# Ramsar Information Sheet

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# Sweden

## Kilsviken-Åråsviken


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| Designation date | 12 June 1989 |
| Site number | 434 |
| Coordinates | 59°02'44"N 14°02'41"E |
| Area | 9 046,00 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

The site Kilsviken-Åråsviken is situated in the northeast corner of lake Vänern, the largest lake in Sweden. It consists of three large bays (Kilsviken, Kolstrandsviken and Åråsviken) with numerous islands, the river Gullspångsälven and the shoreline around the bays. The landscape is a mosaic of open water, reed-areas, forested wetlands and grazed wetlands.

The site is very important for migrating and breeding birds. More than 250 different bird species have been reported from the site. About 60 species of wetland birds and waterfowls regularly use the area. About 25 bird species that is nationally redlisted is found in the area. The site is also an important spawning-site for fish.

# 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

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| From year | 2002 |
| To year | 2015 |

### 2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

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|---|---|
| Official name (in English, French or Spanish) | Kilsviken-Åråsviken |
| Unofficial name (optional) | Kilsviken-Åråsviken (bay) |

### 2.1.4 - Changes to the boundaries and area of the Site since its designation or earlier update

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|---|---|
| (Update) A. Changes to Site boundary | Yes ◉ No ○ |
| (Update) The boundary has been delineated more accurately | ☑ |
| (Update) The boundary has been extended | ☐ |
| (Update) The boundary has been restricted | ☐ |
| (Update) B. Changes to Site area | the area has decreased |
| (Update) The Site area has been calculated more accurately | ☑ |
| (Update) The Site has been delineated more accurately | ☑ |
| (Update) The Site area has increased because of a boundary extension | ☑ |
| (Update) The Site area has decreased because of a boundary restriction | ☑ |

### 2.1.5 - Changes to the ecological character of the Site

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|---|---|
| (Update) 6b i. Has the ecological character of the Ramsar Site (including applicable Criteria) changed since the previous RIS? | Yes (actual) |
| (Update) Are the changes | Positive ◉ Negative ○ Positive & Negative ○ |
| (Update) Positive % | 10 |
| (Update) No information available | ☐ |
| (Update) Changes resulting from causes operating within the existing boundaries? | ☑ |

(Update) Changes resulting from causes operating beyond the site's boundaries? ☐

(Update) Changes consequent upon site boundary reduction alone (e.g., the exclusion of some wetland types formerly included within the site)? ☐

(Update) Changes consequent upon site boundary increase alone (e.g., the inclusion of different wetland types in the site)? ☑

(Update) Please describe any changes to the ecological character of the Ramsar Site, including in the application of the Criteria, since the previous RIS for the site.

Increased legal protection, two nature reserves: Dyrön (2006) and Värmlands Säby (2003).

The boundary of the site has been adjusted to boundaries of nature reserves, where possible due to conservation values and corrected in a way so that built-up areas, arable land and some water area is excluded. There is a large extension in the south-east around a channel where arable land has been restored to wetland.

(Update) Is the change in ecological character negative, human-induced AND a significant change (above the limit of acceptable change) Yes ○

## 2.2 - Site location

### 2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image
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Former maps: 0

### 2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie? County of Värmland and County of Västra Götaland

b) What is the nearest town or population centre? Kristinehamn (Värmland) and Gullspång (Västra Götaland)

### 2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes ○ No ◉

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party? Yes ○ No ◉

### 2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha): 9046

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries: 9052.97

### 2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

| Regionalisation scheme(s) | Biogeographic region |
|---|---|
| WWF Terrestrial Ecoregions | Sarmatic mixed forest PA0436 |
| Other scheme (provide name below) | Boreonemoral |
| Freshwater Ecoregions of the World (FEOW) | Ecoregion 406 Northern Baltic drainages |
| EU biogeographic regionalization | Boreal |

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

Boreonemorale zone according to 1975, ICUN, Man and Biospehere programme, proj 8 and Nordiska ministerrådet 1977, Naturgeografisk regionindelning av Norden NU B 1977:34

# 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

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| Hydrological services provided | The site is important for storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients. It is also important for the provision of water that is processed and becomes drinking water. |
| Other ecosystem services provided | Parts of the site have grazed areas that are important for farmers that keep cattle, |
| Other reasons | The site has representative examples of a near-natural wetland types (freshwater lake and river) in the EU Boreal region. |

☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

☑ Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

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| Justification | Support particular elements of biological diversity that are characteristic of the EU Boreal region. It's an important breeding area for water birds. The site is also an important staging area for migratory water birds. |

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

☑ Criterion 7 : Significant and representative fish

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| Justification | The area is an important site for many fish species, from many different taxa. The composition of species is rich and represents the not so species rich ecoregion Northern Baltic drainages. Several fishes have their reproduction areas at the site; in the river or in the shallow waters of the bays. There are also some fish species at the site that have a particular genetic composition for example a local genetically unique population of Salmo salar, (Gullspång salmon) and the Coregonus albula morphotype albula. Osmerus eperlanus is the main prey for the predatory fish species at the site. |

☑ Criterion 8 : Fish spawning grounds, etc.

