

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Netherlands Bargerveen



Designation date 30 December 1992 Site number 581

Coordinates 52°40'35"N 07°01'32"E

Area 2 082,00 ha

Color codes

Fields back-shaded in light blue relate to data and information required only for RIS updates.

Note that some fields concerning aspects of Part 3, the Ecological Character Description of the RIS (tinted in purple), are not expected to be completed as part of a standard RIS, but are included for completeness so as to provide the requested consistency between the RIS and the format of a 'full' Ecological Character Description, as adopted in Resolution X.15 (2008). If a Contracting Party does have information available that is relevant to these fields (for example from a national format Ecological Character Description) it may, if it wishes to, include information in these additional fields.

1 - Summary

Summary

The Ramsar site Bargerveen (2082 ha) in the southeast of Drenthe province is the largest of the raised bog remnants of the Netherlands, and is part of the once very vast Bourtangerveen on the border of the Netherlands and Germany. Where the peat has been removed close to the mineral subsoil, large puddles have formed after rewetting. A large part of the Bargerveen has been transformed into a landscape rich in water, insects and birds as a result of large-scale industrial peat extraction and subsequent rewetting. Compartmentation with peat dams has been used to restore raised bogs. Due to long-term use with light drainage, fairly large areas have been transformed into poor grassland (upper peat grasslands: the only location in the Netherlands). Partly due to the great variety of biotopes and the gradient to the Hondsrug hill ridge, the Bargerveen is home to a number of very rare plants and animals. The site is particularly important for the conservation of peat habitat types and breeding birds of a varied semi-open peat landscape with small-scale water features, such as Black-necked Grebe, Spotted Crake, Nightjar, Bluethroat, Whinchat, Stonechat and Red-backed Shrike. More than half of the Dutch Red-backed Shrikes breeds annually in the Bargerveen. It is also one of the few sites outside the Wadden Islands where Northern Harrier and Short-eared Owl occasionally breed, while it is also the most important sleeping place for Tundra Bean Geese in the Netherlands.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 -	Name	and	address	of the	compiler	of this	RIS
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Responsible compiler

Institution/agency | Wageningen Environmental Research PO Box 47 Postal address 6700 AA Wageningen The Netherlands

National Ramsar Administrative Authority

Institution/agency | Ministry of Agriculture Nature and Food Quality

Bezuidenhoutseweg 73 P.O. Box 20401 2500 EK The Hague Postal address The Netherlands

2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year 2015 To year 2020

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Bargerveen Spanish)

2.1.4 - Changes to the boundaries and area of the Site since its designation or earlier update

(Update) A. Changes to Site boundary Yes O No O (Update) B. Changes to Site area No change to area $^{
m (Update)}$ For secretariat only: This update is an extension $\ \square$

2.1.5 - Changes to the ecological character of the Site

 $^{\text{(Update)}}\,6\text{b}$ i. Has the ecological character of the Ramsar Site (including $\,$ No applicable Criteria) changed since the previous RIS?

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image <1 file(s) uploaded>

Former maps 0

Boundaries description

The boundary of the Ramsar site is equal to the Natura 2000-site with the same name.

In 2014 the Ramsar Site boundary has been amended to follow the Natura 2000 site, with some residential areas excluded the area was reduced by 18 ha

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does	
the site lie?	Drenthe
b) What is the nearest town or population	F ''
centre?	Emmen with a population of 107.024 in 2021 (Source: CBS, Netherlands Statistics).

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes

No O

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): 2082

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries

2082.53

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	Atlantic

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

The bio-geographic regions dataset used, contains the official delineations used in the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and for the EMERALD Network set up under the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention)

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

Criterion 1: Representative, rare or unique natural or near-natural wetland types

Less than 1% (approx. 8000 ha) of the former area of raised bogs remains in the Netherlands. It mainly consists of remnants of previously much larger peat areas. At most a few hectares can still be classified as 'living' or 'active' raised bogs; that is, raised bogs in which new peat is being formed. The rest consists of dewatered and largely excavated raised bog remnants, only some of which still have the capability of natural regeneration. Bargerveen is one of the rare sites in the Netherlands where such raised bog Other reasons habitats still exist. In the north of the site (Meerstalblok) there are communities of resting raised bog with many characteristic plant and animal species. These communities are in the subatlantic raised bogs the most valuable and rare. Peat dams have been built, to retain the rain water and to prevent these remnants from drying. This has led to a variety of abiotic conditions, varying from wet to moist mesotrofic circumstances. In the centre of the site, the Amsterdamse veld, a large part is open water. Regeneration of bog started at some places. This has led to a great diversity in plant, insect and bird species.

- ☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities
- Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

The Bargerveen is designated as a Natura 2000 site (both SAC and SPA) and can therefore be considered important for maintaining the biodiversity of the Atlantic biogeographic region. Justification Besides the species mentioned under criterion 2, the site has also been designated as a SAC for a range of habitat types (Annex I of HD) and SPA for a number of bird species that are not on Annex I of the Birds Directive.

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

2020

Optional text box to provide further information The Ramsar site is also part of the Natura 2000 network in the European Union. It is designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for the functions that it provides to specific breeding and non-breeding bird species (e.g. migratory, hibernating, sleeping, resting, foraging). The site is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for habitat types (see section 3.4) but not for non-bird species. For detailed information please see Natura 2000 data sheet:

https://natura2000.eea.europa.eu/Natura2000/SDF.aspx?site=NL2000002

https://www.natur.a2000.nl/gebieden/drenthe/bargerveen

✓ Criterion 5: >20.000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers 54.201

2015 Start year

Source of data: Sovon, Dutch Centre for Field Ornithology

Optional text box to provide further | Start season 2015/2016. End season 2019/2020. Peak numbers for all five seasons > 20,000. Average

information 54,201 individuals.

End year

Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird popula	atio
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Optional text box to provide further information (CSR7).

3.2 - Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4 Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Plantae							
BRYOPHYTA/ BRYOPSIDA	Dicranum undulatum	V				National red list species	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Drosera anglica	V				National red list species	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Narthecium ossifragum	V				National red list species	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Platanthera bifolia	V				National red list species	
BRYOPHYTA/ SPHAGNOPSIDA	Sphagnum fuscum	V				National red list species	
Fungi							
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Entoloma elodes	V				National red list species	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Hygrocybe helobia	V				National red list species	
BASIDIOMYCOTA / AGARICOMYCETES	Mycena megaspora	V				National red list species	

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	Species contributes under criterion 3 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.		IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Others											
/	Aeshna subarctica									National red list species	
ARTHROPODA / INSECTA	Boloria selene	2 000								National red list species	
ARTHROPODA / INSECTA	Pyrgus malvae									National red list species	
Birds											
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas clypeata		2200	162	2015/16-2019/20	0.2				National red list species	Reference population: North-west & Central Europe (win). foraging, resting
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas crecca			933	2015/16-2019/20	0.2	LC			National red list species	Reference population: crecca, North-west Europe. foraging, resting
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas platyrhynchos			4826	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	LC				Reference population: platyrhynchos, North-west Europe. foraging, resting
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser albifrons			1682	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	LC				Reference population: albifrons, NW Siberia & NE Europe/North-west Europe. foraging, resting

Phylum	Scientific name	Species contribu under under criterion criterio 2 4 6 9 3 5 7	r Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.		IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser anser		832	2015/16-2019/20	0.1	LC				Reference population: anser, NW Europe/South-west Europe. foraging, resting
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser serrirostris		37592	2015/16-2019/20	6.8					Reference population: rossicus, West & Central Siberia/NE & SW Europe. The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Asio flammeus					LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Caprimulgus europaeus					LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus cyaneus					LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Cygnus columbianus bewickii		246	2015/16-2019/20	1.1					Reference population: bewickii, Western Siberia & NE Europe/North-west Europe. The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union. Population: BEWICKII, WESTERN SIBERIA & NE EUROPE/NORTH-WEST EUROPE
CHORDATA/ AVES	Gallinago gallinago		41	2015/16-2019/20	0	LC			National red list species	Reference population: gallinago, Europe/South & West Europe & NW Africa. The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Lanius collurio					LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Luscinia svecica					LC				The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Podiceps nigricollis		65	2015/16-2019/20	0	LC				Reference population: nigricollis, Europe/South & West Europe & North Africa. The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA / AVES	Porzana porzana		2	2015/16-2019/20	0	LC			National red list species	Reference population: Europe/Africa. The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Saxicola rubetra					LC			National red list species	The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Saxicola torquatus					LC				The site is also designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) for this species and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.

Bird data are provided by SOVON, Dutch Centre for Field Ornithology.

The 1% waterbird population thresholds are based on the 7th Edition of the Conservation Status Report (CSR7).

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
Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration	Ø		The site is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for this habitat type and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
Species-rich Nardus grasslands, on siliceous substrates in mountain areas (and submountain areas, in Continental Europe)	Ø	Priority habitat type	The site is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for this habitat type and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.
Active raised bogs	Ø	Priority habitat type	The site is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for this habitat type and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.

Optional text box to provide further information

The site is also designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for the habitat types listed above and is part of the Natura 2000 network within the European Union.

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

4.1 - Ecological character

An area of peat land and pools, which includes one of the last and largest remaining raised bogs in the Netherlands. The majority of the site has been cut for peat but some parts in the north remain intact. Large lakes remained where the peat has been extracted till the mineral subsoil. The site consists of resting and active raised bogs, dry and wet heaths and swamp forests. Large parts of the site are transformed to nutrient poor grasslands. Because of the gradient to the higher sands of the Hondsrug a large variety of habitats occurs.

