



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 BG0002001

SITENAME Rayanovtsi

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code BG0002001	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Rayanovtsi

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 - 569/05.09.2008 (promulgated SG 84/2008) amended and supplemented by Order No RD - 1069/7.11.2022 (promulgated SG 90/2022).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude	Latitude
23.0525	42.9303

2.2 Area [ha]:	2.3 Marine area [%]
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2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

BG41	Югозападен / Yugozapaden
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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	A B C		
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			p	3	4	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A052	Anas crecca			r		3	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			p	60	70	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A255	Anthus campestris			r	70	100	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A773	Ardea alba			w		15	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A773	Ardea alba			r	3	10	p		G	A	B	A	A
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			r	3	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A029	Ardea purpurea			r	2	9	p		G	B	B	A	B
B	A059	Aythya ferina			r	2	15	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A059	Aythya ferina			c	65	65	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A060	Aythya nyroca			c	100	150	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A060	Aythya nyroca			r	25	30	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A021	Botaurus stellaris			r	6	8	p		G	B	B	A	B
B	A215	Bubo bubo			p	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A215	Bubo bubo			w	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A133	Burhinus oedicnemus			r	1	5	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	9	12	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			w	8	20	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			p	1	4	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			w	1	7	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			r	120	160	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r				R	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			r	10	12	p		G	C	A	C	C

B	A121	Porzana pusilla			c				P	DD	B	B	A	B
B	A118	Rallus aquaticus			p	40	40	p		G	B	A	C	B
B	A857	Spatula clypeata			r		2	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A856	Spatula querquedula			r	8	20	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria			r	90	140	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis			r	26	30	p		G	B	B	C	B
B	A165	Tringa ochropus			r		3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus			r	6	8	p		G	C	B	C	B

- **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	A113	Coturnix coturnix			500	500	p						X	
B	A244	Galerida cristata						P					X	
B	A214	Otus scops			1	1	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
N06	0.0
N15	1.0
N21	1.0
N08	7.0
N16	18.0
N09	23.0
N22	2.0
N10	7.0
N23	18.0

N17	2.0
N12	21.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Rayanovtsi covers the wet meadows located in the valley between the town of Dragoman and the village of Tsruklevtsi, including the Dragoman Marsh, Chepun Ridge and the karst hills stretching from Dragoman to the grounds of the villages Bezden, Bogjovtsi and Ponor to the south. The areas eastern limit passes along the Sofia Godetch road in its section from Belidie Han to the area of Vartopite. The wet meadows are overgrown with mesophyte grass vegetation, dominated by *Carex* spp., *Poa pratensis*, *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Poa sylvicola*, *Lolium perenne*, etc. (Bondev 1991). Drainage canals have been cut through the bigger part of the territory. They are fringed by single groups of willow *Salix* spp. and poplar belts *Populus* spp., as well as strips of marsh vegetation reed *Phragmites australis*, reed mace *Öppha* spp., etc. Common stinging nettle *Urtica dioica* grows on the dykes of the canals and provides the first refuge of the Corncrake *Crex crex* in early spring and the beginning of the breeding season. Typical marsh vegetation covers parts of the Dragoman Marsh and water pools remain at certain spots throughout the year. Since 50-ties the drainage system stopped to operate and the Dragoman marsh natural restoration process started. By 2005 the marsh covers area of nearly 400 ha. Chepun Ridge is overgrown with xerophyte and calciphyle grass and shrub vegetation, with presence of rare and endemic plant species. At some places there are plantations of pine */Pinus nigra/* and dispersed broadleaved forest.

4.2 Quality and importance

Rayanovtsi meadows include valuable habitats of rare and threatened bird species meadows, pastures and wetlands: 196 bird species have been recorded there, 84 of which are of European conservation concern (BirdLife, 2004) 6 species are included in category SPEC1 (globally threatened), 21 in SPEC 2 and 57 in SPEC 3 as threatened in Europe. Forty-five of the species that occur there are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria. The area is of global importance for the Corncrake, which breeds there regularly, as well as of European Union importance for a complex of 11 bird species, included in Annex I of Bird Directive. It is one of the most important sites in the country for the Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*, Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*, Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla* and Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*. It supports considerable populations of the Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*, Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*, Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*, Woodlark *Lullula arborea*.

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]
L	B01.02		o
M	B		o
M	J02.05.02		o
M	J02.05		i
L	F03.02.02		o
L	A05.01		o
M	E03.03		o
M	B01.02		i
L	G01.05		o
L	A03		i
M	E03		o
M	F02.03		i
L	A05.02		o
M	E03.01		o
H	F03.01		i
L	G01.04		o
M	J01		i
M	E03.01		i
M	F02.03		o
L	A01		i
L	H04		i
L	A04		i
M	F04		o
M	J02.10		i
M	A03		o
L	E01.04		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	A05.01		o
L	A05.02		i
L	A05.02		o
M	F02.03		o
L	A04		o
L	E01.04		i
L	A04		i
L	A05.01		i
L	G01.04		o
L	G01.02		o
M	E01.04		o
L	G01.05		o

M	J01		o
L	B02.03		i
L	G01.02		o
L	C01.01.01		o
L	A04		o
M	B02.03		o
M	F04		i
M	G01.04		i
L	A05.01		i
M	C01.01.01		i
M	F03.01		o
M	B02.02		o
M	A01		o
L	B01		o
L	D02.01		i
M	G05.01		i
M	D01.01		i
L	B02.02		i
M	E03		i
L	H05		i
L	E03.03		i
L	G04.01		i
L	B		i
M	G01.02		i
M	F03.02.02		i
M	G01.05		i
M	J02.05.02		i
L	B02.04		i
L	A05.02		i
M	B02.04		o
M	E01.04		o
M	B01		i
M	D01.02		i

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

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002001&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				

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 2005 the area of Dragoman Marsh is proposed for designation as Protected Area. In 1997 the area was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water -Sofia;Forestry Departments - Godech; Sofia;
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).