

# Information Sheet on Ramsar Wetlands

Categories approved by Recommendation 4.7 of the Conference of the Contracting Parties.

NOTE: It is important that you read the accompanying *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document before completing this form.

**1. Date this sheet was completed/updated:**

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Designation date

Site Reference Number

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**2. Country:**

Italy

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**3. Name of wetland:**

Oasi di Vendicari

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**4. Geographical coordinates:**

36°48'N 15°07'E

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**5. Altitude:** (average and/or max. & min.) 0 – 10 ma.s.l.

**6. Area:** (in hectares) 1,500 ha

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**7. Overview:** (general summary, in two or three sentences, of the wetland's principal characteristics)

The area is a refuge for migrating birds.

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**8. Wetland Type:** (please circle the applicable codes for wetland types as listed in Annex I of the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document)

**marine-coastal:** A - B - C - D - E - F - G - H - I - J - K

**inland:** L - M - N - O - P - Q - R - Sp - Ss - Tp

Ts - U - Va - Vt - W - Xf - Xp - Y - Zg - Zk

**man-made:** 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9

Please now rank these wetland types by listing them from the most to the least dominant:

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**9. Ramsar Criteria:** (please circle the applicable criteria; see point 12, next page.)

1a - 1b - 1c - 1d / 2a - 2b - 2c - 2d / 3a - 3b - 3c / 4a - 4b

Please specify the most significant criterion applicable to the site:

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**10. Map of site included? Please tick *yes* ....., - or - *no***

(Please refer to the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document for information regarding desirable map traits)

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**11. Name and address of the compiler of this form:**

Luigi Piccini

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**Please provide additional information on each of the following categories by attaching extra pages (please limit extra pages to no more than 10):**

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**12. Justification of the criteria selected under point 9, on previous page.** (Please refer to Annex II in the *Explanatory Note and Guidelines* document)

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**13. General location:** (include the nearest large town and its administrative region)

Noto/Pachino (SR)

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**14. Physical features:** (e.g. geology, geomorphology; origins - natural or artificial; hydrology; soil type; water quality; water depth; water permanence; fluctuation in water level; tidal variations; catchment area; downstream area; climate)

Marl and limestones. Dry Mediterranean climate.

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**15. Hydrological values:** (groundwater recharge, flood control, sediment trapping, shoreline stabilisation etc.)

Average depth of marshes is 50cm.

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**16. Ecological features:** (main habitats and vegetation types)

Mediterranean scrub/garrigue. Psammophyte vegetation.

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**17. Noteworthy flora:** (indicating, e.g., which species/communities are unique, rare, endangered or biogeographically important, etc.)

*Posidonia Oceanica*.

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**18. Noteworthy fauna:** (indicating, e.g., which species are unique, rare, endangered, abundant or biogeographically important; include count data, etc.)

Culuber "Leopardino", Marsh turtle.

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

Ancient Byzantine settlement with necropolis.

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**20. Land tenure/ownership of:** (a) site (b) surrounding area

(a) public (b) public and private

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**21. Current land use:** (a) site (b) surroundings/catchment

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**22. Factors (past, present or potential) adversely affecting the site's ecological character, including changes in land use and development projects:** (a) at the site (b) around the site

(a) bathing

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**23. 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)

Two nature reserve areas: Category A (Total) and Category B1/B2 (Reserve peripheral area)

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

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

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

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**27. Current recreation and tourism:** (state if wetland is used for recreation/tourism; indicate type and frequency/intensity)  
50,000 visitors per year.

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**28. Jurisdiction:** (territorial e.g. state/region and functional e.g. Dept of Agriculture/Dept. of Environment etc.)  
Region: Sicily; Province: Syracuse; Council: Noto

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**29. Management authority:** (name and address of local body directly responsible for managing the wetland)  
State owned forestry enterprise.

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

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