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# **Anzali International Wetland**

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Gilan province by 14711 km2 area and 7.3 % of the country population is famed as the territory of wetlands and ponds, which their beauty and unique views dazzles the eyes of tourists. Anzali International Wetland is one of the most important components of the Caspian ecosystem. This wetland is among the 10 most important wetlands of the world.

Geographical Position : E: 49 ° , 28 ′ ،N: ° 37 ،25 ′

Area: It exceeds 19,000 hectares with a length of 35 kilometers and a width of 12 kilometers.

The Height: -24 m from the open sea and the Depth is 1.2 m -2.5m.

Location: It extends to the south western coast of the Caspian Sea, west of the Sefid Rood delta and south of the port of Anzali. It is one of the biggest and most diverse wetlands of the world which was registered in Ramsar Convention on Protection of Wetlands in 1975.

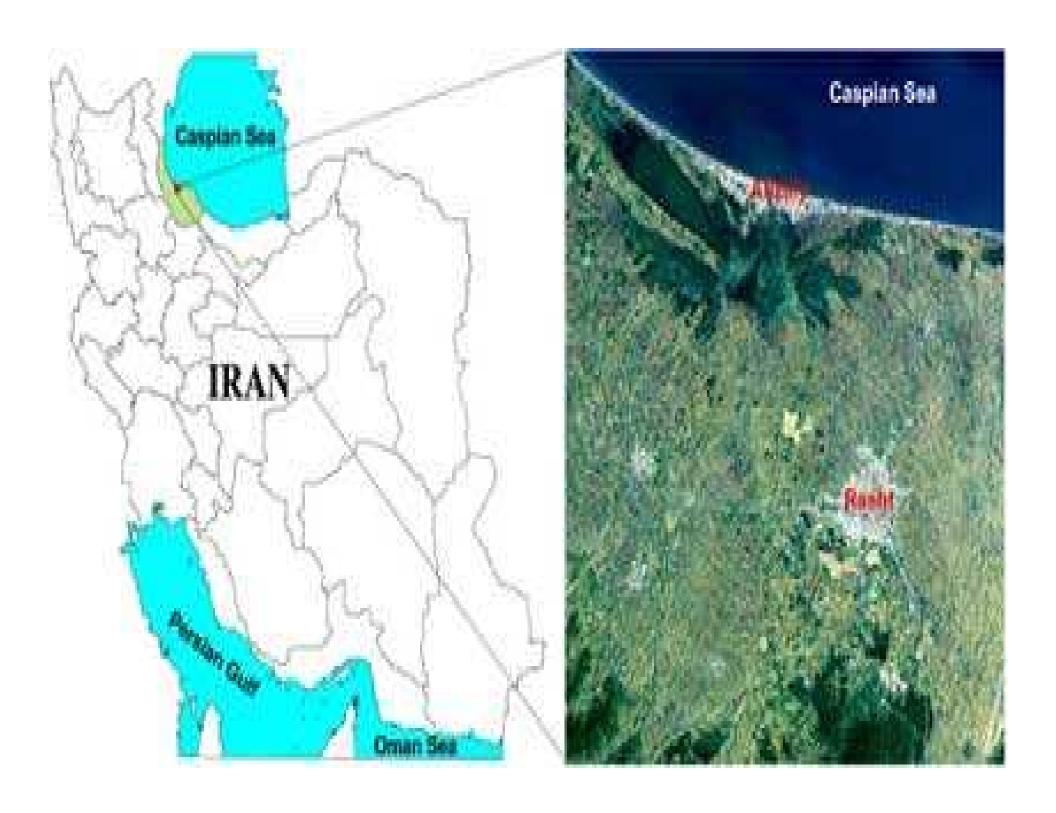
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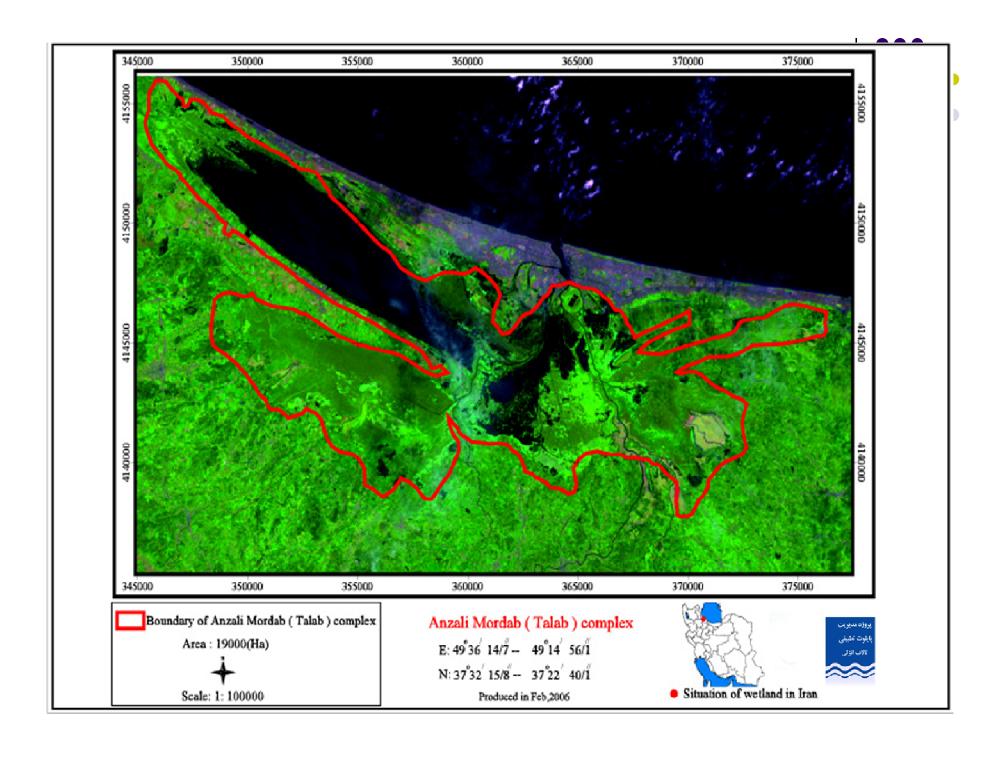
Ramell. 2000 mm/y in Anzali city. Average Rainfall in Anzali wetland: 1034 mm/y

