding as necessary on information provided in 12. Justification for the application of the Criteria) indicating, e.g. which species/communities are unique, rare, endangered or biogeographically important, etc., including count data. *Do not include here taxonomic lists of species present – these may be supplied as supplementary information to the RIS.*

### Species currently occurring at levels of national importance:

#### Species regularly supported during the breeding season:

Dartford warbler, *Sylvia undata*, Europe 538 pairs, representing an average of 33.6% of the GB population (Source period not collated)

#### Species with peak counts in winter:

Hen harrier, *Circus cyaneus*, Europe 15 individuals, representing an average of 2% of the GB population (Source period not collated)

### Species Information

#### Species occurring at levels of international importance.

##### Invertebrates.

*Coenagrion mercuriale*, *Lucanus cervus*

#### Nationally important species occurring on the site.

##### Amphibians.

*Triturus cristatus*

##### Fish.

*Lampetra planeri*, *Cottus gobio*

##### Invertebrates.

Scientific Name	Common Name	GB Status
<i>Amara famelica</i>	A ground beetle	pRDB3

<i>Bagous frit</i>	A weevil	pRDB3
<i>Buckleria paladum</i>	A plum moth	pRDB3
<i>Caloptilia falconipennel</i>	A micro moth	pRDB3
<i>Cantharis fusca</i>	A soldier beetle	pRDB3
<i>Coniocleonus nebulosus</i>	A weevil	pRDB3
<i>Crambus silvella</i>	A pyralid moth	pRDB3
<i>Dieckmaniellus gracilis</i>	A seed weevil	pRDB3
<i>Euplectus punctatus</i>	A short-winged mould	pRDB3
<i>Lampronia fuscata</i>	A longhorn moth	pRDB3
<i>Leptura fulva</i>	A longhorn beetle	pRDB3
<i>Microscydmus minimus</i>	A small ant-like beetle	pRDB3
<i>Paraphotistus nigricorni</i>	A click beetle	pRDB3
<i>Procrærus tibialis</i>	A click beetle	pRDB3
<i>Telmatophilus brevicolli</i>	A silken fungus beetle	pRDB3
<i>Tenthredopsis friesei</i>	A sawfly	pRDB3
<i>Acritus homoeopathicus</i>	A carrion beetle	RDB3
<i>Ampedus cinnabarinus</i>	A click beetle	RDB3
<i>Aradus corticalis</i>	a flat bark bug	RDB3
<i>Arctosa fulvolineata</i>	A wolf spider	RDB3
<i>Brachyopa bicolor</i>	A hoverfly	RDB3
<i>Callicera aurata</i>	A hoverfly	RDB3
<i>Catocala promissa</i>	Light Crimson Underwing	RDB3
<i>Chorthippus vagans</i>	Heath Grasshopper	RDB3
<i>Coenagrion mercuriale</i>	Southern Damselfly	RDB3
<i>Colydium elongatum</i>	A narrow timber beet	RDB3
<i>Corticeus unicolour</i>	A darkling beetle	RDB3
<i>Diodontus insidiosus</i>	A solitary wasp	RDB3
<i>Enochrus isotae</i>	A scavenger water beetle	RDB3
<i>Grammoptera ustulata</i>	A longhorn beetle	RDB3
<i>Haematopota grandis</i>	A horse fly	RDB3
<i>Haliphus variegatus</i>	A crawling water beetle	RDB3
<i>Halpodrassus umbratilis</i>	A ground spider	RDB3
<i>Heliothis maritima</i>	Shoulder-striped Clover	RDB3
<i>Heterogenea asella</i>	Triangle	RDB3
<i>Hirudo medicinalis</i>	Medicinal Leech	RDB3
<i>Hydrothassa hannoveriana</i>	A leaf beetle	RDB3
<i>Leptothorax interruptus</i>	An ant	RDB3
<i>Leptura sexguttata</i>	6 spotted longhorn	RDB3
<i>Malachius aeneus</i>	A malachine beetle	RDB3
<i>Mesosa nebulosa</i>	A longhorn beetle	RDB3
<i>Microrhagus pygmaeus</i>	A false click beetle	RDB3
<i>Moma alpium</i>	Scarce merveille du jour	RDB3
<i>Nysius helveticus</i>	A ground bug	RDB3
<i>Ortholomus punctipennis</i>	A ground bug	RDB3
<i>Orthoperus brunnipes</i>	A minute fungus beetle	RDB3
<i>Pachybrachius luridus</i>	A ground bug	RDB3
<i>Paederus caligatus</i>	A rove beetle	RDB3
<i>Pelecocera tricincta</i>	A hoverfly	RDB3
<i>Psen spooneri</i>	A solitary wasp	RDB3
<i>Thyridanthrax fenestratu</i>	A bee fly	RDB3
<i>Tipula (Yamatipula) marginata</i>	A crane fly	RDB3
<i>Triplax lacordairii</i>	A shiny fungus beetle	RDB3
<i>Aderus brevicornis</i>	An aderid beetle	pRDB2
<i>Donacia bicolora</i>	A leaf beetle	pRDB2

