



What is Threatening the Rhinluch?



What and Where is the Rhinluch?

The Rhinluch is a fen landscape in the German state of Brandenburg, bisected by the Rhine (Rhin) river, to which it owes its name. This wetland region lies north of Fehrbellin in the county of Ostprignitz-Ruppin. The upper Rhinluch covers an area of about 23,000 hectares (57,000 acres). The Rhinluch is home to the extremely rare European pond turtle.

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- A big problem, according to environmental groups, is the agricultural industry.
- Some 95 percent of Germany's marshes are considered destroyed, and much of this is due to agricultural practices which involve drying out the areas and using them for fields.
- The Rhinluch landscape is missing a rich layer of peat. Farmers have drained these wetlands for decades, turning marshy areas into pasture.

What Can You Do to Help?

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