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| Justification | The area is an important spawning ground for Salmon trutta and a local subspecies of Salmo salar. |

## 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Bidens radiata* | | ☑ | ☑ | ☐ | LC | ☐ | Swedish Red List 2015 (VU) | |

Criterion 2: For all species, their status 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/.

Criteria 2 and 3: Observation of the species can be found in the Swedish database for observations http://www.artportalen.se/.

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

| Phylum | Scientific name | Common name | Species qualifies under criterion | | | | Species contributes under criterion | | | | Pop. Size | Period of pop. Est. | % occurrence 1) | IUCN Red List | CITES Appendix I | CMS Appendix I | Other Status | Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| **Birds** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* | Great Reed Warbler | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | Swedish Red List 2015 (NT) | Breeding habitats. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Anas acuta* | Northern Pintail | ☑ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | Swedish Red List 2015 (VU) | Staging during migration. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Anas crecca* | Eurasian Teal; Green-winged Teal | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | Staging during migration, some breeding pairs. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Anas penelope* | Eurasian Wigeon | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | Staging during migration. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Anas querquedula* | Garganey | ☑ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | Swedish Red List 2015 (VU) | Staging during migration, some breeding pairs. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Anser anser* | Greylag Goose | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | Staging during migration, some breeding pairs. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Aythya ferina* | Common Pochard | ☑ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | VU | ☐ | ☐ | Swedish Red List 2015 (VU) | Staging during migration. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Botaurus stellaris* | Eurasian Bittern | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | EC Birds Directive Annex I. | Suitable breeding habitats. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Carpodacus erythrinus erythrinus* | Common rosefinch ssp. | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | Swedish Red List 2015 (VU). | See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Circus aeruginosus* | Western Marsh Harrier | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | EC Birds Directive Annex I. | Staging and foraging. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Cygnus cygnus* | Whooper Swan | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | EC Birds Directive Annex I. | Staging during migration, some breeding pairs. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Grus grus* | Common Crane | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | EC Birds Directive Annex I. | Staging during migration, some breeding pairs. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Haliaeetus albicilla* | White-tailed Eagle | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☑ | ☑ | EC Birds Directive Annex I. | Foraging. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Mergus merganser* | Common Merganser | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | Staging during migration. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Pandion haliaetus* | Osprey; Western Osprey | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | EC Birds Directive Annex I. | Foraging. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Panurus biarmicus* | Bearded Reedling | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | Swedish Red List 2015 (NT). | Suitable habitats for foraging and breeding. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Philomachus pugnax* | Ruff | ☑ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | Swedish Red List 2015 (EN). EC Birds Directive Annex I. | Staging and displaying. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ AVES | *Sterna hirundo* | Common Tern | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | EC Birds Directive Annex I. | Staging during migration and breeding. See text box below the table. |
| **Fish, Mollusc and Crustacea** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Phylum | Scientific name | Common name | Species qualifies under criterion | | | | Species contributes under criterion | | | | Pop. Size | Period of pop. Est. | % occurrence 1) | IUCN Red List | CITES Appendix I | CMS Appendix I | Other Status | Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Coregonus albula* | European sisco | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | The morphytype "Coregonus albula morphotype albula". | See text box below the table and in section 3.1 criterion 7. |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Esox lucius* | Common Pike | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☑ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | Reproduction habitats. See text box below the table. |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Leuciscus aspius* | Schied | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☑ | | | | | ☐ | ☐ | EC Habitats Directive Annex II. | Reproduction habitat. See text box below the table and under criteria 7. |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Lota lota* | Burbot | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | See text box below the table and in section 3.1 criterion 7. |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Osmerus eperlanus* | European Smelt | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | See text box below the table and in section 3.1 criterion 7. |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Perca fluviatilis* | European perch | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | See text box below the table and in section 3.1 criterion 7. |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Salmo salar* | Salmon | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☑ | | | | | ☐ | ☐ | EC Habitats Directive Annex II. Unique genetic population, "Gullspång salmon". | Migration route, leks. See text box below the table and under criteria 7 and 8. |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Salmo trutta* | Brown trout | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☑ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | Migration route, leks. See text box below the table and under criteria 7 and 8. |
| CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII | *Sander lucioperca* | Pikeperch | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | See text box below the table and in section 3.1 criterion 7. |
| **Others** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA | *Castor fiber* | Eurasian Beaver | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☑ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | | | | LC | ☐ | ☐ | | Foraging, reproduction and suitable habitat for beaver dams. See text box below the table. |

*1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site*

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Criteria 2, 3, 7 and 8: Observation of the species can be found in the Swedish database for observations http://www.artportalen.se/.