<i>Gnorimus nobilis</i>	A dung beetle or chafer	pRDB2
<i>Limonia (Mewtalimnobia)</i>	A crane fly	pRDB2
<i>Neompheria bimaculata</i>	A fungus gnat	pRDB2
<i>Trachys minuta</i>	A jewel beetle	pRDB2
<i>Xyletinus longitarsis</i>	A wood boring beetle	pRDB2
<i>Zeugophora flavicollis</i>	A leaf beetle	pRDB2
<i>Agabus brunneus</i>	A water beetle	RDB2
<i>Argynnis adippe</i>	High Brown Fritillary	RDB2
<i>Brachypeza armata</i>	A fungus gnat	RDB2
<i>Catocala sponsa</i>	Dark Crimson Underwing	RDB2
<i>Diaperis boleti</i>	A darkling beetle	RDB2
<i>Graptodytes flavipes</i>	A water beetle	RDB2
<i>Helophorus laticollis</i>	A scavenger water beetle	RDB2
<i>Lymexylon navale</i>	A timber beetle	RDB2
<i>Pachythelia villosella</i>	A bagworm moth	RDB2
<i>Pocota personata</i>	A hoverfly	RDB2
<i>Solva maculata</i>	A fly	RDB2
<i>Stenoptilia graphodactyl</i>	A plume moth	RDB2
<i>Stethophyma grossum</i>	Large Marsh Grasshopper	RDB2
<i>Thanatus formicinus</i>	A running crab spider	RDB2
<i>Anthicus tristis</i>	An antlike beetle	pRDB1
<i>Chrysops sepulchralis</i>	A horse fly	pRDB1
<i>Cicadette montana</i>	New Forest Cicada	pRDB1
<i>Endophloeus markovichian</i>	A narrow timber beetle	pRDB1
<i>Euheptaulacus sus</i>	a dung beetle	pRDB1
<i>Gasterophilus nasalis</i>	A bot fly	pRDB1
<i>Heptaulacus testudinarius</i>	A dung beetle or chafer	pRDB1
<i>Lagria atripes</i>	A darkling beetle	pRDB1
<i>Lebia cyanocephala</i>	A ground beetle	pRDB1
<i>Manda mandibularis</i>	A rove beetle	pRDB1
<i>Platydema violaceum</i>	A darkling beetle	pRDB1
<i>Pseudopomyza atrimana</i>	A fly	pRDB1
<i>Pterostichus kugelanni</i>	A ground beetle	pRDB1
<i>Silvanoprus fagi</i>	A beetle	pRDB1
<i>Strangalia revestita</i>	A longhorn beetle	pRDB1
<i>Tachinus bipustulatus</i>	A rove beetle	pRDB1
<i>Tachys edmondsi</i>	A ground beetle	pRDB1
<i>Tachys walkerianus</i>	A ground beetle	pRDB1
<i>Acylophorus glaberrimus</i>	A rove beetle	RDB1
<i>Andrena ferox</i>	A solitary bee	RDB1
<i>Anthaxa nitidula</i>	A jewel beetle	RDB1
<i>Apalus muralis</i>	An oil beetle	RDB1
<i>Aphodius niger</i>	A dung beetle or chafer	RDB1
<i>Bagous brevis</i>	A weevil	RDB1
<i>Bagous czwalinai</i>	A weevil	RDB1
<i>Bagous longitarsis</i>	A weevil	RDB1
<i>Batrissodes delaporti</i>	A short-winged mould	RDB1
<i>Caliprobola speciosa</i>	A hoverfly	RDB1
<i>Chrysomela tremula</i>	A leaf beetle	RDB1
<i>Cryptocephalus nitidulus</i>	A leaf beetle	RDB1
<i>Emus hirtus</i>	Hairy Rove-beetle	RDB1
<i>Eucnemis capucina</i>	A false click beetle	RDB1
<i>Eutheia linearis</i>	A small antlike beetle	RDB1
<i>Formica transcaucasica</i>	The Bog Ant	RDB1

