



Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands

As approved by Rec.C.4.7 of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, Montreux, Switzerland - July 1990

NOTE: Please read the accompanying guidelines before attempting to complete this form. An example of a completed data sheet is also included.

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5. Name of wetland: KUREFJORDEN Nature Reserve
6. Date of Ramsar designation: 24 July 1985
7. Geographical coordinates: 59° 30' N, 11° 00' E
8. General location: (e.g. administrative region and nearest large town)
Situated on the eastern coast of the Oslo Fjord in Ostfold County
9. Area: (in hectares)
400 ha (30 ha land area)
10. Wetland type: (see attached classification, also approved by Montreux Rec.C.4.7)
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11. Altitude: (average and/or maximum & minimum)
12. Overview: (general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetland's principal characteristics)
The reserve covers a shallow marine bay on the Oslo Fjord coast. Kurefjorden is one of the most important resting areas for migrating waterfowl at the Oslo Fjord
13. 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)
A shallow bay/fjord with extensive mudflats in the inner parts.
14. Ecological features: (main habitats and vegetation types)
Land vegetation is dominated by wet grassland whereas mudflats are covered by Salicornia europaea, Zostera marina and Ruppia ssp cover extensive parts of the shallow bottom areas.

15. Land tenure /ownership of:

(a) site *Private*

(b) surrounding area

16. 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)

Established as a nature reserve in December 1978. Strict regulations prevent human activity, including building, hunting, drainage etc. Visits are forbidden in two key resting areas in spring and autumn.

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

18. Current land use: principal human activities in:

(a) site *Nature conservation*

(b) surroundings/catchment *Mainly agriculture*

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 *None known*

(b) in the surroundings/catchment

Extensive drainage projects have been completed in the surrounding area for agricultural purposes

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

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

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

The most numerous species are Anas platyrhynchos, A. crecca, Bucephala clangula, Calidris alpina and Philomachus pugnax

23. Noteworthy flora: (e.g. unique, rare, endangered, or biogeographically important species/communities etc.)

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

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

Information booklet
Observation tower

26. **Current recreation and tourism:** (state if wetland used for recreation/tourism; indicate type & frequency/intensity)

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

Fylkesmannen i Østfold (The County Governor of Østfold)
P.O. Box 325
N-1501 Moss
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28. **Jurisdiction:** (territorial e.g. state/region and functional e.g. Dept of Agriculture/Dept of Environment etc.)

29. **Bibliographical references:** (scientific/technical only)

Lagler, O. and Rosnes, A. (1982) Kurefjorden 1973-1978.
Ornitologiske undersøkelser og utvikling i området.
Østfold-Natur 10: 1-84

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

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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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