## 3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

<no data available>

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

## 4.1 - Ecological character

The site Kilsviken-Åråsviken is situated in the northeast corner of lake Vänern, the largest lake in Sweden. It consists of three large bays (Kilsviken, Kolstrandsviken and Åråsviken) with numerous islands, the river Gullspångsälven and the shoreline around the bays. The landscape is a mosaic of open water, reed-areas, forested wetlands and grazed wetlands.

The bay Kilsviken is shallow, nutrient-rich and has lush submerged vegetation. It is surrounded by broad belts of Phragmites and Scirpus, giving way to partially grazed meadows with stands of Carex. The bay Kolstrandsviken is less rich in nutrients and supports limited areas of Phragmites. The inner section of the bay Åråsviken consists of extensive stands of Phragmites and small, forested islands, partly submerged terminal moraines and glacio-fluvial ridges.

The site is very important for migrating and breeding birds. More than 250 different bird species have been reported from the site. About 60 species of wetland birds and waterfowls regularly use the area. About 25 bird species that are nationally redlisted are found in the area. The site is also an important spawning-site for fish.

## 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 | | 2 | 40 | Representative |
| Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes | | 1 | 5000 | Representative |
| Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools | | 0 | | Representative |
| Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Xf: Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands | | 4 | 5 | Representative |

Human-made wetlands

| Wetland types (code and name) | Local name | Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least) | Area (ha) of wetland type | Justification of Criterion 1 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4: Seasonally flooded agricultural land | | 3 | 20 | Representative |

Other non-wetland habitat

| Other non-wetland habitats within the site | Area (ha) if known |
|---|---|
| Natural grassland | |
| Arable land | |
| Deciduous forest | |
| Islands of bare rock in the archipelago | |
| Coniferous forest | |

## 4.3 - Biological components

### 4.3.1 - Plant species

<no data available>

### 4.3.2 - Animal species

<no data available>

## 4.4 - Physical components

### 4.4.1 - Climate

| Climatic region | Subregion |
|---|---|
| D: Moist Mid-Latitude climate with cold winters | Dfb: Humid continental (Humid with severe winter, no dry season, warm summer) |

### 4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in metres): 43

a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres): 50

- Entire river basin ☐
- Upper part of river basin ☐
- Middle part of river basin ☑
- Lower part of river basin ☐
- More than one river basin ☐
- Not in river basin ☐
- Coastal ☐

Please name the river basin or basins. If the site lies in a sub-basin, please also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.

The site is part of the large catchment area river Göta älv- lake Vänern- river Klarälven- river Trysil elva. The catchment area has it's estuary in the Kattegatt. The site is situated in the lake Vänern. The river Gullspångsälven that is part of the site is the lowest part of one of the sub-basins, (river Gullspångsälven-river Letälven-river Svartälven) of that catchment area.

### 4.4.3 - Soil

- Mineral ☑
- (Update) Changes at RIS update: No change ◉ Increase ○ Decrease ○ Unknown ○
- No available information ☐

Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)? Yes ○ No ◉

### 4.4.4 - Water regime

Water permanence

| Presence? | Changes at RIS update |
|---|---|
| Usually permanent water present | |

Source of water that maintains character of the site

| Presence? | Predominant water source | Changes at RIS update |
|---|---|---|
| Water inputs from surface water | ☑ | No change |

Water destination

| Presence? | Changes at RIS update |
|---|---|
| To downstream catchment | No change |

Stability of water regime

| Presence? | Changes at RIS update |
|---|---|
| Water levels largely stable | No change |

Please add any comments on the water regime and its determinants (if relevant). Use this box to explain sites with complex hydrology.

