



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

For Special Protection Areas (SPA),
Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI),
Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and

for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE BG0002009

SITENAME Zlatiyata

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code BG0002009	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Zlatiyata

1.4 First Compilation date 2005-10	1.5 Update date 2022-11
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1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation:	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
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1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	2007-03
National legal reference of SPA designation	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007).
Explanation(s):	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). Issued designation order by the Minister of Environment and Water with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the site - Order No. RD - 548/05.09.2008 (promulgated SG 83/2008), amended by Order No. RD - 69/28.01.2013 (promulgated SG 10/2013) further amended and supplemented by Order No RD - 1039/3.11.2022 (promulgated SG 89/2022).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude 23.6183	Latitude 43.6989
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2.2 Area [ha]:

2.3 Marine area [%]

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

BG31	Северозападен / Severozapaden
BG31	Северозападен / Severozapaden

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Continental (100.0
%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

Species					Population in the site					Site assessment				
G	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	T	Size		Unit	Cat.	D. qual.	A B C D			
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			c	5	21	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			r	4	6	p		G	C	B	C	A
B	A899	Accipiter gentilis			c	3	22	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			c		70	i		G	B	A	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			p	6	6	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	2	6	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			p	40	40	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			w	40	260	i		G	B	B	C	B
B	A042	Anser erythropus			w	1	5	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A042	Anser erythropus			c	1	5	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A255	Anthus campestris			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A255	Anthus campestris			r	10	130	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A509	Aquila nipalensis			c		1	i		G	A	A	B	A
B	A773	Ardea alba			w		7	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea		X	r	27	27	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			c		27	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A029	Ardea purpurea			r		1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A029	Ardea purpurea			c	1	5	i		G	c	B	C	c
B	A021	Botaurus stellaris			p		3	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	1	8	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			c	46	286	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			p	6	6	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			c	11	35	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			r	11	108	p		G	B	A	C	A

B	A339	Lanius minor			c	1	1	i		M	C	A	C	C
B	A339	Lanius minor			r	95	200	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A246	Lullula arborea			p	5	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra			c		2966	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra			p	2	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			c	332	1920	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A230	Merops apiaster			r	300	1300	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A073	Milvus migrans			c		9	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A073	Milvus migrans			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A129	Otis tarda			w		5	i		G	A	B	B	A
B	A094	Pandion haliaetus			c	1	2	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A020	Pelecanus crispus			c	12	40	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A019	Pelecanus onocrotalus			c	45	70	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			c	32	72	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			r	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A391	Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis	X		r	87	87	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A234	Picus canus			p	5	14	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A140	Pluvialis apricaria			c		9	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A005	Podiceps cristatus			r	3	4	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A008	Podiceps nigricollis			r		6	p		G	B	B	C	C
B	A118	Rallus aquaticus			p	25	25	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A249	Riparia riparia			r	12	470	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A249	Riparia riparia			c	79	1200	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A856	Spatula querquedula			r	1	9	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria			c	10	10	i		G	B	B	C	B
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria			r	11	108	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis			r	1	33	p		G	B	B	C	C
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus			r	6	9	p		G	C	B	C	C

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Type:** p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see [reference portal](#))
- **Abundance categories (Cat.):** C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present - to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna (optional)

Species				Population in the site				Motivation						
Group	CODE	Scientific Name	S	NP	Size		Unit	Cat.	Species Annex		Other categories			
					Min	Max		C R V P	IV	V	A	B	C	D
B	A247	Alauda arvensis			47870	47870	p						X	
B	A218	Athene noctua			10	10	p						X	

B	A363	Carduelis chloris			220	220	p						X	
B	A347	Corvus monedula			320	320	p							X
B	A113	Coturnix coturnix			900	900	p						X	
B	A377	Emberiza cirius			5	5	p						X	
B	A382	Emberiza melanocephala			95	95	p						X	
B	A269	Erithacus rubecula			55	55	p						X	
B	A359	Fringilla coelebs			193	193	p						X	
B	A244	Galerida cristata			220	220	p						X	
B	A251	Hirundo rustica			850	850	p						X	
B	A233	Jynx torquilla			70	70	p						X	
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos			1500	1500	p						X	
B	A383	Miliaria calandra			1750	1750	p						X	
B	A214	Otus scops			15	15	p						X	
B	A329	Parus caeruleus			18	18	p						X	
B	A235	Picus viridis			34	34	p						X	
B	A276	Saxicola torquata			15	15	p						X	
B	A210	Streptopelia turtur			183	183	p						X	
B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla			650	650	p						X	
B	A283	Turdus merula			320	320	p						X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos			155	155	p						X	

