

Ramsar Information Sheet

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SwedenGullhög-Tönningfloarna



Designation date 19 March 2013
Site number 2169
Coordinates 62°11'15"N 14°08'27"E
Area 1 881,00 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

Summarv

Gullhög-Tönningfloarna is a large mire complex with a mixture of fens, bogs, mixed mire and wet forest. The fen vegetation types are rich with wetland brown mosses. The bogs have poor sprig vegetation. The string-flark fens have very well differentiated strings and hollow structures. The vegetation is of brown moss type and pine and birch grow on the strings. The flarks are very wet and covered with sedge and brown mosses. The topogenus fens cover big areas and have moderate rich vegetation. Some parts are open and other parts are covered by birch shrubs. Some of the open parts are very wet. In this part of the mire the moss Hamatocaulis vernicosus is found. The slightly raised bogs have very well differentiated structures of strings and hollows in a net shaped pattern. The strings consist of sprig vegetation and in the hollows the peat moss Sphagnum balticum and the cottongrass Eriophorum vaginatum grow. Some of the wet forests are of wet pine-type with the sedge Carex globularis. There are also some ponds in the central part of the site, which are significant for birds. The mixed mire contains ombrotrophic bog vegetation of sprig type and minerotrophic fen vegetation with sedge and bryophytes. The mixed mire therefore has several different plant communities. Rich fens are fairly rare in the Boreal region. The large rich fens of the site therefore have a high value for the species inhabiting this habitat. The mire structure with strings, flarks, hollows and ponds, covering large areas, offers good condition for an interesting and rich bird life. This kind of mires offers fine habitats for nesting and good feeding places to waders.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

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

From year 2013

To year 2016

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2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)

Gullhög-Tönningfloarna

Unofficial name (optional)

Gullhög-Tönningfloarna (peatland)

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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Boundaries description

The Ramsar site boundary is the same as the boundary for the Natura 2000 site and Swedish Mire Protection Plan. In general the boundary follows the border between wetland and dry ground, including a small buffer zone.

2.2.2 - General location

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

Jämtland

b) What is the nearest town or population centre?

Sveg, about 15 km SSE from the site

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

- a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes O No \odot
- 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): 1881

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from 1882.31

GIS boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
Udvardy's Biogeographical Provinces	03 West Eurasian Taiga
Bailey's Ecoregions	M240 Marine regime Mountains
WWF Terrestrial Ecoregions	Scandinavian-Russian Taiga
Other scheme (provide name below)	Scandinavian-Russian Taiga
Freshwater Ecoregions of the World (FEOW)	406 Northern Baltic drainages
EU biogeographic regionalization	Boreal region

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

Nordiska Ministerrådet 1984. Naturgeografisk indelning av Norden. - Premountain region 33g. EEA, 2002. Digital Map of European Ecological Regions (DMEER) - Scandinavian-Russian Taiga

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

Hydrological services provided

Large areas of the fens are very wet and store vast amount of water. The site support groundwater from surrounding hills and drain to the river Veman, which at some parts, form a meandering river.

Other ecosystem services provided

The area is used for hunting and fishing and picking cloudberry. The site provides livestock fodder for the reindeer husbandry by the local Sami population.

The site contains several representative wetland types for the EU boreal region and also some less Other reasons common ones. The stringed fens, the slightly raised bogs and the vast fens and wet forests are all representative wetlands types for the region. The site's large total area of rich fen vegetation is rare.

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

The site supports populations of mire plant and animal species important for the biological diversity of the EU Boreal region. The mires are very diverse considering mire and vegetation types that create a lot of diversity. The site covers the whole scale from poor vegetation in the bogs to very rich wetland brown moss fens. The bird life is rich with many various species of wetland birds. Gullhög-Tönningfloarna is important for breeding and migrating wetland birds. The site is a popular bird watching site during spring and summer.

- ☑ Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions
- ☑ Criterion 7 : Significant and representative fish

Justification

The river Veman supports for example Brown Trout, Grayling, Burbot, Common Pike and Common

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
Carex heleonastes	Hudson Bay Sedge	2	>				The Swedish Red List 2015 (EN).	See text box below the table and in section 3.1.
Eriophorum gracile	Slender Cottongrass		V					See text box below the table and in section 3.1.
Hamatocaulis vernicosus		2	V				The Swedish Red List 2015 (NT). EC Habitats Directive, Annex II.	See text box below the table and in section 3.1.
Paludella squarrosa			V					See text box below the table and in section 3.1.
Tomentypnum nitens			V					See text box below the table and in section 3.1.
Warnstorfia tundrae			2					See text box below the table and in section 3.1.