Plant communities of European interest that occur are:

- Sphagno-Rhynchosporetum
- Erico-Sphagnetum magellanici

4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Inland wetlands

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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 > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non- forested peatlands		1	1666	Rare
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> Xp: Permanent Forested peatlands		2	104	Representative

Human-made wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type
9: Canals and drainage channels or ditches			

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

<no data available>

4.3.2 - Animal species

<no data available>

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
C: Moist Mid-Latitude climate with mild winters	Cfb: Marine west coast (Mild with no dry season, warm summer)

The climate according to Köppen is rainy (Cbf).

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (ii metres	
a) Maximum elevation above sea level (ii metres	
	Entire river basin 🗹
	Upper part of river basin

Lower part of river basin	(

Middle part of river basin $\,\Box$

Probably no change although the dissolved or suspended nutrients in water were not exactly known at the time of completing this database
Please provide further information on dissolved or suspended nutrients (optional):
Unknown
^(Update) Changes at RIS update No change ② Increase ○ Decrease ○ 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 \odot Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development 🗹

Surrounding area has higher human population density

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
Wetland non-food products	Other	Medium	

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Maintenance of hydrological	· ·	Medium
regimes	discharge	

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	Medium
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	Medium
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	High

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
Nutrient cycling	Carbon storage/sequestration	High

Optional text box to provide further information

The hydrological values of the Bargerveen include groundwater replenishment and Climate change modification (net CO2 consumption).

Wind mills, leisure and tourism 5 - 35%, water management >95%.

Much of the ongoing research is coordinated by Stichting Bargerveen (www.barger.science.ru.nl), which has a tight bond with the University of Nijmegen (www.ru.nl).

Ongoing biodiversity monitoring is one of the obligatory activities in relation to the designated Natura 2000 habitat types and/or species. SOVON, the Dutch Bird Research Organisation, coordinates for instance a continues national bird monitoring program in which it cooperates with 7000 volunteers, research institutes and organisations in the monitoring of birds throughout the Netherlands (among which the Bargerveen).

Excursions, information booklet

The Bargerveen is partly open for public. There are hiking and cycling paths. The core of the site is only accessible with excursions. Visitor number unknown.

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of Yes O No O Unknown

O 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 $\,\Box$ use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland

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ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland	
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	

<no data available>

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

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Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal government	✓	

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):

w	ithin	the	Ramsar	site

The site is largely owned by Staatsbosbeheer.

in the surrounding area:

Surrounding area: several private owners.

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for	See https://www.staatsbosbeheer.nl/natuurgebieden/veenland
managing the site:	
Provide the name and/or title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	See https://www.staatsbosbeheer.nl/natuurgebieden/veenland
B	Head office: Staatsbosbeheer, P.O. Box 2, 3800 AA Amersfoort, the Netherlands, tel. 030-6926111
Postal address:	
E-mail address:	info@staatsbosbeheer.nl

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Water regulation

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Drainage	Medium impact	Medium impact	✓	No change		No change

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Air-borne pollutants	High impact	High impact		No change	✓	No change

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	Bargerveen	https://www.natura2000.nl/gebied en/drenthe/bargerveen	whole

National legal designations

National legal designations		·	
Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
National Ecological Network (NEN)	Bargerveen	https://www.government.nl/topics /nature-and-biodiversity/nationa l- ecological-network-nen	whole

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	Bargerveen	http://datazone.birdlife.org/sit e/factsheet/1262	whole
Important Plant Area	Bargerveen	https://atlasnatuurlijkkapitaal. nl/important-plant-areas	whole
Other non-statutory designation	KBA Bargerveen	http://www.keybiodiversityareas. org/site/factsheet/1262	whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories

	la Strict Nature Reserve
	Ib Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
	Il 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

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Measures	Status	
Legal protection	Implemented	

Habitat

Status
Implemented
Implemented
Implemented

Species

Measures	Status
Threatened/rare species	Implemented
management programmes	Implemented

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented
Research	Implemented
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? Yes

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site?

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:

Excursions, information booklet

URL of site-related webpage (if relevant): https://www.bij12.nl/onderwerpen/natuur-en-landschap/natura-2000-beheerplannen/33-bargerveen/

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? Yes, there is a plan

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Birds	Implemented
Plant community	Implemented
Animal community	Implemented
Plant species	Implemented

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6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

The site equals the Natura 2000-boundaries. Voor up-to-date information and references about the site see https://www.natura2000.nl/gebieden/drenthe/bargerveen.

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)

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

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



- (Mark van Veen, -)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

<2 file(s) uploaded>

Date of Designation 1992-12-30