Average Temperature: 10 C, (Max: 6.4 C- Min:25.6 C).

Average Wind Speed: 30 m/s

Importance: Anzali Wetland is one of the most important wetlands of Caspian Sea with regard to its impact on economic, tourism, biodiversity, job creation, fishing, hunting and subterranean waters of the region.





Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat

## **DIPLOMA**

This is to Certify that the Wetland Site

Anzali Mordat Complex

has been Inscribed on the List of Wetlands of International Importance on

**13** June 1975

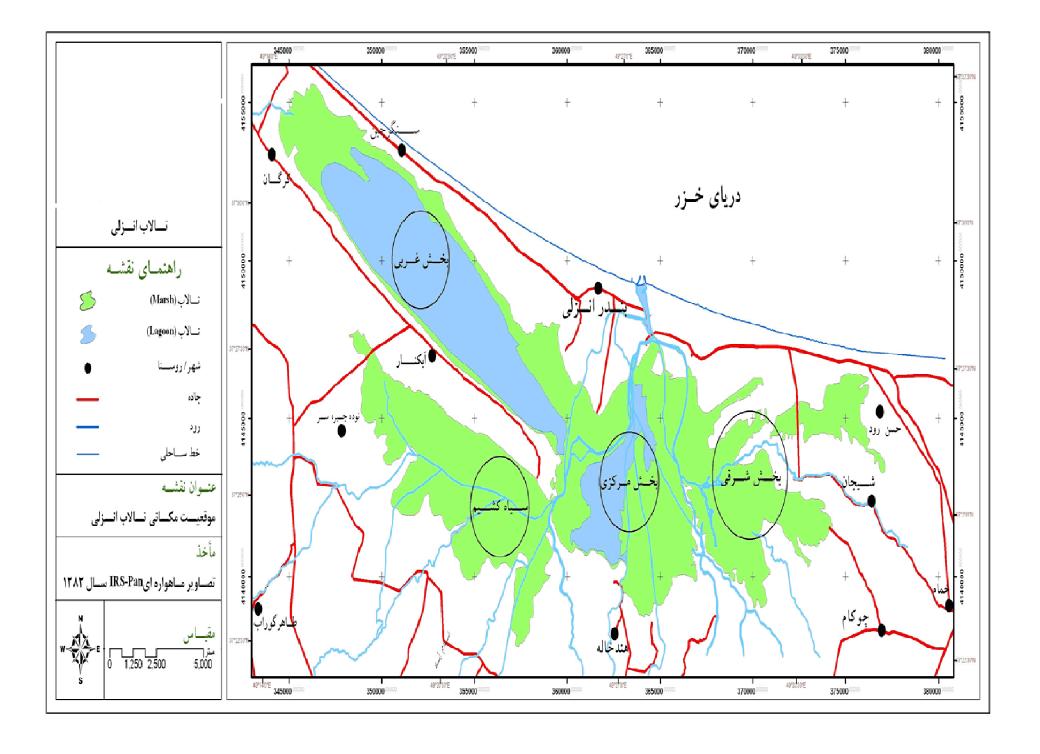
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Signature Chairman Standing Committee Anzali International Wetland has 4 different regions:

