

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Norway Atnsjømyrene



Designation date 12 November 2010

Site number 1955

Coordinates 61°54'44"N 10°04'06"E

Area 533,00 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

Atnsjømyrene is a mire-complex upstream of Atnsjøen lake, in which flat fens dominate. Characteristic for the site is nutrient-poor vegetation. Willow- and birch forests are common vegetation types along the watercourses and mire edges. Additionally, there are small pools and ponds, which constitute important areas for the fish fauna. The mixture of different wetland types makes Atnsjømyrene a valuable breeding- and staging area for waterfowl, especially ducks and waders, with a total of 96 breeding bird species registered in this area. Tufted duck and common goldeneye are the most numerous duck species, while common sandpiper and common greenshank are the most numerous waders.

The bedrock in the area was created about 600 million years ago, by compressed sand. High water levels during spring result in large parts of the ground to be submerged. As a consequence of this, the mires are supplied with nutrients. The mires also act as important water reservoirs and offer flood protection during periods of snow melt and heavy precipitation.

The mires are important for research and education, with strong botanical and ornitological interests focused on the area. Some plant species on the IUCN Red List and the National Red List (NRL) can be found, such as Botrychium lanceolatum (IUCN: VU, NRL: NT) and Epipogium aphyllum (NRL: VU).

The site also experiences tourist and recreational activities such as hunting, sport fishing, hiking, canoeing and berry picking. The surrounding area hosts several cabins and farms.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1 - Formal data	
2.1.1 - Name and address of the com	piler of this RIS
Responsible compiler	
	Norwegian Environment Agency
	Post box 5672 Torgarden, N-7485 Trondheim, Norway
Postal address	
National Ramsar Administrati	
Postal address	Postboks 5672 Sluppen Trondheim Norway
2.1.2 - Period of collection of data an	d information used to compile the RIS
From year	
To year	
2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site	
Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Atnsjømyrene
	d area of the Site since its designation or earlier update
	Changes to Site boundary Yes O No No O
	B. Changes to Site area No change to area
(Update) For secretariat only: T	nis update is an extension \square
2.1.5 - Changes to the ecological cha	racter of the Site
(Update) 6b i. Has the ecological character of tapplicable Criteria) change	he Ramsar Site (including Not evaluated since the previous RIS?
2.2 - Site location	
2.2 - Site location	
2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries	
b) Digital map/image <1 file(s) uploaded>	
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Boundaries description	
The boundaries are the same as for	the Atnsjømyrene Nature Reserve
2.2.2 - General location	
a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?	Hedmark County and Oppland County
b) What is the nearest town or population	Lillehammer & Hamar (approx population ~ 30 000 in each city)
centre?	
2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boun	daries only
a) Does the wetland extend onto the te	rritory of one or more other countries? Yes O No
b) Is the site adjacent to another design territory of a	another Contracting Party? Yes O No

Official area, in hectares (ha): 533

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from 532.63 GIS boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
Other scheme (provide name below)	Northern boreal vegetation zone.
EU biogeographic regionalization	2. Boreal

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

- 1. Moen, A. 1998. National Atlas of Norway: Vegetation. Norwegian Mapping Authority, Hønefoss. 2. Biogeographical Regions, European Environment Agency, 2005

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

A large mire-complex with pools, ponds and edge vegetation, typical and representative for the Other reasons continental part of southern Norway. The number of plant species is relatively low, due to the poor nutrient conditions, but is characteristic of the biogeographic region.

☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

Optional text box to provide further information

The site host a few threatened plant species, such as the ghost orchid (Epipogium aphyllum, NRL: VU) and the cottongrass (Eriophorum brachyantherum, NRL: VU). In addition, the site also host national and international rare/threatened animal species, such as the greater scaup (NRL: EN), the black-headed gull (NRL: CR), black-tailed godwit (IUCN: NT, NRL: CR), velvet scoter (IUCN: VU, NRL: VU), horned grebe (IUCN: VU, NRL:VU), northern lapwing (IUCN: NT, NRL: CR) and the grey wolf (NRL: CR).

☑ Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

A great variety of wetland bird species are breeding within the area, some of them being regionally rare. The birdlife is typical for large mires and small open water bodies in this part of Norway. The site also contains vegetation registered on the National Red List, making this wetland system important for maintaining the biological diversity in the region.

