

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

BG31	Северозападен / Severozapaden
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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			
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			r	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			c	3	4	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A085	Accipiter gentilis			c		2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A085	Accipiter gentilis			p	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			c	10	42	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			p	1	4	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			c	2	10		P	G	C	B	C	C
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A052	Anas crecca			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			p	1	8	p		G	D			
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			c				P	DD	D			
B	A255	Anthus campestris			r	30	50	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A091	Aquila chrysaetos			c		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A773	Ardea alba			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			c		4	i		M	C	B	C	C
B	A029	Ardea purpurea			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A060	Aythya nyroca			r		2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A215	Bubo bubo			p	4	7	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			c	34	86	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	4	7	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			c	8	15	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			p	7	10	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			r	10	20	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r	1	5	p		G	C	B	C	C

B	A230	Merops apiaster			c	73	1256	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			r	100	490	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A073	Milvus migrans			c	1	3	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A074	Milvus milvus			c		1	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A023	Nycticorax nycticorax			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A094	Pandion haliaetus			c		2	i		G	C	B	B	C
B	A019	Pelecanus onocrotalus			c		45	i		M	C	A	C	B
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			r	3	3	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			c	5	145	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A249	Riparia riparia			r	550	550	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A856	Spatula querquedula			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria			r	6	12	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A165	Tringa ochropus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A165	Tringa ochropus			r	1	1	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			2500	2500	p						X	
B	A218	Athene noctua			26	26	p						X	
B	A363	Carduelis chloris			100	100	p						X	
B	A113	Coturnix coturnix			70	70	p						X	
B	A382	Emberiza melanocephala			40	40	p						X	
B	A269	Erithacus rubecula			5	5	p						X	
B	A359	Fringilla coelebs			600	600	p						X	
B	A244	Galerida cristata			70	70	p						X	
B	A251	Hirundo rustica			1200	1200	p						X	
B	A233	Jynx torquilla			5	5	p						X	
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos			1170	1170	p						X	
B	A383	Miliaria calandra			1200	1200	p						X	
B	A214	Otus scops						P					X	
B	A329	Parus caeruleus			2	2	p						X	

B	A235	Picus viridis			6	6	p						X	
B	A210	Streptopelia turtur			15	15	p						X	
B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla			35	35	p						X	
B	A283	Turdus merula			650	650	p						X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos			44	44	p						X	
B	A284	Turdus pilaris						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
N15	10.0
N21	9.0
N23	4.0
N07	
N06	2.0
N16	13.0
N10	1.0
N20	
N22	
N17	
N12	42.0
N08	4.0
N09	15.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

Nikopolsko Plateau is located in northern Bulgaria, the Danubian plain south of the town of Nikopol. To the north it borders on the Danube and the town, to the west and south on the Osam river, to the east on the Svishtov-Belene lowland, being limited by the villages of Dragash Voyvoda, Byala Voda and Dekov. Nikopolsko Plateau has a karst nature. A ridge with numerous rock exposures is formed above the Osam River. On the east it loses height and gradually descends to the lowland. The road Svishtov Nikopol passes through its territory. Most of the plateau is occupied by farmland, xerothermal (with *Dichanthium ischaemum*, *Poa bulbosa*, *Chrysopogon grillus* and *Stipa tirsia*) and mesoxerothermal (*Poa bulbosa*, *Lolium perenne*, *Cynodon dactylon*, etc.) grass associations in the ravines, at places overgrown with shrubs dominated by *Carpinus orientalis*. A big share of the territory is occupied by a mosaic of broadleaved forests mainly mixed ones of *Quercus pubescens* with undergrowth of *Cotynus coggygria*, but also single patches of mixed forests of *Tilia tomentosa*, *Q. cerris* and *Acer campestre*. Along the Osam River there are still preserved riverine forests of *Salix alba*. Hybrid poplar plantations predominate along the river (Bondev, 1991). In the plateau's western part around the Osam river there are flooded areas, remnants of former river beds, wet meadows, and open rocky terrain.

4.2 Quality and importance

Nikopolsko Plateau supports 92 breeding bird species, 16 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 43 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 2 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 11 in SPEC 2 and 30 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 27 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 25 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. The site is one of the most important in the country on a European Union scale for the Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*, European Roller *Coracias garrulus*, Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* and Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*. It is of European importance for the

European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*, which breeds there in significant numbers. Nikopolsko Plateau holds also representative breeding populations of a complex of threatened species as Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*, Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*, Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*, Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*, Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* and Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*. In the region of Nikopolsko plateau occur 15 species of rare and endemic plant species, most of which with steppic origin. One of the most numerous colonies of the Souselik *Spermophilus citellus* in North Bulgaria occur there

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	A01		i
H	B		o
L	D01.02		i
H	B02.02		o
L	D01.02		o
M	E01		i
M	J02.12		i
L	K01.01		i
H	B01.02		o
M	L08		o
H	B02.02		i
M	J02.05.02		o
M	E01		o
M	B01.02		i
L	F03.01		i
L	J01		i
L	F03.01		o
M	C01.01		o
L	J01		o
H	J02.05.02		i
H	A01		o
H	C01.01.01		i
M	J02.12		o
H	B		i
M	A04		i
M	L08		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

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	F03.01		o
L	D01.02		o

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Dr. P. Shurulinkov - Institute of Zoology, BAS, 1 "Tzar Osvoboditel" blvd., 1000 Sofia; Dr. R. Tzonev - Faculty of Biology, Sofia University, 1164 Sofia, 8 Dragan Tsankov Blvd; E. Todorov - 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.);Iankov, P. 2002.(red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptici v Bulgaria. Nacionalni planove za dejstvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodzashtitna poredica, Kn. 4, Sofia: 204-219.;MOSV. 2005. Arhiv na zastitenite teritorii v Balgaria. Baza danni (nepubl.);Petkov, N. 1997b. Suvremenno sustoianie na belookata potapnica (*Aythya nyroca*) v Bulgaria. Diplomna rabota, Biologicheski Fakultet pri SU Sv. Kl. Ohridski, Sofia, 104 s.;Petrov, .C 1997b. Beliasturkel (*Ciconia ciconia*) v Bulgaria. Prirodzashtitna poredica, Kniga 2, BDZP, Plovdiv.;Petrov, C., P.Iankov, T. Michev, B. Milchev, L. Profirov. 1991. Razprostranenie, chislenost i merki za opazvane na chernia shturkel, *Ciconia nigra* (L.) v Bulgaria. Izv. Muz. IU. Bulgaria, T. 17, 25-32.;Shurulinkov, P., R. Conev, B. Nikolov, G. Stoianov, L. Asenov. 2005. Pticite na Sredna Dunavska ravnina. Sofia, 120 s.;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).373pp.;BSPB/BirdLife

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002074&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 [%]
BG03	0.014	BG06	0.145	BG00	80.341
BG05	19.5				

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG05	PERSINA	*	19.5
BG03	SKALNATA TZARKVA	+	0.004
BG06	PLAVALA	+	0.1
BG03	NANIN KAMAK CAVE	+	0.01
BG06	KISELETS	+	0.045

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

About 18% of the proposed SPA territory is a part of the Persina Nature Park, designated in the year 2000 to protect the remarkable ecosystems typical for the Danube River. The park includes another 2 protected areas and one nature monument cave. In 2005 the site is designated also 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 - Pleven; Forestry Department - Nikopol; Danubean River Basin Directorate;
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).