

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Norway Kvisleflået



Designation date 6 August 2002 Site number 1193 Coordinates 61°48'25"N 12°06'11"E Area 5 682,00 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 site is a large, flat mire area bordering Sweden in Engerdal. Several large and flat mire expanses occur, although it is more typical with poorer small mires and low pine-covered knolls. Birch Betula grows at the edge of the mires as well as along rivers and streams. The area is dominated by numerous small pools and ponds. Within the mire, a series of moraine ridges run south-east to north-west. In the southern part, we find old forest of mainly spruce and some birch.

Kviseflået is an important area for wetland birds, with 20 – 30 breeding species recorded. The mosaic landscape is ideal for the greenshank Tringa nebularis and the whimbrel Numenius phaeopus. After the ice melts in spring several duck species stage on route to upland breeding sites around the reserve. Several regionally uncommon species breed, or are suspected to have bred, in the reserve including the whooper swan Cygnus cygnus, the bean goose Anser fabalis, the broad-billed sandpiper Limicola falcinellus and the jack snipe Lymnocryptes minimus.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS	2.1.1	1 -	Name	and	address	of	the	comp	iler	of	this	RIS
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2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year 2004

To year 2017

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish) Kvisleflået

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

(Update) B. Changes to Site area No change to area

2.1.5 - Changes to the ecological character of the Site

(Update) 6b i. Has the ecological character of the Ramsar Site (including applicable Criteria) changed since the previous RIS?

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Former maps 0

Boundaries description

The Ramsar Site is equal with the border of the Kvisleflået Nature Reserve.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?

Hedmark

b) What is the nearest town or population centre?

Engerdal

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

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

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): 5682

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from 5684.25 GIS boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	1. Boreal
Other scheme (provide name below)	2. Northern boreal vegetation zone, transitional zone (Nb-OC)

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

- 1. Biogeographical regions of Europe, European Environment Agency, 2005
- 2. Zonal division showing the variation in vegetation from south to north and from the lowlands to the mountains, and sectional graduation showing the variation between the coast and inland (In: Moen, A. 1998. Nasjonalatlas for Norge; vegetasjon. Statens kartverk, Hønefoss).

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							
	Other ecosystem services provided	Extensive mires like this function as important carbon storages.							
	Other reasons	large mire complex with a large number of small pools and ponds, typical and representative for the ontinental part of southern Norway.							
V	Criterion 2 : Rare species and the	reatened ecological communities							
1	Criterion 3: Biological diversity								
	Justification	The site is one of few breeding sites for the jack snipe Lymnocryptes minimus in southern Norway. In addition several easterly and north-easterly species nest such as the whooper swan Cygnus cygnus, the bean goose Anser fabalis, the Siberian tit Parus cinctus and the rustic Bunting Emberica rustica							

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

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

Scientific name	Common name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Amylocystis lapponicus		2					National Red List: Considered as EN	
Chaenotheca laevigata	Lemon-twist stubble lichen	✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Chaenotheca phaeocephala		2					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Crustoderma dryinum		2					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Cyphelium inquinans		✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Cyphelium karelicum		 ✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Diplomitoporus crustulinus		✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Gloeophyllum protractum		✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Laurilia sulcata		✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Perenniporia subacida		 ✓					National Red List: Considered as EN	
Skeletocutis chrysella		 ✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Skeletocutis odora		2					National Red List: Considered as VU	
Skeletocutis stellae		✓					National Red List: Considered as VU	

Protection status is given according to the National Red List 2010.	

