

## MINISTRY FOR ENVIRONMENT Authority for Nature Conservation

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Mr. Delmar Blasco

Secretary General
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Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
Gland, Switzerland

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

It is my pleasure to inform you that with reference to the Resolution VII. 11. and 13. of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (Costa Rica, 1999) and the commitments in the field of nature conservation made by our country, with special regard to the implementation of the Ramsar Convention,

the Republic of Hungary hereby designates the following sites to the List of Wetlands of International Importance:

Ipoly Valley (2227,6 ha)
Baradla Cave System and Related Wetlands (2075,3 ha)

Both sites are located at the state border and as there are already Ramsar sites on the other side of the border in the territory of Slovakia therefore these sites now form transboundary wetland sites of international importance. By inscribing these sites, there are 21 Ramsar Sites in Hungary with a total area of 154,144 hectares.

Please find enclosed the Ramsar Information Sheets filled in, the maps and some additional information publications.

Sincerely yours

Dr. János Tard

Enclosures: Ramsar Infromation Sheets, maps, 2 copies of Baradla-Cave and Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst, a floppy disc containing 2 photos of Baradla Cave System and Related Wetlands, and a map of Hungarian Ramsar sites

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