The status for the species in the Swedish Red List and general information for that classification as well as their distribution etc, can be found at http://artfakta.artdatabanken.se/.

Observation of the species can be found in the Swedish database for observations http://www.artportalen.se/. For all the species observations are recorded in the Wetland survey (VMI) 1992. some are mentioned in the Swedish mire protection Plan 1994.

The existence of Hamatocaulis vernoicosus in the rich fen, is one of just a few registrations of this species in the province Härjedalen. The site is therefore an importance site for the species in this province.

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	Species contributes under criterion 3 5 7 8	Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Birds												
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas crecca	Eurasian Teal; Green-winged Teal						LC				Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl						LC ●辭			EC Birds Directive, Annex I.	Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya fuligula	Tufted Duck						LC om				Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Bucephala clangula	Common Goldeneye						LC ©#				Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Calidris temminckii	Temminck's Stint)			LC ●数 ●簡				Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Falco subbuteo	Eurasian Hobby, Northern Hobby						LC Sign				Searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.

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CHORDATA/ AVES	Gallinago gallinago	Common Snipe			2					LC				Courtship, breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Grus grus	Common Crane			1					LC			EC Birds Directive, Annex I.	Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Lymnocryptes minimus	Jack Snipe			2					LC				Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Lyrurus tetrix	Eurasian Black Grouse; Black Grouse			2					LC			EC Birds Directive, Annex I.	Courtship and breeding. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Melanitta fusca	Velvet Scoter; White-winged Scoter	y y		1					VU Sign			The Swedish Red List 2015 (NT).	Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Numenius arquata	Eurasian Curlew			2					NT			The Swedish Red List 2015 (NT).	Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Numenius phaeopus	Whimbrel			V					LC •#				Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Philomachus pugnax	Ruff	77		2								The Swedish Red List 2015 (W). EC Birds Directive, Annex I.	Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pluvialis apricaria	European Golden Plover; European Golden-Plover			2					LC Sin			EC Birds Directive, Annex I.	Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Podiceps auritus	Horned Grebe			2					VU Sign			EC Birds Directive, Annex I.	Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa glareola	Wood Sandpiper			V					LC ©S			EC Birds Directive, Annex I.	Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa nebularia	Common Greenshank			V					LC ©SF				Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Vanellus vanellus	Northern Lapwing			1					NT ●\$* ●\$#				Breeding and searching food. See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
Fish, Mollusc	and Crustacea								<u>'</u>					
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYG	II 🌌 🕮	Common pike								LC				See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYG	Lota lota	Burbot			Ø.					LC © is:			The Swedish Red List 2015 (NT).	See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYG	Phoxinus phoxinus	Common minnow	; 		2					LC				See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYG	Sal mo trutta	Herling			2					LC ©				See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYG	Thymallus thymallus	European grayling; European grayling; European grayling			2					LC ●器 ●關				See textbox below the table and in section 3.1.

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

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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
EU7310. Aapa mires		Mre complexes characterised by centres of minerotrophic fen vegetation. Included mire units: mixed mires, string-fens, flark-fens, unraised Sphagum fuscum-bogs, unpatterned topogenous or soligenous lawn-, carpet or mud-bottom fens.	The habitat is listed in EC Habitats Directive Annex II. The habitat had an unfavourable status in the Swedish part of the EU boreal region in 2013.
EU7230 Alkaline fens	Ø	Wetlands mostly or largely occupied by peat- or tufa-producing small sedge and brown moss communities developed on soils permanently waterlogged, with a soligenous or topogenous base rich, often calcareous water supply.	The habitat is listed in EC Habitats Directive Annex II. The habitat had an unfavourable status in the Swedish part of the EU boreal region in 2013.
EU7140. Transition mires ang qaking bogs		Peat-forming habitat on oligotrophic to mesotrophic waters, including characteristics intermediate between soligenous and ombrogenous mire types. Swaying swards, floating carpets or quaking mires are also included. It includes many plant communities.	The habitat is listed in EC Habitats Directive Annex II. The habitat had an unfavourable status in the Swedish part of the EU boreal region in 2013.
EU9010. Western tagia	Ø	Natural old boreal forests with little or none human impact. They often contain a lot of dead and rotten wood; have a variation in tree age and length and species composition. Both wet and non-wet subtypes exist. They often support red-listed species.	The habitat is listed in EC Habitats Directive Annex II. The habitat had an unfavourable status in the Swedish part of the EU boreal region in 2013.

