Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands

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Completed sheets should be returned to: T.A. Jones, Ramsar Database, IWRB, Slimbridge, Glouchester GL2 7BX, England

1. Country: Hungary

2. Date: 03.05.1992

3. Ref.: (office use only)

4. Name and Address of compiler

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5. Name of wetland: Velence-Dinnyés

6. Date of Ramsar designation: 11, April 1979

7. Geographical coordinates: 47° 10' N, 18° 32' E

8. General location: (e.g. administrative region and nearest large town)

Near Velence Lake, in the surrounding of Székesfehérvár town

9. Area: (in hectars) 545

10. Wetland type: (see attached classification, also approved by Montreaux Rec.C.4,7) O, S

11. Altitude: (average and/or maximum and minimum)

94 m above Baltic sea level

12. Overview:(general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetlands principal characteristics)

Swamp with large reed-and bulrush beds. Its status is strongly influenced by precipitation. Hydrogeologically it is connected with Velence-Lake. It is surrounded with alkaline meadows, reeds.

13. Physical features: (e.g.geology,geomorphology,origins-natural or artificial;hydrology;soil type;water quality;water dept; water perma nence; fluctuations in water level;tidal variations;catchment area;down stream area;climate)

At the turning of 20. century it was separated from lake Velence and was partially drained. The eutrophication became fast so a closing structure was built to assure an artificial watersupply. This can be done from lake Velence. The long-lasting drought has been causing serious problems in the last few years.

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

Basicly it is an astatic alkaline-salty swamp, rich in planctonic life. Characteristic plants are reeds and bulrush, along the shorelines alkaline grasslands and meadows can be found.

15. Land tenure/ownership of:

(a) site

state owned /managed by nature conservation/.

(b) surrounding area

state farms, cooperative farms.

16. Conservation measures taken: (national cathegory and legal status of protected areas - including any boundary changes which have been made; management practices; whether on officially approved plan exists and whether it has been implemented)

strictly protected area

- 17. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented: (e.g.management plan in preparation; officially proposed as a protected area etc.)
- the purchasing of surrounding ploughlands and transforming them to grasslands.
- establishing of adequate grazing on grassland
- establishing the adequate flooding-regime of the swamp.
- 18. Current land use: principal human activities in:
- (a) site

grassland, forest, reeds, swamp/grazing, mowing, reed har vesting, hunting of wild-boar./

(b) surroundings/catchment

ploughland, grassland, human settlements, recreation, grazing, mowing, crop-production.

- 19. Disturbances/threats, including changes in land use and major development projects: (factors which may have a negative impact on the ecological character of the wetland)
- (a) at the site
- recreation activity
- fishing, angling
- overpopulation of wild-boar

- (b) in the surroundings/catchment - recration activity - use of chemicals in agriculture - fishing, angling - regulation of waterlevel. 20. Hydrological and physical values: (groundwater recharge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilisaton etc.) groundwater recharge 21. Social and cultural values: (e.g. fisheries production, forestry, religious importance, archeological site etc.) some fish production can be mentioned 22. Noteworthy fauna: (e.g. unique, rare, endangered, sbundant or biogeographically important species; include count data etc.) Egretta alba-Great White Egret, Platalea leucorodia-Spoon bill, Ardea purpurea-Purple Heron, Ardea cinerea-Grey Heron, Botaurus stellaris-Bittern, Ardeola ralloides-Squacco Heron, Crex crex-Corncrake, Anas clypeata-Shoveler, Limosa limosa-Black-tailed Godwit, Luscinia-svecica-Bluethroat, Lutra lutra-Otter 23. Noteworthy flora: (e.g.unique, rare, endangered, or biogeographically important species/communities etc.) Orchis palustris, Iris spuria 24. Current scientific research and facilities: (e.g.details of current projects; existence of field station etc.) Research on burning of reeds. 25. Current conservation education: (e.g. visitors centre, hides, information booklet, facilities for school visits etc.) Research centre at Dinnyés, guided tours along the shore lines.
 - 26. Current recreation and tourism: (state if wetland used for recreation/tourism;indicate type and frequency/intensity)

 The area is free only for researchers and visitors accompanied with guide

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

BUDAPEST NATURE CONSERVATION DIRECTORATE /NANC/MERP

H-1121 Budapest, Költő u. 21.

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

See point 27.

The directorate is the first instant authority of the Ministry for Environment and Regional Policy.