<i>Gryllus campestris</i>	Field Cricket	RDB1
<i>Homonotus sanguinolentus</i>	A spider-hunting wasp	RDB1
<i>Longitarsus nigerrimus</i>	A leaf beetle	RDB1
<i>Megapenthes lugens</i>	A click beetle	RDB1
<i>Melandrya barbata</i>	A false darkling beetle	RDB1
<i>Paromalus parallelepiped</i>	A carrion beetle	RDB1
<i>Potamia setifemur</i>	A muscid fly	RDB1
<i>Pterostichus aterrimus</i>	A ground beetle	RDB1
<i>Triops cancriformsi</i>	Apus	RDB1
<i>Velleius dilatatus</i>	Hornet Rove-beetle	RDB1
<i>Anergates atratulus</i>	Dark Guest Ant	RDB K
<i>Atomaria lohsei</i>	A silken fungus beetle	RDB K
<i>Ptenidium turgidum</i>	A featherwing beetle	RDB K
<i>Aleochara fumata</i>	A rove beetle	pRDBK
<i>Atheta nannion</i>	A rove beetle	pRDBK
<i>Atheta puberula</i>	A rove beetle	pRDBK
<i>Biblopectus tenebrosus</i>	A short-winged mould	pRDBK
<i>Cryptophagus micaceus</i>	A silken fungus beetle	pRDBK
<i>Eutheia plicata</i>	A small antlike beetle	pRDBK
<i>Gyrophana poweri</i>	A rove beetle	pRDBK
<i>Hister quadrimaculatus</i>	A carrion beetle	pRDBK
<i>Leiodes macropus</i>	A round fungus beetle	pRDBK
<i>Leiodes nigrita</i>	A round fungus beetle	pRDBK
<i>Leiodes triepkii</i>	A round fungus beetle	pRDBK
<i>Limotettix atricapillus</i>	A leafhopper	pRDBK
<i>Mordellistena humeralis</i>	A tumbling flower beetle	pRDBK
<i>Onthophagus fracticornis</i>	A dung beetle or chafer	pRDBK
<i>Phyllodrepa salicis</i>	A rove beetle	pRDBK
<i>Ptinella limbata</i>	A featherwing beetle	pRDBK
<i>Scydomoraphes sparshalli</i>	A small antlike beetle	pRDBK
<i>Sitona puberulus</i>	A weevil	pRDBK
<i>Stenichnus poweri</i>	A small antlike beetle	pRDBK
<i>Stenus morio</i>	A rove beetle	pRDBK
<i>Tabanus miki</i>	A horse fly	pRDBK
<i>Zyras cognatus</i>	A rove beetle	pRDBK
<i>Agathidium confusum</i>	A round fungus beetle	RDB I
<i>Amarochara bonnairei</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Atomaria sahlbergi</i>	A silken fungus beetle	RDB I
<i>Cassida nebulosa</i>	A leaf beetle	RDB I
<i>Euconnus denticornis</i>	A small antlike beetle	RDB I
<i>Euplectus decipiens</i>	A short-winged mould	RDB I
<i>Euryusa optabilis</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Ityocara rubens</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Lithocharis obsoleta</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Medon castaneus</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Planeustomus flavicollis</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Stenus asphaltinus</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Stichoglossa semirufa</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Tachnnus scapularis</i>	A rove beetle	RDB I
<i>Tychobythinus glabratus</i>	A short-winged mould	RDB I
<i>Bidessus unistriatus</i>		
<i>Formica candida</i>		
<i>Longitarsus ferrugineus</i>		
<i>Lymnaea glabra</i>		

*Biblioplectus tenebrosus*  
*Helophorus laticollis*  
*Hydroporus rufifrons*  
*Phaonia jaroschewskii*  
*Eristalis cryptarum*  
*Chirocephalus diaphanous*  
*Eyndyas nigripes*  
*Helophorus longitarsus*  
*Hydrochus elongates*  
*Hygropora cunctans*  
*Aleochara discipennis*  
*Athetis palustris*  
*Pelosia muscerda*  
*Dolichopus andalusiacus*  
*Tetanocera freyi*  
*Bagous collignesis*  
*Telmaturgus tumidulus*  
*Tabanus bovinus*

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### 23. Social and cultural values:

Describe if the site has any general social and/or cultural values e.g. fisheries production, forestry, religious importance, archaeological sites, social relations with the wetland, etc. Distinguish between historical/archaeological/religious significance and current socio-economic values.