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

Optional text box to provide further The mixture of different wetland types makes Atnasjømyrene a valuable breeding- and staging area for information water fowl, especially ducks and waders.

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Plantae							
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Epipogium aphyllum	✓	✓			National red list: VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Eriophorum brachyantherum	 ✓	√			National red list: VU	

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Species contributes under criterion 3 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Others										

Phylum	Scientific name	Species contributes populatifies under criterion under criterion 2 4 6 9 3 5 7 8			I Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA /	Canis Iupus		L	c 📝	National Red List: Considered as CR	
Birds						
CHORDATA / AVES	Actitis hypoleucos		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas crecca		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas penelope		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Anas platyrhynchos		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Antnus pratensis		L			Criterion 4: This species breeds on the large open mires.
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya fuligula		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya marila		L		National Red List: Considered as EN	Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Bucephala clangula		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Chroicocephalus ridibundus		L		National Red List: Considered as CR	Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Emberiza schoeniclus		L			Criterion 4: This species breeds on the large open mires.
CHORDATA / AVES	Fringilla montifringilla		L			Criterion 4: This species breeds on the large open mires.
CHORDATA / AVES	Gallinago gallinago		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Grus grus		L			Criterion 4: Some few pairs of Common Crane Grus grus are breeding regularly in Atnsjømyrene Nature Reserve.
CHORDATA / AVES	Limosa limosa		ı	т	National Red List: Considered as CR	
CHORDATA / AVES	Melanitta fusca		V	n 🗆	National Red List: Considered as VU	
CHORDATA / AVES	Mergus merganser		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Motacilla flava		L			Criterion 4: This species breeds on the large open mires.
CHORDATA / AVES	Pandion haliaetus	8000000	L		National Red List: Considered as VU	This species is foraging in the area
CHORDATA / AVES	Phalaropus Iobatus		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Phylloscopus trochilus		L			Criterion 4: This species breeds on the large open mires.
CHORDATA / AVES	Podiceps auritus		\	ı 🗆	National Red List: Considered as VU	Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA / AVES	Tringa glareola		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA /	Tringa nebularia		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA /	Tringa totanus		L			Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Vanellus vanellus		N	т 🗆	National Red List: Considered as CR	Criterion 4: This species is breeding in the area.

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

Capitalized letters shows the species' status on the National Red List 2021.

Additional information (criterion 4): A total of 22-39 pairs of ducks and 14-54 pairs of waders breed yearly (Sonerud 1982) depending on water level, and weather conditions.

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 this area is the large open mires with nutrient-poor vegetation. Willow- and birch-woodland are common vegetation types found along the watercourses and mire edges. The mixture of open mires, pools, ponds, rivers and lakes make the site a valuable breeding area for wetland birds, especially ducks and waders.

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

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
BASIDIOMYCOTA/AGARICOMYCETES	Chaetodermella luna	National red list: NT
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Cypripedium calceolus	National red list: VU

Invasive alien plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Alchemilla mollis	Potential	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Potentilla intermedia	Potential	No change

Optional text box to provide further information

Capitalized letters shows the species' status on the National Red List 2021.

4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/MAMMAL	A Lepus timidus				National Red List: NT

Invasive alien animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Neovison vison	Potential	No change

Optional text box to provide further information

Capitalized letters shows the species' status on the National Red List 2021.

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

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

The climate is continental with moderate summer temperatures and cold winters. Lowest precipitation is experienced during winter and early spring, with the heaviest precipitation during summer. Yearly annual precipitation of 500 mm. July is the warmest month, with an average temperature of 11,2°C, while January is the coldest, with an average of -9,9°C (Yearly difference of 21,1°C).