- 1) West part: The most deepest part of the wetland which according to the water torbulance of the Caspian Sea the condense of the vegetation especially floating and submerged species decreased during the recent decade.
- 2) Siahkeshim: The southern part of the wetland that because of its importance as the most suitable area for nesting, breeding and hiding of migratory and native birds, it has been selected as the Conserved Area.
- 3) East part: The shallowest part of the wetland, covered by plant routes and actually the most polluted area of the wetland due to its short distance to the cities and villages.
- Central part: covered by submerged plants and condense vegetation, more than 11 rivers pass this region and also there are some residential islands which are the made by sedimentation like Big and Small Ghalamgodeh, Mianposhte,....

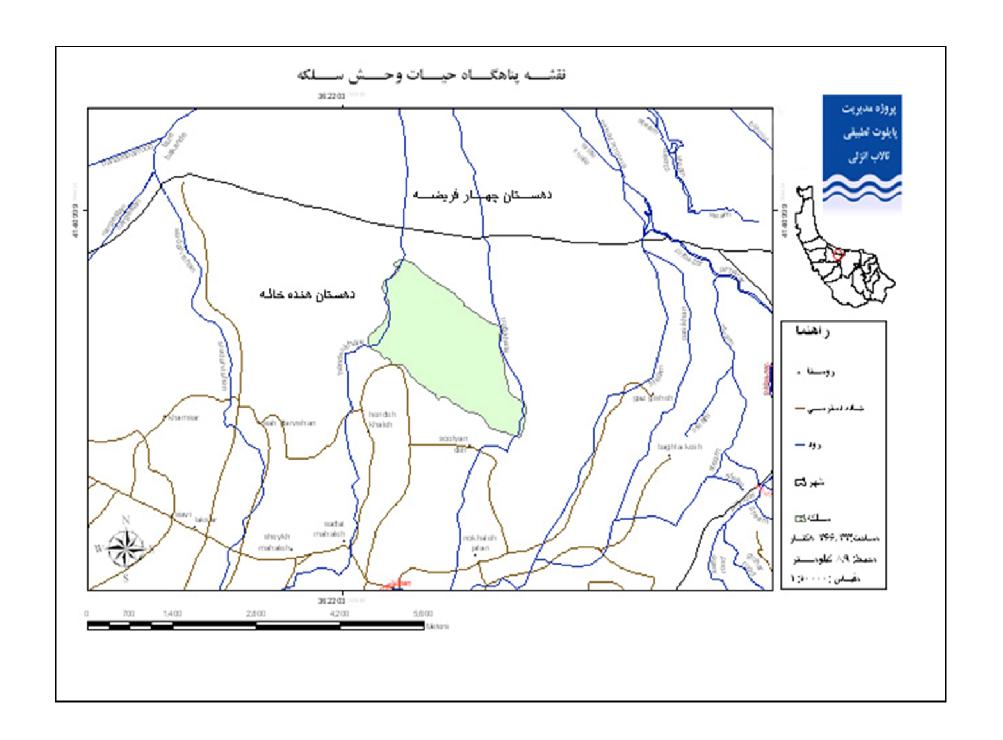
Rivers, streams and water from irrigation drains into this wetland, which covers an area of more than 100 square kilometers. Most of the rivers terminating in this wetland take their source in the mountains of Talesh, and after a steep incline end up in the plains.