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

4.1 - Ecological character

The site is a large mire complex with a mixture of fens, bogs, mixed mire and wet forest. The fen vegetation types are rich with wetland brown mosses (Scorpidium, Campylium etc). The bogs have poor sprig vegetation. The string-flark fens have very well differentiated strings and hollow structures. The vegetation is of brown moss type and pine and birch grow on the strings. The flarks are very wet and covered with sedge and brown mosses. The topogenus fens cover big areas and have moderate rich vegetation. Some parts are open and other parts are covered by birch shrubs. Some of the open parts are very wet. In this part of the mire the moss Hamatocaulis vernicosus is found. The slightly raised bogs have very well differentiated structures of strings and hollows in a net shaped pattern. The strings consist of sprig vegetation and in the hollows the moss Sphagnum balticum and the cottongrass Eriophorum vaginatum grow. Some of the wet forests are of wet pine-type with the sedge Carex globularis. There are also some ponds in the central part of the site, which is significant for bird life. The mixed mire contains ombrotrophic bog vegetation of sprig type and minerotrophic fen vegetation with sedges and bryophytes. The mixed mire therefore has several different plant communities. Rich fens are fairly rare in the Boreal region. The large rich fens of the site have therefore a high value for the species inhabiting this habitat. Some interesting rich fen species in the site are the plants and mosses Scirpus hudsonianus, Eriophorum gracile, Campylium stellatum, Meesia triquetra, and Paludella sqarrosa. The mires structure with strings, flarks, hollows and ponds, covering large areas, offers good condition for an interesting and rich bird life. This kind of mires offers fine habitats for nesting and good feeding places for waders. The hydrology of the site is intact, only a few small ditches are located in peripheral parts. These small ditches have no hydrological influence.

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 > Flowing water >> Mt Permanent rivers/ streams/ creeks		4	10	Representative
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		0		Representative
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		3	35	Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non- forested peatlands		1	1200	Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> Xp: Permanent Forested peatlands		2	100	Representative

Other non-wetland habitat

Carlot Hort World Habitat	
Other non-wetland habitats within the site	Area (ha) if known
Coniferous forest on dry ground	

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

<no data available>

4.3.2 - Animal species

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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)

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Mesotrophic 🗹

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change ● Increase O Decrease O Unknown O
Oligotrophic ✓
(Update) Changes at RIS update No change ● Increase O Decrease O Unknown O
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 O 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 🗹
Please describe other ways in which the surrounding area is different:
The degree of human impact is much larger in the surrounding landscape. Forestry affects the forests and a number of the surrounding mires are used for large scale peat extraction.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Regulating Services

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Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	Medium

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	Medium

Within the site:	500

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of 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 use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland
ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former $\hfill\Box$ 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

<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)	✓	✓
Commercial (company)	✓	✓

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

The Sami have right to have reindeer husbandry at the site and in its surroundings.

	Managemen	

agency or organization responsible for	Länsstyrelsen Jämtlands län (County Administration Board of Jämtland)
managing the site:	
Provide the name and title of the person or	
people with responsibility for the wetland:	Ramsar contact person, Nature conservation administrator
people with responsibility for the wettand.	
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E-mail address:	jamtland@lansstyrelsen.se

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	Low impact	Low impact	V	No change		No change

Energy production and mining

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

Biological resource use

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Logging and wood harvesting			>		/	

Please describe any other threats (optional):

Gullhög-Tönningfloarna was during the 1980-90's threatened by the efforts to establish peat cutting at the site. The conservation values resulted in that no permits to cut peat were granted.

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	Gullhög-Tönningfloama SPA and SAC SE0720411		whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict Nature Reserve □
lb Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness
protection
II 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
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5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

Measures	Status
Legal protection	Proposed

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? Yes O No $\ensuremath{ \odot}$

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

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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)

<no file available>

ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

<no file available>

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

<no file available>

vi. other published literature

<no file available>

<no data available>

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Strings and hollows in reticulate structure (Carl-Johan Wikström County administration board of Jäntland, 23-09-2014)



Strings and hollows in structures reticulate structure (Carl-Johan Wikström County administration board of Jäntland. 23-09-2014

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 2013-03-19