

Section 8

Conservation of Plant Communities and Waterfowl in Wetlands of Czechoslovakia

Some of the South Bohemian fishponds, and the South Moravian Lednice fishponds represent internationally important wetland nature reserves included in the IUCN list. The Třeboň basin and the South Moravian floodplains have also been proposed as research areas in the UNESCO/MAB Project No.2, and the Třeboň basin has been a biosphere reserve in the MAB Project No.8. This chapter briefly discusses some aspects of the conservation both of plant communities and wildfowl in fishpond biotopes, which are inevitably greatly influenced by man. A brief review is also presented of the most prominent wildfowl populations and endangered species and communities occurring both in the South Bohemian and South Moravian fishponds.