



# 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 BG0000528  
SITENAME Ostrovska step - Vadin

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> BG0000528	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Ostrovska step - Vadin
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<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 2005-12	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 2022-11
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### 1.6 Respondent:

<b>Name/Organisation:</b>	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
<b>Address:</b>	Sofia Kn. Maria Luiza Blvd. 22 1000 Sofia
<b>Email:</b>	natura2000@moew.government.bg

### 1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

<b>Date site classified as SPA:</b>	0000-00
<b>National legal reference of SPA designation</b>	No data
<b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>	2007-03
<b>Date site confirmed as SCI:</b>	2008-12
<b>Date site designated as SAC:</b>	2021-03
<b>National legal reference of SAC designation:</b>	Designation Order No. RD - 297/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 47 /2021) issued by the Minister of Environment and Water.
<b>Explanation(s):</b>	Adopted by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). Issued by the Minister of Environment and Water designation Order No. RD - 297/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 47 /2021) with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the site amended and supplemented by Order No RD - 1028/3.11.2022 (promulgated SG 89/2022).

## 2. SITE LOCATION

### 2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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**Longitude**

24.1577

**Latitude**

43.674

**2.2 Area [ha]:**

301.29

**2.3 Marine area [%]**

0.0

**2.4 Sitelength [km]:**

0.0

**2.5 Administrative region code and name****NUTS level 2 code****Region Name**

BG31

Северозападен / Severozapaden

**2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)**Continental (100.0  
%)**3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**[Back to top](#)**3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them**

Annex I Habitat types						Site assessment			
Code	PF	NP	Cover [ha]	Cave [number]	Data quality	A B C D	A B C		
						Representativity	Relative Surface	Conservation	Global
6250f			15.97		M	C	C	C	C

- **PF:** for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter "X" in the column PF to indicate the priority form.
- **NP:** in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Cover:** decimal values can be entered
- **Caves:** for habitat types 8310, 8330 (caves) enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not available.
- **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)

**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.
R	5194	<a href="#">Elaphe sauromates</a>			p	1	1	grids1x1	P	P	C	B	C	C
M	2609	<a href="#">Mesocricetus newtoni</a>			p				P	DD	D			
M	1335	<a href="#">Spermophilus citellus</a>			p	1	1	colonies	V	M	C	B	C	B
R	1219	<a href="#">Testudo graeca</a>			p	1	1	grids1x1	V	P	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
P		<a href="#">Astragalus austriacus</a>						P						X
A		<a href="#">Bufo viridis</a>						P					X	
R		<a href="#">Coluber caspius</a>						P					X	
R		<a href="#">Lacerta viridis</a>						P					X	
A		<a href="#">Pelobates fuscus</a>						P					X	
R		<a href="#">Podarcis taurica</a>						P					X	
P		<a href="#">Stachys arenariaeformis</a>						P				X		
R		<a href="#">Vipera ammodytes</a>						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
N08	18.0
N20	3.0
N12	5.0
N21	1.0
N09	73.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	<b>100</b>

### Other Site Characteristics

The site is localised on the highest Danube loess terraces between near the villages of Ostrov and Vadin. The landscape is open, and includes steppes, arable lands, orchards.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

The one of biggest sites, which preserves loess steppe vegetation. There are some steppe relicts and endemics as Satchys arenariaeformis.

### 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			
	Threats and	Pollution	inside/outside

Positive Impacts			
	Activities,	Pollution	inside

Rank	pressures [code]	(optional) [code]	[i o b]
M	A04		o
H	A01		o
H	B01		i
H	A01		i
H	B01		o
H	E01		o
H	A04		i

Rank	management [code]	(optional) [code]	/outside [i o b]

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 Dr. Rossen Tzonev - Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohirski", Faculty of Biology, Department of Ecology and Environmental protection, Dragan Tzankov 8, Sofia 1164; Dr. Georgi Hinkov - Forest Research Institute, BAS, georgihi@abv.bg  
Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>). New data provided by project "Mapping and assessment of the conservation status of the natural habitats and species - Phase 1" (see link). Site-specific Conservation Objectives for Natura 2000 site BG0000528;

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000528&siteType=HabitatDirective>

### 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:

#### 5.3 Site designation (optional)

The site is one of the last preserved steppes along Danube, There are some rare and endemic plants into the floristic composition of the steppes.

### 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

#### 6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water: Vratsa
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)

Limitation of grazing. Stopping of the forest planting within steppes. More strict protection of the fires.

### 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).