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, Fu = Fungi, I = Invertebrates, L = Lichens, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **CODE:** for Birds, Annex IV and V species the code as provided in the reference portal should be used in addition to the scientific name
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting, (see [reference portal](#))
- **Cat.:** Abundance categories: C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present
- **Motivation categories:** IV, V: Annex Species (Habitats Directive), A: National Red List data; B: Endemics; C: International Conventions; D: other reasons

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N09	4.0
N21	1.0
N15	
N23	3.0
N22	
N06	1.0
N12	90.0
N16	1.0
N08	
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

Zlatiata is located in north-western Bulgaria, in the Danubian Plain, between the Danube river and the town of Kozloduy to the north, the road connecting the towns of Vulchedrum and Hayredin to the south and the courses of the rivers Tsibritsa and Ogosta to the west and east. It covers a plateau with open grasslands of steppe character and arable lands. At certain places there are earth loess walls and low trees and shrubs, composed mainly of *Crataegus monogyna*, *Rosa canina*, etc. *Ailantis altissima* is abundant on the earth walls and around them. The

territory of Zlatiata includes the water reservoir Shishmanov Val. There are also dispersed pastures, orchards, vineyards, wind protection belts, small broadleaved woodlands and riverine forest along Ogosta River.

4.2 Quality and importance

The area supports 122 bird species, 28 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria. Fifty-six species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004). Five species are included in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 15 in category SPEC 2 and 36 in category SPEC 3 as threatened in Europe. Zlatiata is one of the most important sites in the country on European Union scale for a complex of species dependent on open habitats - the White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*, Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*, Montagu`s Harrier *Circus pygargus*, Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes*, Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*, Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*, Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*, Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*, etc. It holds significant breeding populations of the European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*, Skylark *Alauda arvensis* and Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*. The area is the only place in Bulgaria, where the Great Bustard *Otis tarda* has been recorded recently. During the winter other globally threatened bird species occur in the area the Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus*. The species use the arable land to feed there together with flocks of the White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

Negative Impacts			
Rank	Threats and pressures [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
H	F03.02.03		i
L	F02.03		o
L	K01.03		i
H	B02.04		i
H	E03.01		i
H	A03		i
H	A08		i
H	A01		i
M	A03		o
L	F02.03		i
L	D01.01		o
M	E04.01		i
L	F03.02.03		o
L	B02.01		o
H	A01		o
L	D01.01		i
H	D02.01		i
H	A07		i
L	B02.01		i
M	D02.01		o
L	E05		o
L	E03.01		o
M	A05.02		i
H	E03		i
M	D02.09		i
H	B02.02		o
H	D01.02		i
H	A09		o
M	A05.01		i
H	A08		o
H	E03.02		i
M	D01.02		o
M	A10.01		i
L	J02.11		i
M	A05.02		o
M	A04		i
L	H05		o
M	A05.01		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	H04		i
M	A10		o
L	F02.03		i
M	A04		i
M	A05.02		i
L	J02.11		i
H	A09		i
L	E03.01		o
H	B02.02		o
L	H04		o
M	A10		i
L	K01.03		i
M	A05.01		i
L	H05		o
L	E05		o
M	A10.01		o
H	A07		o
L	D01.01		o
L	D01.01		i
L	H05		i
L	L08		i
H	B02.02		i
L	F02.03		o
L	E04.01		o
M	D02.01		o
M	D01.02		o
M	A05.02		o
H	A09		o
L	F03.01		o
H	B02.04		i
H	A08		o
H	A01		o
M	A04		o
L	F03.02.03		o
M	A03		o
M	A05.01		o
L	B02.01		o
L	E03.02		o

