Ramsar Site: 165 – Ertholmene

Taxonomic List

Noteworthy fauna:

The only breeding locality in Denmark for Guillemot (*Uria aalge*), the largest colony of Razorbill (*Alca torda*), and the second largest breeding colony of Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) in Denmark.

Recent numbers:

	2006	2007	2008
Somateria mollissima	1780	1660	1060
Uria aalge	2500-	2500-	2500-
	3000	3000	3000
Alca torda	965	1000	1000

Sources: Lyngs (2007, 2008, 2009).

Both Alcidae populations are thriving (stable or increasing) whereas the Eider population is rapidly declining, apparently because of local food shortage (ducklings dies shortly after hatching) – but the explanation behind this phenomenon is unknown (Lyngs 2008, 2009) – but parallel to many other Eider colonies throughout the Baltic Sea in recent years.