3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

3.3 - An	imal specie:	s whose pre	sence rel	lates	to th	e international ir	nportan	ice of	the s	ite		
Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	con	iteriori	Pop. Size	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red A	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Birds	I .											
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas crecca	Green-winged Teal; Eurasian Teal						LC •\$				(10-20 pairs) Criterion 4: This species breeds at the site.
AVES	Anser fabalis	Bean Goose						LC •\$				Criterion 3: This species is observed from time to time in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya fuligula	Tufted Duck						LC				Criterion 4: This species breeds at the site.
AVES	clangula	Common Goldeneye						LC OFF				(10-20 pairs) Criterion 4: This species breeds at the site.
CHORDATA / AVES	Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier						LC OSS			National Red List: Considered as EN	Criterion 4: This species is recorded during the breeding season and may breed occasionally.
AVES	Cygnus cygnus	Whooper Swan		.				LC •#				Criterion 3 & 4: This species breeds here. Nesting by Whooper Swan Cygnus cygnus in 1991 was the first record in Hedmark county.
AVES	Emberiza rustica	Rustic Bunting	8800					VU ©\$* ©\$*			National Red List: CR	Criterion 4: This species has been known to breed in the area.
AVES	Gavia arctica	Arctic Loon; Black throated Loon				1		LC •#				(1 pair) Criterion 4: This species breeds here.
CHORDATA / AVES	Grus grus	Common Crane				3		LC •#			Annex II, Bern Convention	(2-4 pairs) Criterion 4: This species nests here.
	Limicola falcinellus	Broad-billed Sandpiper				2					Annex II, Bern Convention	(1-3 pairs) Criterion 4: This species nests here.
/	Lymnocryptes minimus	Jack Snipe		.				LC •#				Criterion 3 & 4: The species is regularly observed, and probably breeds on the site.
AVES	phaeopus	Whimbrel						LC OSS				(15-20 pairs) Criterion 4: This species breeds at the site.
/ AVES	Philomachus pugnax	Ruff		9							National Red List: Considered as EN	Criterion 4: This species is recorded during the breeding season and may breed occasionally.
CHORDATA / AVES	Poecile cinctus	Gray- headedChickadee Sibe rian Tit	e;□☑□□	V								Criterion 3 & 4: This species nests here. Western limit of its range.

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion	Species contributes under criterion	Pop. Size Period of pop. Est. occurrence	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
AVES	Tringa glareola	Wood Sandpiper	Y			LC © SS © SSS			Annex II, Bern Convention	(5-10 pairs) Criterion 4: Common breeder on the site.
AVES	Tringa nebularia 2 🔑	Common Greenshank				LC Sisson				(10-15 pairs) Criterion 4: This species breeds at the site.
CHORDATA / AVES	Vanellus vanellus	Northern Lapwing	YY OO			NT Sisson			National Red List: Considered as EN	Crtiterion 4: This species breeds on the site.
Others										
CHORDATA / MAMMALIA	ECL.	Wolverine	2 000			LC Sisson			National Red List: Considered as EN	
CHORDATA / MAMMALIA	GU.	Eurasian Lynx	2 000			LC Sis			National Red List: Considered as EN	
CHORDATA / MAMMALIA	Ursus arctos	Brown Bear; Grizzly Bear	2 000			LC ©	V		National Red List: Considered as EN	

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

Protection status is given according to the National Red List 2015.	
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3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

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

4.1 - Ecological character

Characteristic for the area is a mosaic of small nutrient-poor mires, and low pine-clad knolls, as well as large open mire areas such as at Storkjølen and Rådløskjølen. The vegetation varies from nutrient-poor mire/intermediate mire vegetation, low pine woods on the moraine ridges and willow Salix- swamp woodland with some birch Betula along rivers and edges of mires. A substantial part of the forest is old forest/natural forest, With a very high diversity of nationally Red-Listed fungi and lichen species connected to this forest type. In places there are areas of wet mixed woodland with characteristics resembling ancient woodland. The many pools in the area are important for birdlife, although they have little aquatic vegetation. The birdlife includes a good representation of breeding waterbirds - albeit in small numbers.

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

Inland wetlands

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 > Flowing water >> L: Permanent inland deltas		0		
Fresh water > Flowing water >> Mt Permanent rivers/ streams/ creeks				
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		4		
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		3		Representative
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Ts: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater marshes/ pools on inorganic soils		0		
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non- forested peatlands		1		Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Xf: Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands		2		
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> Xp: Permanent Forested peatlands		0		