The water regime in Lake Vänern is regulated, do also see text under 5.2.1

### 4.4.5 - Sediment regime

- Sediment regime unknown ☐

<no data available>

### 4.4.6 - Water pH

- Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4 ) ☑
- (Update) Changes at RIS update: No change ◉ Increase ○ Decrease ○ Unknown ○

Unknown ☐

### 4.4.7 - Water salinity

Fresh (<0.5 g/l) ☑

(Update) Changes at RIS update: No change ◉ Increase ○ Decrease ○ Unknown ○

Unknown ☐

### 4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Eutrophic ☑

(Update) Changes at RIS update: No change ◉ Increase ○ Decrease ○ Unknown ○

Mesotrophic ☑

(Update) Changes at RIS update: No change ◉ Increase ○ Decrease ○ Unknown ○

Oligotrophic ☑

(Update) Changes at RIS update: No change ◉ Increase ○ Decrease ○ Unknown ○

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 site itself: i) broadly similar ○ ii) significantly different ◉

Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development ☑

Surrounding area has higher human population density ☑

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use ☑

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types ☑

## 4.5 - Ecosystem services

### 4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

| Ecosystem service | Examples | Importance/Extent/Significance |
|---|---|---|
| Fresh water | Drinking water for humans and/or livestock | Medium |
| Wetland non-food products | Livestock fodder | Medium |
| Wetland non-food products | Timber | Medium |

Cultural Services

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

Supporting Services

| Ecosystem service | Examples | Importance/Extent/Significance |
|---|---|---|
| Biodiversity | Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganizms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part | High |
| Nutrient cycling | Storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients | High |

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

### 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 ☐

<no data available>

## 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

Public ownership

| 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) | ☑ | ☑ |

Other

| Category | Within the Ramsar Site | In the surrounding area |
|---|---|---|
| Commoners/customary rights | ☑ | ☑ |

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

The land is mostly owned by private owners, parts of the nature reserves are owned by the state.

### 5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for managing the site:
Länsstyrelsen i Värmlands län (County Administrative Board of Värmland).
Länsstyrelsen i Västra Götalands län (County Administrative Board of Västra Götaland).

Provide the name and title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:
Kontaktperson Ramsaområdet Kilsviken-Åråsviken

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## 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)

| Factors adversely affecting site | Actual threat | Potential threat | Within the site | Changes | In the surrounding area | Changes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tourism and recreation areas | Low impact | High impact | ☑ | unknown | ☐ | No change |
| Housing and urban areas | Low impact | Medium impact | ☑ | No change | ☐ | No change |
| Unspecified development | Medium impact | Medium impact | ☑ | unknown | ☑ | No change |

Water regulation

| Factors adversely affecting site | Actual threat | Potential threat | Within the site | Changes | In the surrounding area | Changes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Drainage | | High impact | ☑ | increase | ☑ | increase |

Biological resource use

| Factors adversely affecting site | Actual threat | Potential threat | Within the site | Changes | In the surrounding area | Changes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hunting and collecting terrestrial animals | Low impact | High impact | ☑ | No change | ☑ | unknown |
| Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources | Low impact | Medium impact | ☑ | No change | ☐ | unknown |

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 | High impact | ☑ | No change | ☐ | No change |

Pollution

| Factors adversely affecting site | Actual threat | Potential threat | Within the site | Changes | In the surrounding area | Changes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Household sewage, urban waste water | Low impact | Medium impact | ☑ | No change | ☐ | No change |
| Agricultural and forestry effluents | Medium impact | Medium impact | ☑ | No change | ☐ | No change |
| Industrial and military effluents | Low impact | Medium impact | ☑ | No change | ☑ | No change |

Please describe any other threats (optional):

The change of water regulation of lake Vänern in the last century is a threat. Before, and in the early 1900s the amplitude of the water level varied with about two meters, nowadays the amplitude is merely one meter. The reduced variation between seasonal high and low water means increasing growth of trees and bushes in areas that earlier were kept open by, among other things, the movement of the ice during winter. The shallow bays and open shorelines is rapidly colonised by trees and bushes.

The "unspecified development" listed above is referring to expansion of existing exploitations such as marinas and docks. Expansions of these would increase the risk of disturbance to breeding and staging birds due to an increased activity in the area. It may also increase the needs of dredging and reed cutting in nearby channels.

