

Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands

Categories approved by Recommendation 4.7 of the Conference of the Contracting Parties.

NOTE: It is important that you read the accompanying *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document before completing this form.

1. Date this sheet was completed/updated:

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Site Reference Number

2. Country:

Denmark

3. Name of wetland:

Waters north of Anholt.

International No. 151; National No. 12

4. Geographical coordinates: 56°42'N, 11°34'E

5. Altitude: (average and/or max. & min.) 0-25 m

6. Area: (in hectares) 11,520 hectares

7. Overview: (general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetland's principal characteristics)

Shallow waters with shoals and sandbanks. Vast sandy beaches including the eastern point of Anholt and the shores of its northern and southern coasts.

8. Wetland Type (please circle the applicable codes for wetland types as listed in Annex I of the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document.)

marine-coastal: **A** · **B** · C · D · **E** · F · G · H · I · J · K

inland: L · M · N · O · P · Q · R · Sp · Ss · Tp · Ts
· U · Va · Vt · W · Xf · Xp · Y · Zg · Zk

man-made: 1 · 2 · 3 · 4 · 5 · 6 · 7 · 8 · 9

Please now rank these wetland types by listing them from the most to the least dominant:

A, B, E.

9. Ramsar Criteria: (please circle the applicable criteria; see point 12, next page.)

1 · 2 · 3 · 4 · 5 · **6** · 7 · 8

Please specify the most significant criterion applicable to the site: 6

10. Map of site included? Please tick *yes* -or- *no* (Please refer to the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document for information regarding desirable map traits).

11. Name and address of the compiler of this form:

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Please provide additional information on each of the following categories by attaching extra pages (please limit extra pages to no more than 10):

12. Justification of the criteria selected under point 9, on previous page. (Please refer to Annex II in the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document).

Criterion 6: The site regularly supports more than

1% of the individuals of the population of the Eider (*Somateria mollissima*) 98,500 – 6,6% of the Baltic/Denmark/Netherlands population.

13. General location: (include the nearest large town and its administrative region)

The site is situated in the middle of Kattegat East of Northern Jutland. Nearest large town is Grenå on the most eastern point of Jutland. The Administrative region is Aarhus County.

14. 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)

No specific information.

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

No specific information.

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

The site consists of shallow waters with shoals and sandbanks, vast sandy beaches including the eastern point of Anholt and the shores of its northern and southern coasts.

17. Noteworthy flora: (indicating, e.g., which species/communities are unique, rare, endangered or biogeographically important, etc)

No specific information.

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

Resting and feeding area for waterfowl:

Common Scooter (*Melanitta nigra*) 8,800

The Østerrev including Totten is one of the most important haunts for seals in Denmark.

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

No specific information.

20. Land tenure/ownership of: (a) site (b) surrounding area

Territorial waters, private, the State represented by the Ministry of Defence.

21. Current land use: (a) site (b) surroundings/catchment

(a) none (b) none

22. Factors (past, present or potential) adversely affecting the site's ecological character, including changes in land use and development projects: (a) at the site (b) around the site

Both at Nordvestrevet and Østerrevet large scale extraction of raw material from the sea bed occurred until recently. The activity has possibly contributed to the erosion of Anholt and, in particular, of its eastern point, Totten.

23. 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)

Beaches on the island are part of a large-scale conservation of Anholt, about 1,000 hectares. By a Ministerial order the eastern tip of the island of Anholt, "Totten", and adjacent waters, including the prohibition of public access, were protected as a seal reserve in 1990.

The nature conservation was followed up with the exclusion of hunting in the conserved land area due to an agreement with the private landowner.

The whole area is identical with the EU Bird Protection Area No. 32 and inside the EU Habitat Protection Site No. 42.

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

No specific information.

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

The population of seals are monitored every second year.

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

No specific information.

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

No specific information.

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

Nature Conservation and administration of the Ramsar Convention and EU Bird and Habitat Directives: Ministry of Environment.

The legislation on Agriculture and Fisheries: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Nature Conservation Scheme: Århus County.

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

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30. Bibliographical references: (scientific/technical only)

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 - Ministry of Environment and Energy, The National Forest and Nature Agency 1996: Danish Report 1996 on the Ramsar Convention, Denmark and Greenland. 105 pp. + 4 appendices.
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