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Scientific name	Common name	Position in range / endemism / other
Alectoria sarmentosa		National Red List: Considered as NT
Antrodia albobrunnea		National Red List: Considered as NT
Antrodia xantha		National Red List: Considered as LC
Bryoria nadvornikiana	Spiny gray horsehair lichen	National Red List: Considered as NT
Chaenotheca subroscida		National Red List: Considered as NT
Chaetoderma luna		National Red List: Considered as NT
Chaetodermella luna		National Red List: Considered as NT
Cladonia parasitica	Fence-rail clad lichen	National Red List: Considered as NT
Crustoderma comeum		National Red List: Considered as NT
Cystostereum murrayi		National Red List: Considered as LC
Fornitopsis rosea		National Red List: Considered as NT
Gymnadenia conopsea		National Red List: Considered as LC
Hypogymnia bitteri	Bitter tube lichen	National Red List: Considered as NT
Inonotus leporinus		National Red List: Considered as NT
Letharia vulpina	Wolflichen	National Red List: Considered as NT
Microcalicium ahlneri		National Red List: Considered as NT
Odonticium romellii		National Red List: Considered as NT
Phellinus kamahi		National Red List: Considered as NT
Phlebia mellea		National Red List: Considered as NT
Pseudographis pinicola		National Red List: Considered as LC
Pseudomerulius aureus		National Red List: Considered as NT
Skeletocutis borealis		National Red List: Considere as DD
Trichaptum laricinum		National Red List: Considered as NT

4.3.2 - Animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATAAVES	Cuculus canorus	Common Cuckoo				Possibly breeding at the site. National Red List Status: NT
CHORDATA/AVES	Pluvialis apricaria	European Golden Plover;European Golden- Plover				Possibly breeding on the site.
CHORDATA/AVES	Tringa totanus	Common Redshank				Possibly breeding on the site.

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
D: Moist Md-Latitude climate with cold winters	Dfc: Subarctic (Severe winter, no dry season, cool summer)

The climate is slightly continental with rather a lot of precipitation (ca. 700 mm p.a.) and relatively warm, but short, summers and extremely cold

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4.4.2 - Geomorphic set	tting			
a) Minimum elevation a	bove sea level (in metres)	758		
a) Maximum elevation a	bove sea level (in metres)	1000		
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		Upper part o	friver basin 🗹	
		Middle part o	friver basin	
		Lower part o	friver basin	
		More than one	e river basin	
		Notir	n river basin	
			Coastal	
Please name the river basis	n or basins. If the s	ite lies in a su	b-basin, please also name	the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.
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4.4.2 Cail				
4.4.3 - Soil				
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	41.1.	,	Organic 🗹	
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			information	
Are soil types subject to	change as a resul ons (e.g., increase	t of changing h	nydrological idification)?	
			idilication):	
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4.4.4 - Water regime				
Water permanence	Changes at DIS) undata		
Presence? Usually permanent water	Changes at RIS	update		
present				
Source of water that maintain	s character of the	site		
Presence?	Predominant wat	ter source	Changes at RIS update	
Water inputs from surface water			No change	
Water inputs from rainfall			No change	
Stability of water regime				
Presence?	Changes at RIS			
Water levels largely stable	No chang	ge		
Please add any comments	on the water regim	e and its deter	rminants (if relevant). Use	his box to explain sites with complex hydrology:
The water levels in the				
drought periods and a				e stability in water drainage in the watercourse by acting as reservoirs in of heavy precipitation.
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4.4.5 - Sediment regim	ie			
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4.4.6 - Water pH				
			Unknown 🗹	
4.4.7 - Water calinity				

Fresh (<0.5 g/l)

