



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

For Special Protection Areas (SPA),
Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI),
Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and
for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE BE2500831

SITENAME Ijzervallei

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code BE2500831	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Ijzervallei

1.4 First Compilation date 1986-12	1.5 Update date 2021-02
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1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation:	Research Institute for Nature and Forest
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1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	1988-10
National legal reference of SPA designation	BVR 17.10.1988 aanwijzing van SPA in de zin van art. 4 van Richtlijn 79/409/EEG. Belgisch Staatsblad 29/10/1988, p. 15066.
Date site proposed as SCI:	1900-01
Date site confirmed as SCI:	No data
Date site designated as SAC:	1900-01
National legal reference of SAC designation:	No data
Explanation(s):	final conservation objectives and priorities are known but not yet legally established

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude

Latitude

2.2 Area [ha]:

2.3 Marine area [%]

5136.0

0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

BE25	Prov. West-Vlaanderen
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2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (100.0
%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

Species					Population in the site					Site assessment				
G	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	T	Size		Unit	Cat.	D. qual.	A B C D	A B C		
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
B	A294	Acrocephalus paludicola			c	30	33	i		P	D			
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			r	1	3	p		G	C	C	C	C
B	A054	Anas acuta			w	50	400	i		G	A	C	C	B
B	A056	Anas clypeata			w	710	1200	i		G	A	B	C	A
B	A052	Anas crecca			w	700	6200	i		G	A	C	C	B
B	A050	Anas penelope			w	9600	48000	i		G	A	B	C	A
I	4056	Anisus vorticolus			p	1	1	grids10x10	P	DD	D			
B	A041	Anser albifrons			w	16500	30600	i		G	A	B	C	A
B	A040	Anser brachyrhynchus			w	10	550	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A039	Anser fabalis			w	700	1800	i		G	A	B	C	A
B	A021	Botaurus stellaris			r	0	2	p		G	D			
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			r	8	21	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			w	10	20	i		M	B	B	C	B
B	A122	Crex crex			r	0	3	p		G	B	C	C	B
B	A037	Cygnus columbianus bewickii			w	15	210	i		G	A	B	C	A
B	A027	Egretta alba			w	60	140	i		G	A	B	C	A
B	A026	Egretta garzetta			r	0	3	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A131	Himantopus himantopus			r	6	14	p		G	A	B	C	A
B	A182	Larus canus			w	25000	42000	i		M	A	B	C	A
B	A179	Larus ridibundus			w	17000	76000	i		M	A	B	C	A

B	A156	Limosa limosa			c	1100	7500	i		G	A	C	C	A
B	A612	Luscinia svecica cyanecula			r	100	200	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A160	Numenius arquata			w	900	1400	i		G	B	C	C	B
B	A151	Philomachus pugnax			w	80	1100	i		G	A	C	C	B
B	A034	Platalea leucorodia			r	4	17	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A140	Pluvialis apricaria			w	1300	9600	i		G	A	B	C	A
B	A119	Porzana porzana			r	1	7	p		G	B	B	C	B
A	1166	Triturus cristatus			p	1	1	grids1x1	P	DD	D			

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Type:** p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see [reference portal](#))
- **Abundance categories (Cat.):** C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present - to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna (optional)

Species					Population in the site				Motivation					
Group	CODE	Scientific Name	S	NP	Size		Unit	Cat.	Species Annex		Other categories			
					Min	Max		C R V P	IV	V	A	B	C	D
M	1330	Myotis mystacinus			2	2	grids10x10	P	X					
M	1322	Myotis nattereri			1	1	grids10x10	P	X					
M	1326	Plecotus auritus			2	2	grids10x10	P	X					
A	1207	Rana lessonae			2	2	grids10x10	P	X					

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, Fu = Fungi, I = Invertebrates, L = Lichens, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **CODE:** for Birds, Annex IV and V species the code as provided in the reference portal should be used in addition to the scientific name
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting, (see [reference portal](#))
- **Cat.:** Abundance categories: C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present
- **Motivation categories:** IV, V: Annex Species (Habitats Directive), A: National Red List data; B: Endemics; C: International Conventions; D: other reasons

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N14	10.8
N09	0.04
N23	5.9
N20	0.8
N10	56.0
N08	0.5
N07	0.42

N15	20.8
N21	0.06
N16	0.05
N06	4.62
Total Habitat Cover	99.99000000000001

Other Site Characteristics

A large area of flat and annually (in winter) inundated hay-meadows and grasslands along the Ijzer and Handzame rivers. The site includes the Blankaart, a shallow freshwater lake with extensive reedbeds and Salix marshes. N08 concerns willow and thorn thickets.

4.2 Quality and importance

This is an internationally important area for migrating and wintering waders and waterfowl, especially wintering Anser albifrons albifrons, Larus ridibundus, Larus canus, Limosa limosa and Mareca penelope. The site is also important for breeding meadow birds. A large part of the SPA is also protected by the RAMSAR convention. The SPA determines the outer limit of the range of the species listed in the section 'Other Species'.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative Impacts			
Rank	Threats and pressures [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
M	K03.04		i
M	J03.02		b
H	J03.01		i
H	H01		b
H	G01		i
M	A07		i
H	J02		b

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
H	J		b
M	F03.02.04		i

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
ramsar	Reservaat De Blankaart	+	48.0

5.3 Site designation (optional)

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Agency for Nature and Forest (ANB)
Address:	Havenlaan 88 bus 75, 1000 Brussels
Email:	anb@vlaanderen.be
Organisation:	NGO: Natuurpunt Beheer vzw

Address:	Coxiestraat 11, 2800 Mechelen
Email:	info@natuurpunt.be

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Name: in preparation Link: http://
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

J Natural System modifications of field 4.3 stands for: 1) realization of core areas with high-quality, well-developed grasslands that have been mown late (sufficiently long inundated), and open, very wet reed marshes; 2) drawing up a clear accessibility plan in combination with appropriate design measures and sufficient enforcement are necessary to reduce the degree of disturbance (safeguarding sufficiently large disturbance-free areas > 100 ha); 3) restoring / improving the hydrological regime (suitable water level management); 4) restoration of good water quality of surface waters; 5) improvement and expansion of potential bat hunting areas by providing small landscape elements on the valley edge, preferably adjacent to existing groves and park areas. F03.02.04 predator control stands for: investigation of the need for (temporary) predator control in function of increasing the breeding success of ground breeders (e.g. bittern and marsh harrier). Additional conservation measures are: 1) realization of the approved nature development plan, including acquisition; 2) reducing the use of pesticides; 3) protection of / measures in important plaster and breeding areas outside the current boundaries of the SPA.

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:

Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

Yes No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).