## 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 | 5 Natura sites that are SCI and SPA and 2 sites that are SPA only. See below, under national legislation. | | partly |

National legal designations

| Designation type | Name of area | Online information url | Overlap with Ramsar Site |
|---|---|---|---|
| Natura 2000 SCI and SPA (1) | Nötön-Åråsviken | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/SiteCollectionDocuments/sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/natura2000/bevarandeplaner/KRI010_Notonarasviken.pdf | partly |
| Natura 2000 SCI and SPA (2) | Inre Kilsviken | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/SiteCollectionDocuments/sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/natura2000/bevarandeplaner/KRI004_InreKilsviken.pdf | partly |
| Natura 2000 SCI and SPA (3) | Värmlands-Säby | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/SiteCollectionDocuments/sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/natura2000/bevarandeplaner/KRI248_Varmlands_Saby.pdf | partly |
| Natura 2000 SCI and SPA (4) | Gullspångsälven | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/vastragotaland/SiteCollectionDocuments/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/natura-2000/bevarandeplaner/Gullspång/gullspangsalven-se0540213.pdf | partly |
| Natura 2000 SCI and SPA (5) | Åråsviken-Vallholmen | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/vastragotaland/SiteCollectionDocuments/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/natura-2000/bevarandeplaner/Gullspång/arasviken-vallholmen-se0540120.pdf | partly |
| Natura 2000 SPA (1) | Dyrön | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/SiteCollectionDocuments/sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/natura2000/bevarandeplaner/KRI250_Dyron.pdf | partly |
| Natura 2000 SPA (2) | Åråsvikens norr skärgård | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/SiteCollectionDocuments/sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/natura2000/bevarandeplaner/KRI249_Arasvikens_norra_skargard.pdf | partly |
| Nature reserve (1) | Nötön-Åråsviken | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/naturreservat/kristinehamn/notonarasviken/Pages/index.aspx | partly |
| Nature reserve (2) | Inre Kilsviken | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/naturreservat/kristinehamn/inre-kilsviken/Pages/index.aspx | partly |
| Nature reserve (3) | Dyrön | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/naturreservat/kristinehamn/dyron/Pages/index.aspx | partly |
| Nature reserve (4) | Värmlands-Säby | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/varmland/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/naturreservat/kristinehamn/varmlands-saby/Pages/index.aspx | partly |
| Nature reserve (5) | Vallholmen | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/vastragotaland/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/naturreservat/lanets-naturreservat/gullspang/varholmen/Pages/index.aspx | partly |
| Nature reserve (6) | Gullspångsälven | http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/vastragotaland/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/naturreservat/lanets-naturreservat/gullspang/gullspangsalven/Pages/index.aspx | partly |

Non-statutory designations

| Designation type | Name of area | Online information url | Overlap with Ramsar Site |
|---|---|---|---|
| Important Bird Area | SE035 Bay of Kilsviken | http://datazone.birdlife.org/site/factsheet/bay-of-kilsviken-iba -sweden | partly |

### 5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

- Ia Strict Nature Reserve ☑
- Ib 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 ☐

### 5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

| Measures | Status |
|---|---|
| Legal protection | Implemented |

Habitat

| Measures | Status |
|---|---|
| Habitat manipulation/enhancement | Partially implemented |
| Catchment management initiatives/controls | Partially implemented |

Species

| Measures | Status |
|---|---|
| Threatened/rare species management programmes | Partially implemented |

Human Activities

| Measures | Status |
|---|---|
| Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities | Partially implemented |
| Regulation/management of recreational activities | Partially implemented |

Other:

Some of the farming land is embanked and the pumps are run to make the most suitable circumstance for the breeding and staging birds.
In the open areas bordering to the water there is a bird sanctuary with restriction for entering the site during the breeding season.

### 5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? Yes

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site? Yes ○ No ◉

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning processes with another Contracting Party? Yes ○ No ◉

Please indicate if a Ramsar centre, other educational or visitor facility, or an educational or visitor programme is associated with the site:

No such facilities exist.

### 5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No, but restoration is needed

Further information

Planned measures are cutting reeds of Phragmites and Carex. There are also plans to make small islands with suitable habitats for breeding.

### 5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

| Monitoring | Status |
|---|---|
| Plant species | Proposed |
| Birds | Implemented |

# 6 - Additional material

## 6.1 - Additional reports and documents

### 6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

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Neuendorf, M. 1978. "Vegetationskarta över Kilsviken, Vänern" Rapport 1978:3 Länsstyrelsen Värmland

Landgren, T 1978. "Inventering av de våtmarksberoende fågelarternas förekomst och fördelning vid Inre Kilsviken, Kristinehamns kommun" Rapport 1978:1, Länsstyrelsen Värmland

Vänerns vattenvårdsförbund, 2016. Vänern - årsskrift 2015

### 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
<no file available>

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:

Grazed wetlands of nature reserve Inre Kilsviken. ( *Länsstyrelsen Värmland, 10-06-2012* )

### 6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter
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|---|---|
| Date of Designation | 1989-06-12 |