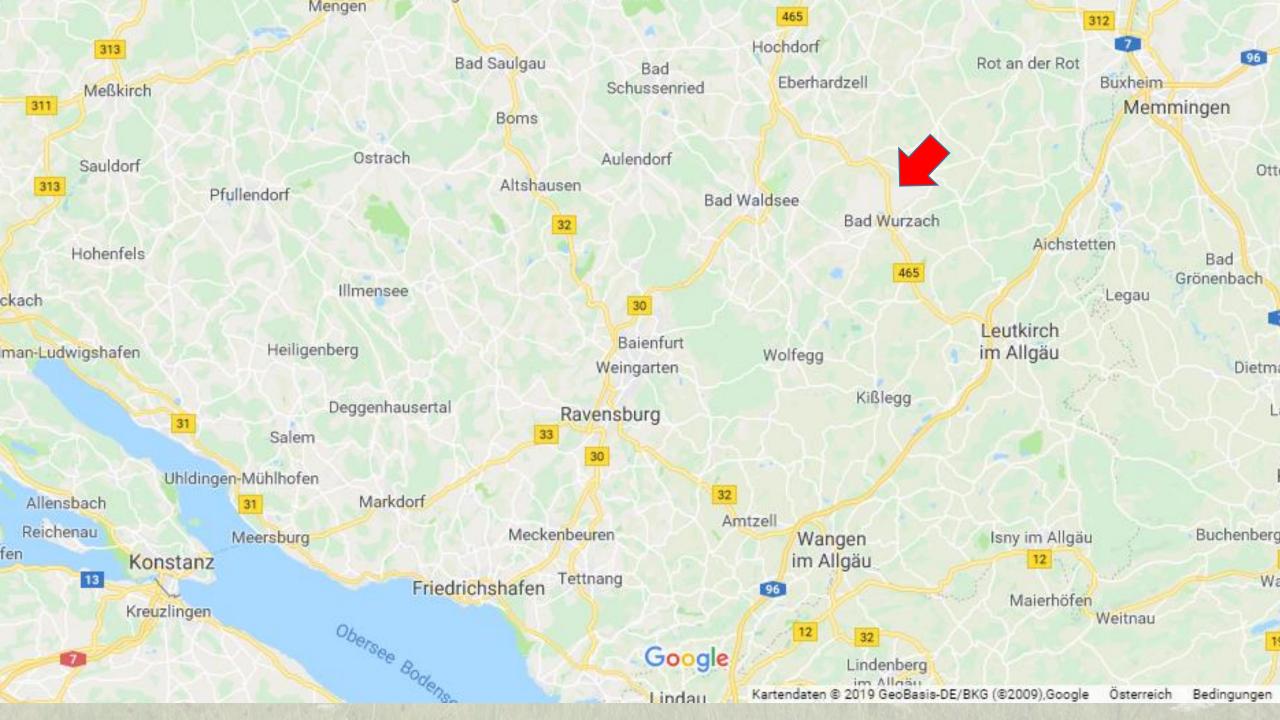


# Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve (Germany)

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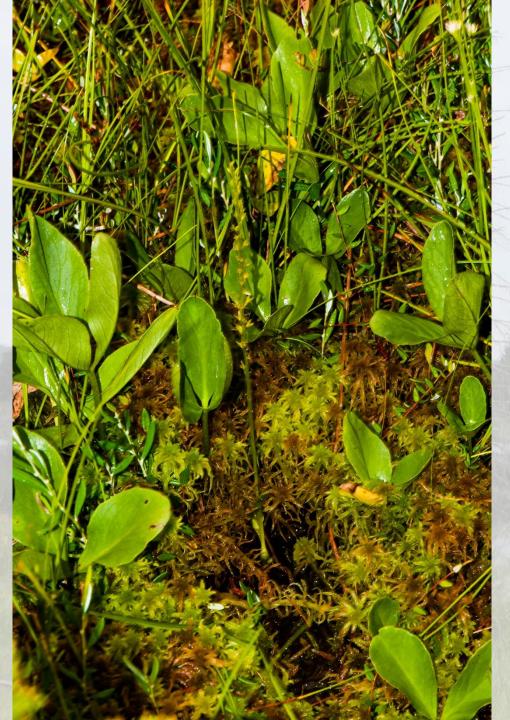
### Biberaktivität am Torfwerkkanal





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## Left: Hamarbia paludosa (Bog orchid) © H.-J. Masur



Eriophorum gracile (Slender cottonsedge) © S. Hoffmeier



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#### 2009 Recommendations (selected):

- Provide information (museum, info centre) with a focus on children
- Eliminate motor vehicle traffic in the B456 trunk road
- Reduce negative impacts from agriculture (maize)
- High-voltage power lines are blighting the landscape

#### 2019 Condition:

In addition to the NATURA2000 management plan revise the 2007 version of the management plan or elaborate a new document by 2021, focusing on the further development of the area and considering the provisions of the criteria for European Diploma sites of the Council of Europe

#### **2019 Recommendations:**

- 1. Investigate the potential and technical methods to connect the aquatic system of the Haidgauer high moor, separated by the trunk road B465, through water channels or other technical measures to enable more water flow towards the eastern part of the moor and to ensure water exchange especially in the Randlagg.
- 2. Develop a precautionary concept on how to deal with invasive species, to be prepared in case of their appearance, according to EU-decree 1143/2014.

#### 2019 Recommendations (contd):

- 3. Continue the efforts to install a view tower next to the Torfmuseum to provide an additional attraction in the area without disturbance of the ecosystem.
- 4. Stop in cooperation with the aeronautical authority any unnecessary acrobatic flights over the Ried with negative impacts on the site and especially the birdlife.

#### 2019 Recommendations (contd):

- 5. Resume negotiations with landowners to buy land in the outlying areas mainly near the village of Albers to limit and further stop the deposition of substances harmful to the sensitive environment. In case of inconclusive results, long-term agreements should be negotiated to reduce depositions.
- 6. Consider the overall impression of the entirety of the landscape around the basin of Bad Wurzach and avoid the construction of technical infrastructure on the hills and hilltops in the visual range of the Wurzacher Ried.

Taking into consideration the condition and six recommendations, it is recommended to renew the European Diploma for the Wurzacher Ried Nature Reserve for the period 2019 to 2029.