29. Bibliographical references: (scientific/technical only)

See point 29 at Velence-Lake Bird Reserve

30. Reasons for inclusion: (state which Ramsar criteria - as adopted by Rec.C.4.15 of the Montreaux Conference - are applicable)

1/a/
2/a/
3/b/

31. Map of site (please enclose the most detailed and up-to-date map available - preferably at least 1:25,000 or 1.50,000)

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- 5. Name of wetland: VELENCE-DINNYÉS BIRDRESERVE
- 6. Date of Ramsar designation: 17 March 1989
- 7. Geographical coordinates: 47° 12' N, 018° 34' E
- 8. General location: (e.g. administrative region and nearest large town)

Nearest town is Székesfehérvár, the site is the Velence-Lake itself

- 9. Area: (in hectars) 420
- 10. Wetland type: (see attached classification, also approved by Montreaux Rec.C.4,7) O, S
- 11. Altitude: (average and/or maximum and minimum) 96 m over Baltic Sea level
- 12. Overview:(general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetlands principal characteristics)

Few floating suds, huge reed-beds and bulrush beds can be found which preserve rare plant and animal species

13. Physical features: (e.g.geology,geomorphology,ori gins-natural or artificial;hydrology,soil type;water quality;water dept; water permanence; fluctuations in water level;tidal variations;catchment area;downstream area;climate)

The bottom is clay, on which there is a 30 to 130 cm thick peat /sudd/ layer. The waterdepth is 60 to 260 cm. The pH value of water in the reserve is 6,3-7,3. The waterlevel is strongly influenced by the precipitation. The reserve receives water supply from other reservoir lakes

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

Regarding the waterquality of the reserve the main factor from matter-turn-overs is the sulphur-circle. There is an intensive organic matter accumulation due to high production of reeds.

- 15. Land tenure/ownership of:
- (a) site

state owned

(b) surrounding area

cooperative farms, anglers associations, private owners

16. Conservation measures taken: (national cathegory and legal status of protected areas - including any boundary changes which have been made; management practices; whether on officially approved plan exists and whether it has been implemented)

The area is strictly protected, managed by the Budapest Nature Conservation Directorate/NANC/MERP.

- 17. Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented: (e.g.management plan in preparation; officially proposed as a protect ed area etc.)
- increasing the waterlevel of reserve is proposed
- the supply has to be done through the original watercourse of Császár- creek
- the water-regime of the reserve has to be prepared
- the management /mowing/ of suds has to be solved
- 18. Current land use: principal human activities in:
- (a) site
- swamp, reeds, pasture /reed-harvesting/, hunting on wild-boar which can cause serious damages in nests.
 - (b) surroundings/catchment

ploughlands, pasture, meadows, forest /hay-production, reed-harvesting, fish-breeding, coo-production

- 19. Disturbances/threats, including changes in land use and major development projects: (factors which may have a negative impact on the ecological character of the wetland)
- (a) at the site
- -The decrease of waterlevel is significant caused by a long lasting dry period
- inadequate excavations in reed-beds

- inadequate water-reg	ime
overpopulation of wile	d-boar
(b) in the surroundings	/catchment
very intensive recreat	donal use of area
use of chemicals in ag	griculture
- hunting	
20. Hydrological and p	physical values: (groundwater re charge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilisaton etc.)
in some cases the lake	can function as a storage basin
21. Social and cultural	l values: (e.g. fisheries produc tion, forestry, religious importance, archeological site etc.)
monument site of 1848	Pákozd battle
22. Noteworthy fauna:	(e.g.unique, rare, endangered, abundant or biogeographically important species;include count data etc.)
Egretta alba-Great Wi	hite Egret, Plataela leucorodia-Spoonbill,
	tern, Anser anser-Grey-lag Goose, Circus aeruginosus- Marsh Harrier, ted Pochard, Luscinia svecica- Bluethroat, Lusciniola
melanopogon-Moustac	ched Warbler, Lutra-lutra-Otter
23. Noteworthy flora: (e.g.unique, rare, endangered, or biogeographically important species/communities etc.)
Liparis loeselii, Urtica	a kioviensis, Sphagnum sp.
24. Current scientific	research and facilities: (e.g.details of current projects; existence of field station etc.)
Passarch is going on c	concerning the burning of reed-beds.

25. Current conservat	ion education: (e.g.visitors centre, hides, information booklet, facilities for school visits etc.)
There is a visitors cen along the shores.	tre and research centre at Dinnyés. Guided tours are starting from here
26. Current recreation	n and tourism: (state if wetland used for recreation/tourism;indicate type and frequency/intensity)
There is a relatively in less pressure from thi	ntensive tourism activity on the lake itself. The protected parts suffer is point of view.
27. Management auth	tority: (name and address of body responsible for managing the wetland)
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H-1121 Budapest, Kö	ltő u. 21.
28. Jurisdiction: (territo	orial e.g. state/region and functional e.g. Dept of Agriculture/Dept of Environment etc.)
	Directorate is the Nature Conservation Authority for the area as first he Ministry for Environment and Regional Policy.
29. Bibliographical re	eferences: (scientific/technical only)
at Budapest in the bil Velence-Lake	blioteque of the Directorate a lot of scientific papers can be found on
30. Reasons for inclu	Sion: (state which Ramsar crite ria - as adopted by Rec.C.4.15 of the Montreaux Conference - are applicable)
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RESERVE OF LAKE VELENCE