L	H04		i
L	E03.02		o
M	A10.01		o
M	A10		o
H	G01.03		i
H	E05		i
L	F03.01		o
L	E04.01		o
H	B02.04		o
H	A07		o
H	F03.01		i
L	L08		i
L	H04		o
H	A09		i
H	B02.02		i
H	D04.02		i
L	H05		i
M	A10		i
L	G02.08		i
L	E03		o
M	A04		o

H	B02.04		o
L	E03		o

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Asen Ignatov, Petar Iankov, Anton Antonov - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds, Bulgaria, 1111 Sofia, P.O.Box 50, phone (+359 2) 9715855, fax (+359 2) 9715856, www.bspb.org .Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>).Documents: BDZP/BirdLife Balgariya. 2005. Nacionalna banka za ornitologichna informacia 1988-2005, Balgarsko Druzhestvo za zastita na pticite;Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.);Kostadinova, I., S. Dereliev, 2001. Srednozumno prebrojavane na vodolyubivite ptitsi v Balgariya za perioda 1997-2001. Prirodozashtitna poreditsa na BDZP 13. BDZP. Sofiya.Petrov, .Tz. 1997b. Beliyat shtarkel (Ciconia ciconia) v Balgariya. Prirodozashtitna poreditsa, Kniga 2, BDZP, Plovdiv.***. 2000. Valchedram Municipality District of Montana. Minicipality Development Strategy and Program for Implementation 2000 2006. Part I. (In Bulgarian);***. 2005. Municipality Development Plan for the Period 2007 2013. Kozlodui Municipality. (In Bulgarian);BirdLife International. 2000. Threatened birds of the world. Barcelona and Cambridge, UK: Lynx Edicions and BirdLife International, 695pp.;Birdlife International. 2004. Birds in Europe: Population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: Birdlife International (Birdlife Conservation Series No. 12).;BirdLife International. 2005. World Bird Database Important Birds Areas.Bulgaria. Cambridge. (unpublished);Iankov, P., N. Petkov, A. Kovachev, D. Plachiisky. (in print). Pygmy Cormorant in Bulgaria 2001/2002. Final Report.;Kostadinova, I., M. Mihailov, (comp.) 2002. Guide for NATURA 2000 in Bulgaria. BSPB nature conservation series No5. BSPB, Sofia, 80pp. (In Bulgarian.);Kostadinova, I. 2005. Application of C criteria for Identification of Important Bird Areas of European Union importance in Bulgaria. Preliminarily implementation and analysis of the gaps. In: Petrova, A. (ed.), Current state of Bulgarian biodiversity problems and perspectives. Pp. 533-548. Bulgarian Bioplatform, SofiaKouzmanov, G. 1996. L`Aigle pomarin Aquila pomarina en Bulgarie. In: Meyburg, B.-U. & R. D. Chancellor eds. Eagle Studies. World Working Group on Birds of Prey (WWGBP), Berlin, London & Paris, 319-326.;Michev, T., Tz. Petrov, L. Profirov. 1989. Status, breeding, distribution, numbers and conservation of the White Stork in Bulgaria;Osieck, E. 2000 Filling in the requirements of the EU Birds Directive: Lessons from the Dutch Case. In: European IBA Workshop. 29 March - 2 April 2000, Brussels, Belgium. Proceedings. BirdLife International, 86-99;Shurulinkov, P., B. Nikolov, R. Tsonev. 2001. On the distribution of the Black-headed Bunting (Emberiza melanocephala) in Bulgaria. In.: Tryjanowski P., Osiejuk T., Kupczyk M. (Eds). Bunting studies in Europe. Bogucki Wyd. Nauk., Poznan, 81-87.Waliczky, Z. 2000 Important Bird Areas of European Union Importance: explanation of the EU Criteria applied in IBA 2000 In: European IBA Workshop. 29 March - 2 April 2000, Brussels, Belgium. Proceedings. BirdLife International, 12-16;Site-specific Conservation Objectives for Natura 2000 site BG0002009;

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002009&siteType=BirdsDirective>

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]

BG00	100.0
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5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	IBA	=	100.0

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The area does not have legal protection under the national conservation legislation. In 1997 a small part of the area was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International. In 2005 whole the territory of Zlatiata was designated as IBA.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Water -Montana, Vratsa; Danubean River Basin Directorate; Forestry Department s- Lom; Oryahovo;
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:

Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

Yes No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).