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4.4.2 - Geomorphic se	tting								
a) Minimum elevation a	` /(00							
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	metres)	J							
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	M	iddle part of riv	verbasin 🗹						
	1.	ower part of riv	er hasin \square						
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	Mo	re than one riv	_						
		Not in riv	ver basin 🗆						
			Coastal						
Please name the river basis	n or basins. If the site	lies in a sub-b	asin, please also name	e the larger rive	er basin. For a	coastal/marine	site, please r	name the sea or	ocean.
Atna river is a central	nature element in	the site. Th	ne river begins in th	e high mou	untains of Ro	ondane and	flows into C	Slomma, the	longest river in
Norway.			-	-					•
4.4.3 - Soil									
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	N	o available info	ormation \square						
Are soil types subject to	change as a result of	changing hyd	rological Yes O No						
	ons (e.g., increased s								
Please provide further infor	mation on the soil (opt	tional)							
Peat soils dominate i	n the large areas	of mires.							
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The bed rock in the su	urrounding area w	as created	about 600 million	year ago, b	y compress	ed sand.			
4.4.4 - Water regime									
Water permanence									
Presence?	Changes at RIS up	odate							
Usually permanent water present									
prosent									
Source of water that maintain	ns character of the site								
Presence?	Predominant water	source Ch	anges at RIS update						
Water inputs from surface water			No change						
Water.									
Water destination									
Presence?	Changes at RIS up	odate							
To downstream catchment	No change								
Stability of water regime									
Presence?	Changes at RIS up	odate							
Water levels largely stable	No change								
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Please add any comments	on the water regime a	nd its determi	nants (if relevant). Use	this box to exp	lain sites with	complex hydrol	ogy:		
I arge mires are impo									

The water has a low buffer capacity (sensitive to potential acidification).

4.5 - Sediment regime
Sediment regime unknown ☑
4.6 - Water pH
Unknown ☑
4.7 - Water salinity
Fresh (<0.5 g/l) ☑
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4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water
Oligotrophic ☑
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Unknown □
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 ○ ii) significantly different ● site itself:
Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development
Surrounding area has higher human population density \Box
Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use
Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types
lease describe other ways in which the surrounding area is different:
Forestry

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Food for humans	Sustenance for humans (e.g., fish, molluscs, grains)	Medium
Fresh water	Drinking water for humans and/or livestock	Medium
Wetland non-food products	Livestock fodder	Medium

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
Hazard reduction	Flood control, flood storage	High	

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	Medium	
Recreation and tourism	Water sports and activities	Low	

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Nutrient cycling	Carbon storage/sequestration	Low

Other ecosystem service(s) not included above:

Large mires are important water reservoirs. They provide stability in water drainage in the watercourses by acting as reservoirs in drought periods and as flood barriers during snow melt and periods of heavy precipitation.

Hunting and sports fishing, canoeing, berry picking. Some grazing (sheep).

The surrounding area host several cabins and farms.

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site? Yes O No O Unknown \odot

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 use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland	
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	

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4.6 - Ecological processes

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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)	2	2

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

Within the Ramsar site: Private

In the surrounding area: Private/state owned

5.1.2 - Management authority

agency or organization responsible for managing the site:

Please list the local office / offices of any County Governor of Innlandet

Statsforvalteren i Innlandet

Postal address: Pb 987

N-2604 LILLEHAMMER

E-mail address: postmottak@fmhe.no

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Human settlements (non agricultural)

Tourism and recreation Low impact Low impact W No change No change	Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
	Tourism and recreation areas	Low impact	Low impact	✓	No change		No change

Agriculture and aquaculture

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Livestock farming and ranching	Low impact	Low impact	/	No change	/	No change

Transportation and service corridors

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Roads and railroads	Low impact	Low impact	✓	No change	✓	No change

Human intrusions and disturbance

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Recreational and tourism activities	Low impact	Low impact	✓	No change	✓	No change

Invasive and other problematic species and genes

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Invasive non-native/ alien species	unknown impact	unknown impact	/	No change		No change

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

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

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

1	la Strict Nature Reserve
	lb 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

Measures	Status
Legal protection	Implemented

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented

Other

Nature Reserve is the strongest form of nature conservation in Norway. Human activity here is regulated by an official set of detailed regulations specific for the area.

The site is identified by the management authority as an area where it is necessary to get a management plan.

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? No

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:

None

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

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

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Animal species (please specify)	Implemented

Atnasjøen was in 1986 chosen as a reference inland watercourse, where scientists monitor longterm variations and changes occurring in natural processes and ecosystems that are almost untouched by technical alterations. In Atnasjøen they monitor the biodiversity that can be found in this body of freshwater. The monitoring is performed by Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA) and Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA).

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

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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)

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iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

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iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

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v. site management plan

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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



Atnsjømyrene (Suzanne Wien/Fylkesmannen i Hedmark, 01-09-2016)



Atnsjømy rene (Suzanne Wien/Fylkesmannen i Hedmark, 01-09-2016)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 2010-11-12