

# AIRBUS CANCELS THOUSANDS OF FLIGHTS



## This Spring, Airbus Construction Will Stop Birds Landing At Legally Protected Habitat

### AIRBUS DESTROYING "WETLAND OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE."

Plans by the European aircraft manufacturing consortium, Airbus, to build the world's largest super jumbo call for filling 420 acres of legally protected freshwater tidal flats in Germany. These flats



provide a critical home for thousands of migratory birds, some coming from as far away as Africa.

The proposed site, Hamburg's Mühlenberger Loch, is protected by European Community Law, and has been designated as a "wetland of international importance" by a global treaty. The wetland is recognized as one of Europe's most important

remaining sanctuaries for many migratory birds.

Despite the legal protection afforded to this habitat, and pending lawsuits that may bring a halt to Airbus' plans, work has begun to destroy this special place. If allowed to proceed, Airbus will replace the heart of this fragile ecosystem with concrete and hangars.

Adding to this enormous environmental destruction, Airbus has now proposed filling the fragile ecosystem with sand from other wildlife areas that are also protected by EU conservation laws.

### HUGE RISKS FOR SMALL RETURNS

The proposed Airbus factory will only add seats, carpets, and other finishing touches to the interior of the already completed planes, which will be flown in from Toulouse, France. Representing a mere 5% of the total production, the A380 could be outfitted elsewhere without the disastrous environmental consequences at the Mühlenberger Loch.

The primary reason Airbus is choosing the Mühlenberger Loch site over other alternatives is the 1.2 billion Deutsche Mark subsidy being offered by the government of Hamburg.

### DELAYS AHEAD?

Significant legal challenges and appeals by local environmental groups and residents may take years to work their way through German and European courts. Orders for the A380 by Federal Express, Virgin Atlantic, Air France, and others could be held up indefinitely while Airbus ignores EU and international laws.

### TELL AIRBUS TO DO THE RIGHT THING!

Airbus is spending millions of dollars to improve its image in the United States.

Please join us in letting Airbus know that Americans care about preserving irreplaceable, protected ecosystems for future generations.

Tell Airbus that actions speak louder than words, and ask them to stop destroying Mühlenberger Loch now!

## AIRBUS: THINK TWICE!

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