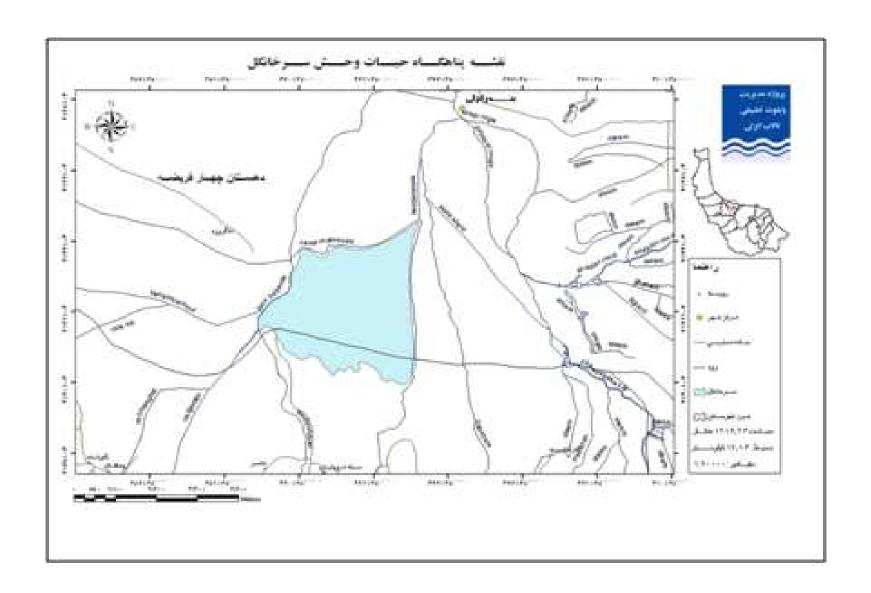


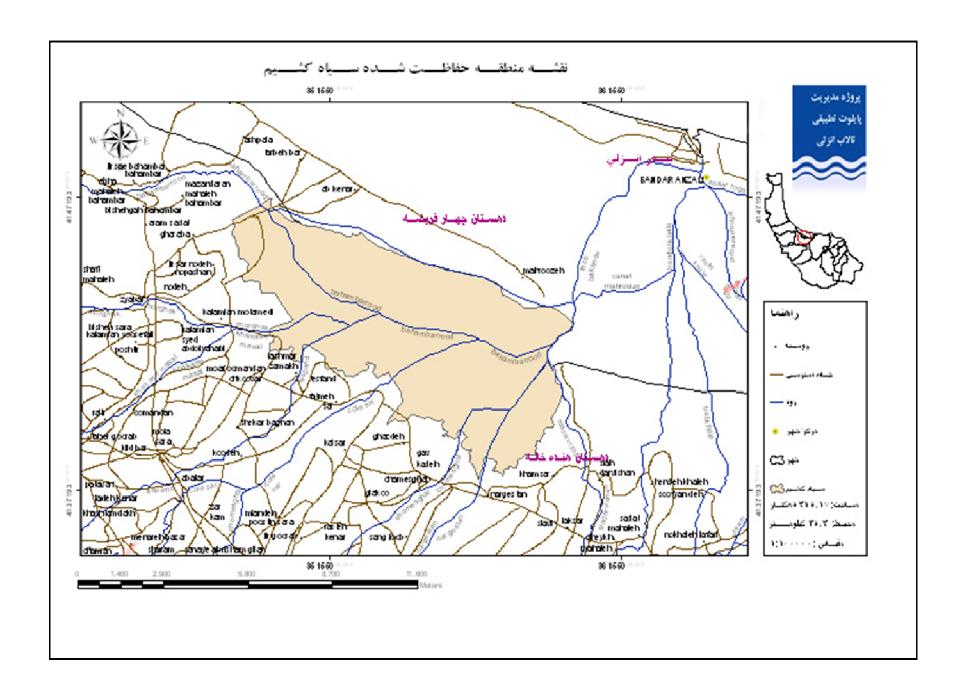


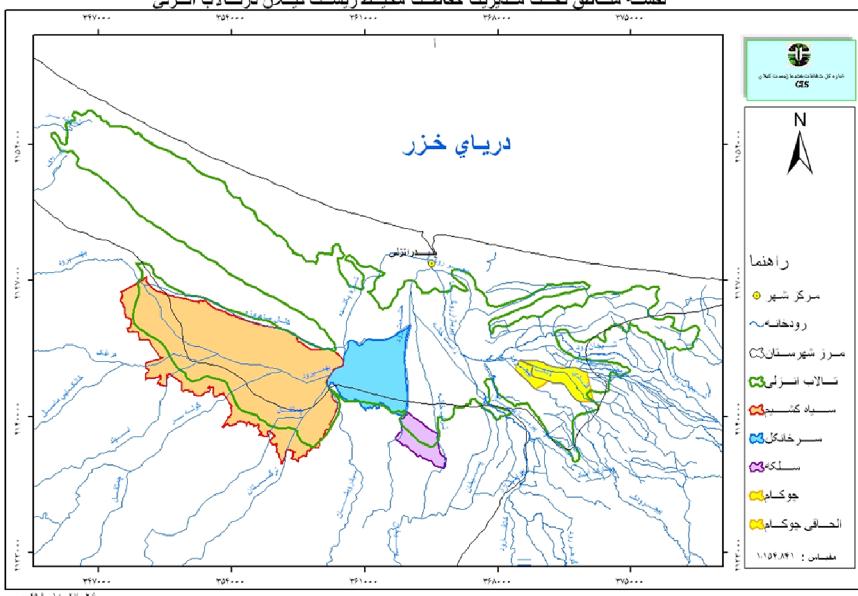
# Managed Area of the Anzali Wetland

Siahkeshim Conserved Area	5215 h
Selke Wildlife Refuge	366 h
Sorkhankol wildlife Refuge	1214 h
Chokam Wildlife Refuge	443 h
Total	7238 h









### **Environmental Guard Station**

Gilan DoE has 5 EGS in Anzali wetland according to its division between 2 cities of Anzali port and Somesara as the following:

#### Anzali port Section:

3 EGS (Ghalamgodeh, Siahdarvishan & Sorkhankol).

#### Somesara Section:

2 EGS (Selkeh and Espand).



## **Importance of Anzali Wetland:**

- Unique Views and Biodiversity (Vegetative area for plants & suitable habitat for fish, water birds, mammals,...).
- Conserving the area against flood
- Climate control
- Water reserve (especially for irrigation of paddy fields and fish pools).
  - Prevention of the entrance of sediment inflow from the mountains, cities and urbanized areas to the Caspian sea.
- Fishery, commercial fishing and Hunting
- Tourism and Ecotourism
- Social (Job creation)
- Scientific Researches (zoology, biology and environmental studies)
- Natural and Cultural heritage site (traditions, handicrafts, ...).





