



# 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 **BG0000237**  
SITENAME **Ostrov Pozharevo**

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> A	<b>1.2 Site code</b> BG0000237	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Ostrov Pozharevo
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<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 2005-10	<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
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### 1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

<b>Date site classified as SPA:</b>	2007-03
<b>National legal reference of SPA designation</b>	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007).
<b>Explanation(s):</b>	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 - 838/17.11.2008 (promulgated SG 108/2008), amended and supplemented by Order No RD - 1033/3.11.2022 (promulgated SG 89/2022).

## 2. SITE LOCATION

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

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<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Latitude</b>
26.6994	44.0647

<b>2.2 Area [ha]:</b>	<b>2.3 Marine area [%]</b>
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## 2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

## 2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

BG32

Северен централен / Severen tsentralen

## 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	<a href="#">Accipiter nisus</a>			p	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A168	<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a>			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A229	<a href="#">Alcedo atthis</a>			p	3	3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A054	<a href="#">Anas acuta</a>			w		4	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A052	<a href="#">Anas crecca</a>			w	3	600	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A053	<a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a>			c				P	DD	B	A	C	A
B	A053	<a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a>			w	1000	5000	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A053	<a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a>			p	5	12	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A394	<a href="#">Anser albifrons albifrons</a>			w	50	500	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A043	<a href="#">Anser anser</a>			w	7	200	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A028	<a href="#">Ardea cinerea</a>			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A028	<a href="#">Ardea cinerea</a>			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A028	<a href="#">Ardea cinerea</a>			r	10	17	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A024	<a href="#">Ardeola ralloides</a>			c				P	DD	B	A	C	A
B	A024	<a href="#">Ardeola ralloides</a>			r		1	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A059	<a href="#">Aythya ferina</a>			w	150	400	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A059	<a href="#">Aythya ferina</a>			r		4	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A061	<a href="#">Aythya fuligula</a>			w	2	10	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A396	<a href="#">Branta ruficollis</a>			w	120	200	i		G	B	B	C	B
B	A067	<a href="#">Bucephala clangula</a>			w	10	50	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A087	<a href="#">Buteo buteo</a>			p	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A087	<a href="#">Buteo buteo</a>			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A087	<a href="#">Buteo buteo</a>			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A224	<a href="#">Caprimulgus europaeus</a>			r	1	1	p		M	C	B	C	C
B	A224	<a href="#">Caprimulgus europaeus</a>			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C



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	A363	<a href="#">Carduelis chloris</a>			7	7	p						X	
B	A269	<a href="#">Erithacus rubecula</a>			12	12	p						X	
B	A359	<a href="#">Fringilla coelebs</a>			15	15	p						X	
B	A271	<a href="#">Luscinia megarhynchos</a>			12	12	p						X	
B	A329	<a href="#">Parus caeruleus</a>			13	13	p						X	
B	A235	<a href="#">Picus viridis</a>			7	7	p						X	
B	A210	<a href="#">Streptopelia turtur</a>			10	10	p						X	
B	A311	<a href="#">Sylvia atricapilla</a>			10	10	p						X	
B	A283	<a href="#">Turdus merula</a>			10	10	p						X	
B	A285	<a href="#">Turdus philomelos</a>			15	15	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
N20	2.0
N08	0.0
N23	0.0
N22	15.0
N10	3.0
N06	40.0
N12	0.0
N16	31.0
N21	2.0
N09	7.0
N15	0.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	<b>100</b>

### Other Site Characteristics

An island on the Danube with the adjacent section of the river and Bulgarian river banks, km 424 to km 423, located north of the village of Pozharevo and covered by woodlands. The main habitat on the island is a typical riverine forest of willow *Salix* spp. and White Poplar *Populus alba* with rich undergrowth. Every year the Danube floods the island, most often in the period February-April. Its banks are covered by sand strips.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

Pozharevo Island supports 69 bird species, 16 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 25 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 4 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 5 in SPEC 2 and 16 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 21 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 19 are also listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive.

Pozharevo island is of global importance as a breeding site for the globally threatened Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*. It hosts one of the five biggest mixed colonies of Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*, Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* and Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* in the country. In winter the island is regularly visited by two other globally threatened species the Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus* and the Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis*. It is of international importance for several other wintering waterfowl species, especially Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*, Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*, Smew *Mergus albellus* and Greylag Goose *Anser anser*, which form considerable concentrations there. Pozharevo Island is a roosting and feeding area for the White-tiled Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*.

#### 4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

#### 4.4 Ownership (optional)

#### 4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Yordan Kutsarov, Dr. Petar Iankov - 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 Bulgariya. 2005. Nacionalna banka za ornitologichna informacia 1988-2005, Balgarsko Druzhestvo za zastita na pticite; Iankov, P. 2002. (red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptitsi v Bulgariya. Natsionalni planove za deystvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodosastitna poreditsa, Kn. 4, Sofiya: 204-219.; MOSV. 2005. Arhiv na zastitenite teritorii v Bulgariya. Baza dannii (nepubl.); Nikolov, Hr., S. Marin, A. Darakchiev. 1999. Malkiyat kormoran v Bulgariya. Razprostranenie, chislenost i zaplahi. Nauch. Tr. Plov. Univ., Animaliya, 35, 6, 67-81.; 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); Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.); Heath, M.F. and Evans, M.I., eds. 2000. Important Bird Areas in Europe: Priority sites for conservation, vol. 2 Southern Europe. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 8); Iankov, P., N. Petkov, A. Kovachev, D. Plachiisky. (in print). Pygmy Cormorant in Bulgaria 2001/2002. Final Report.; Kostadinova, I., S. Dereliev. 2001. Results the Mid-Winter Counts of Waterbirds in Bulgaria for the period 1997- 2001. BSPB Conservation Series. Book 3, BSPB, Sofia, BG; 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. Preliminary implementation and analysis of the gaps. In: Petrova, A. (ed.), Current state of Bulgarian biodiversity problems and perspectives. Pp. 533-548. Bulgarian Bioplatform, Sofia; MOEW. 1998. CORINE Biotopes Database of the sites of European Importance for the biodiversity. Bulgaria, MOSV (nepubl.); 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; Petkov, N. 1998a. Current Status of the Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*) in Bulgaria. Partimadar, 6-7, MME, Budapest, 4449. 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 BG0000237;

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000237&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 [%]
BG06	7.0	BG00	93.0		

#### 5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	POZHAREVO ISLAND	+	7.0
BG06	SAYA KULAK	+	

designated at international level:

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

#### 5.3 Site designation (optional)

So far 7.4% of the area has legal protection according to national nature conservation legislation. There are two protected areas - the Saja Kulak Protected Area, which was designated in 2003 to protect the typical landscapes, and the Pozharevo Island Protected Area, which was

designated to protect the typical habitats for birds. In 1998 about 75% of the area is appointed as CORINE Site because of its European value for habitats, rare and threatened plant and animal species, including birds. In 1997 the area was appointed as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International. The proposed SPA borders a proposed Special Protection Area in Romania.

## 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water -Ruse;Danubean River Basin Directorate;Forestry Department - Tutrakan;
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).