Aesthetic  
Archaeological/historical site  
Environmental education/ interpretation  
Forestry production  
Livestock grazing  
Non-consumptive recreation  
Scientific research  
Sport fishing  
Sport hunting  
Tourism

**b)** Is the site considered of international importance for holding, in addition to relevant ecological values, examples of significant cultural values, whether material or non-material, linked to its origin, conservation and/or ecological functioning? No

If Yes, describe this importance under one or more of the following categories:

- i) sites which provide 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) sites which have exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland:
- iii) sites where the ecological character of the wetland depends on the interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples:
- iv) sites where 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:

**24. Land tenure/ownership:**

Ownership category	On-site	Off-site
Non-governmental organisation (NGO)	+	+
Local authority, municipality etc.	+	+
National/Crown Estate	+	+
Private	+	
Other	+	+

**25. Current land (including water) use:**

Activity	On-site	Off-site
Nature conservation	+	+
Tourism	+	+
Recreation	+	+
Current scientific research	+	
Commercial forestry	+	+
Cutting/coppicing for firewood/fuel	+	+
Cutting of vegetation (small-scale/subsistence)	+	
Fishing: recreational/sport	+	+
Bait collection		+
Shifting arable agriculture		+
Livestock watering hole/pond	+	
Grazing (unspecified)	+	+
Rough or shifting grazing		+
Permanent pastoral agriculture	+	+
Hay meadows	+	+
Hunting: recreational/sport	+	+
Sewage treatment/disposal	+	+
Flood control	+	+
Mineral exploration (excl. hydrocarbons)	+	+
Transport route	+	+
Urban development		+
Non-urbanised settlements		+
Military activities	+	

**26. Factors (past, present or potential) adversely affecting the site's ecological character, including changes in land (including water) use and development projects:**

*Explanation of reporting category:*

1. *Those factors that are still operating, but it is unclear if they are under control, as there is a lag in showing the management or regulatory regime to be successful.*
2. *Those factors that are not currently being managed, or where the regulatory regime appears to have been ineffective so far.*

*NA = Not Applicable because no factors have been reported.*

Adverse Factor Category	Reporting Category	Description of the problem (Newly reported Factors only)	On-Site	Off-Site	Major Impact?
Commercial-scale forest exploitation	1		+	+	+
Drainage/land-claim: (unspecified)	1		+	+	+
Introduction/invasion of non-native plant species	1		+		
Recreational/tourism disturbance (unspecified)	1		+	+	

For category 2 factors only.

What measures have been taken / are planned / regulatory processes invoked, to mitigate the effect of these factors?

Is the site subject to adverse ecological change? NO

**27. Conservation measures taken:**

List national category and legal status of protected areas, including boundary relationships with the Ramsar site; management practices; whether an officially approved management plan exists and whether it is being implemented.

Conservation measure	On-site	Off-site
Site/ Area of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI/ASSI)	+	+
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	+	+
Special Protection Area (SPA)	+	
Land owned by a non-governmental organisation for nature conservation	+	+
Management agreement	+	
Site management statement/plan implemented	+	
Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	+	

**b)** Describe any other current management practices:

The management of Ramsar sites in the UK is determined by either a formal management plan or through other management planning processes, and is overseen by the relevant statutory conservation agency. Details of the precise management practises are given in these documents.

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**28. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:**

e.g. management plan in preparation; official proposal as a legally protected area, etc.

No information available

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**29. Current scientific research and facilities:**

e.g. details of current research projects, including biodiversity monitoring; existence of a field research station, etc.

**Contemporary.**

**Environment.**

SSSI monitoring.

**Flora and Fauna.**

Research into the effects of disturbance of ground-nesting birds has been discussed and once methodologies have been agreed resources will be sought.

**Completed.**

**Flora and Fauna.**

Vegetation and Invertebrate Surveys of selected sites.

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**30. Current communications, education and public awareness (CEPA) activities related to or benefiting the site:**

e.g. visitor centre, observation hides and nature trails, information booklets, facilities for school visits, etc.

Facilities include Minstead Study Centre and the Countryside Education Trust which is available for local schools and institutions. A ranger/recreation Service is provided by the Forestry Commission.

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**31. Current recreation and tourism:**

State if the wetland is used for recreation/tourism; indicate type(s) and their frequency/intensity.

**Activities, Facilities provided and Seasonality.**

Camping, informal walking, horse-riding, cycling, bird-watching, shooting, etc - all year.

No evidence that current levels of recreational activities threaten site. Recreational facilities are now under review.

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**32. Jurisdiction:**

Include territorial, e.g. state/region, and functional/sectoral, e.g. Dept. of Agriculture/Dept. of Environment, etc.

Head, Natura 2000 and Ramsar Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,  
European Wildlife Division, Zone 1/07, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol,  
BS1 6EB

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**33. Management authority:**

Provide the name and address of the local office(s) of the agency(ies) or organisation(s) directly responsible for managing the wetland. Wherever possible provide also the title and/or name of the person or persons in this office with responsibility for the wetland.

Site Designations Manager, English Nature, Sites and Surveillance Team, Northminster House,  
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**34. Bibliographical references:**

Scientific/technical references only. If biogeographic regionalisation scheme applied (see 15 above), list full reference citation for the scheme.

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