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Unknown □				
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4.4.8 - Dissolved or sus	spended nutrients in wa	ter		
Mesotrophic ✓				
	(Update) Changes	s at RIS update No change incl	ease O Decrease O Unknown O	
		Unknown		
	nation on dissolved or suspe			
Most of this is nutrient	poor basement granite	as well as some areas of 0	Cambrosilurian bedrocks in the south-west.	
4.4.9 - Features of the	surrounding area which	may affect the Site		
	and if so how, the landscape			
characteristics in the area	surrounding the Ramsar Site	e differ from the i) broadly similar (site itself:	J ii) significantly different ♥	
Surrounding an	ea has greater urbanisation o	_		
	g area has higher human pop	_		
	ing area has more intensive a			
	nificantly different land cover			
Please describe other ways	in which the surrounding are	a is different:		
Forestry is important i	n the area.			
4.5 - Ecosystem s	ervices			
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4.5.1 - Ecosystem servi	ices/benefits			
Provisioning Services Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance		
Food for humans	Sustenance for humans	Low		
Wetland non-food products	(e.g., fish, molluscs, grains) Livestock fodder	Medium		
Regulating Services				
Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance		
Hazard reduction	Flood control, flood storage	Medium		
Cultural Services				
Ecosystem service	Examples Recreational hunting and	Importance/Extent/Significance		
Recreation and tourism	fishing	Low		
Supporting Services				
Ecosystem service	Examples Carbon	Importance/Extent/Significance		
Nutrient cycling	storage/sequestration	Medium		
Other ecosystem service(s)	not included above:			
		reservoirs. They provide st	ability in water drainage in the watercourse by acting as reservoirs in	
drought periods and a	s flood barriers during	snow melt and periods of h	eavy precipitation.	
Some berry picking (in	n particular cloudberry)	takes place, as well as hun	ing and fishing.	
			stock graze the area – mainly sheep although also some cattle.	
Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of Yes ○ No ○ Unknown ◎				
ecosys	stem services provided by this	Ramsar Site?		
4.5.2 - Social and cultural values				
i) the site provides a mo	odel of wetland wise use, den	nonstrating the		
application of traditional kr	nowledge and methods of ma	nagement and		
	ntain the ecological character			
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			

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4.6 - Ecological processes

character of the wetland

<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

Private ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Other types of private/individual owner(s)	2	2

Provide further information on the land tenure / ownership regime (optional):

within the Ramsar site: Private in the surrounding area: Private

5.1.2 - Management authority

agency or organization responsible for	Norwegian Environment Agency
managing the site:	
Postal address:	P.O. Box 5672 Torgarden, N-7485 Trondheim, Norway
E-mail address:	post@miliodir.no

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Please describe any other threats (optional):

within the Ramsar site:

None known. Grazing intensity from livestock is low and has little or no impact on the vegetation.

in the surrounding area: None known.

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Nature Reserve	Kviseflået		whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

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

Legal protection			
Measures		Status	
	Legal protection	Implemented	

Other

The reserve was expanded in 2005 (increased to 5682 ha).

Conservation measures proposed but not yet implemented:

The area borders a similar wetland area (Ramsar site) on the Swedish side of the border. There have been some initial efforts to coordinate the management of the transfrontier conservation area.

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? In preparation

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site? Yes O No $\ensuremath{\bullet}$

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?

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No need identified

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

<no data available>

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

Botanical and management plans:

Myhr, S. 1973. Kvisleflået. Inventeringer i forbindelse med Landsplanen for verneverdige områder/forekomster. Miljøverndepartementet, 13 pp. (In Norwegian – on national plan for important conservation areas).

Bekken, J. 1987. Ornitologiske registreringer i 11 våtmarksreservater 1985-86. Fylkesmannen i Hedmark, Miljøvernavd. Rapport nr. 13: 1-43. (In Norwegian – bird recording in 11 wetland reserves in Hedmark county).

Bekken, J. 2001. Fugler og pattedyr i 18 våtmarksreservater i Hedmark. Fylkesmannen i Hedmark, Miljøvernavd. Rapport nr. 8/2001: 1-122. (In Norwegian – bird and mammal recording in 18 wetland reserves in Hedmark county).

Bekken, J. 2013. Fugler i 20 våtmarksreservater i Hedmark 2000-2012. Fylkesmannen i Hedmark, Miljøvernavd. Rapport nr. 2/2013: 1-125. (In Norwegian - bird registrations in 20 Wetland reserves in Hedmark County)

Geology:

Sollid, J. L. & Kristiansen, K. 1982. Hedmark fylke. Kvartærgeologisk verneverdige områder. Universitetet i Oslo, Geografisk institutt. Naturgeografisk seksjon. Notat, 65 pp. (In Norwegian – on geologically valuable areas).

6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3)

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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

<no file available>

v. site management plan

vi. other published literature

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6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site



A Nice day in the early summer in Kvisleflået (Jon Bekken, 10-06-1997



Splachnum luteum, Yellow Mosedung Moss (Jon Bekken, 22-07-2017)



Dry pine With Wolf Lichen (



Bleketjønna (Jon Bekken,



Pair of Wooper Swans (Jon Bekken, 22-06-2006)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

Date of Designation 2002-08-06