#### Fauna And Flora of the Anzali Wetland

The wetland displays a spectacular view. Its aqua atmosphere is a suitable bed for the spawning of various species of fish, which play an important role in the economy of the region. This wetland is one of the best and appropriate surroundings for various waterfowls. Hundreds of species of migrant birds choose to settle in this area for breeding.

Fauna: contains 260 species

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(Gray heron, Great cormorant, Pygmy cormorant, White-tailed eagle, mallard, teal, White-headed duck, Ferruginous duck, greater spotted eagle, Dalmatian pelican, Great black –headed gull, Marsh harrier, Mute swan, Whooper swan, Black kite, shelduck, lapwing,...).

species of fish (Big head, kutum,River perch, Crusian fish, Silver Bream,Rudd,Pike,Caspian Vimba,Common Carp,Tench,Cat fish,...).

7 species of mammals. (Otter, Wild boar, wild cat ,Golden Jackal, Bat, Badger ).

Different species of amphibians, reptiles. (Caspian pond turtle, Common grass snake, Tesselated snake, Caspian naked-fingered lizard, Caucusus emerald lizard, Marsh frog, Green toad).

Flora: contains of 230 species of plants (40 species are directly depend on the wetland ecosystem).

(WaterCaltrops,Europeanalder,Blackpopular,Raspberry,Persicaria,Black night, shade Burr, Pondweed,Trileaf buttercup,Duck weed,Reed, Cat's tail,Floating penny wort, Willow. Persian speedwell, Pokeweed).



