



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 BG0000532
SITENAME Ostrov Bliznatsi

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code BG0000532	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Ostrov Bliznatsi

1.4 First Compilation date 2005-12	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
Address:	Sofia Kn. Maria Luiza Blvd. 22 1000 Sofia
Email:	natura2000@moew.government.bg

1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	0000-00
National legal reference of SPA designation	No data
Date site proposed as SCI:	2007-03
Date site confirmed as SCI:	2008-12
Date site designated as SAC:	2020-08
National legal reference of SAC designation:	Designation Order No. RD - 696/25.08.2020 (promulgated SG 81 /2020) issued by the Minister of Environment and Water.
Explanation(s):	Adopted by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). Extended by Council of Ministers Decision No. 811/16.11.2010 (promulgated SG 96/2010). Issued by the Minister of Environment and Water designation Order No. RD - 696/25.08.2020 (promulgated SG 81/2020) with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the site amended and supplemented by Order No RD - 1034/3.11.2022 (promulgated SG 89/2022).

2. SITE LOCATION

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2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude 22.8522 Latitude 43.8485

2.2 Area [ha]: 2.3 Marine area [%]

631.967 0.0

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

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
3130B			4.47		G	B	C	B	B
3260B			7.09		G	C	C	C	C
3270B			2.23		G	B	C	C	C
91E0B			30.22		G	B	C	B	B

- **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.
F	4125	Alosa immaculata			r	5391900	5391900	area	P	G	C	A	C	B
F	1130	Aspius aspius			p	5391900	5391900	area	C	G	C	A	C	A
A	1188	Bombina bombina			p	2	2	grids1x1	V	P	C	B	C	C
F	1149	Cobitis taenia			p	5391900	5391900	area	R	G	C	A	C	A
R	1220	Emys orbicularis			p	1	1	grids1x1	V	P	C	A	C	B
F	2484	Eudontomyzon mariae			p	5391900	5391900	area	R	P	C	A	C	A

F	2555	Gymnocephalus baloni			p	5391900	5391900	area	C	G	C	A	C	A
F	1157	Gymnocephalus schraetzer			p	5280220	5280220	area	P	P	C	A	C	A
M	1355	Lutra lutra			p	4	5	adults		G	C	A	C	A
F	1145	Misgurnus fossilis			p				C	DD	B	A	C	A
F	2522	Pelecus cultratus			p	5390000	5390000	area	P	P	C	A	C	A
M	1305	Rhinolophus euryale			p	11	50	i	R	G	C	B	C	C
M	1304	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum			p	11	50	i	R	G	C	B	C	C
F	5339	Rhodeus amarus			p	5390000	5390000	area	C	G	C	A	C	A
F	5329	Romanogobio vladykovi			p	5391900	5391900	area	P	P	C	A	C	A
F	1146	Sabanejewia aurata			p	5391900	5391900	area	C	G	C	A	C	A
A	1993	Triturus dobrogicus			p			grids1x1	P	DD	C	B	B	C
I	1032	Unio crassus			p	16770	16770	i	R	M	C	A	C	B
M	2635	Vormela peregusna			p				P	DD	D			
F	1160	Zingel streber			p	5396020	5396020	area	P	P	C	A	C	A
F	1159	Zingel zingel			p	5396020	5396020	area	P	P	C	A	C	A

- **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
F		Abramis brama						C						X
F		Acipenser gueldenstaedti						P					X	
F		Acipenser ruthenus						P					X	
F		Acipenser stellatus						P					X	
F		Barbus barbus						C						X
F		Cyprinus carpio						C			X			
F		Huso huso						P					X	
P		Leucojum aestivum						C						X
R		Natrix tessellata						P					X	
F		Sabanejewia bulgarica						P				X		
F		Silurus glanis						C					X	
F		Syngnathus abaster						P					X	
I		Zerynthia polyxena						C					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
N16	3.0
N08	1.0
N06	90.0
N04	0.0
N20	6.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

The site represents an island group after the town of Vidin. The islands are covered mainly by natural vegetation - willows, poplars. There are small patches, covered by hybrid poplars.

4.2 Quality and importance

The area is of medium conservation value. The site includes the biggest colony of *Platalea leucorodia* in the Bulgarian part of the Danube River.

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]
M	F02.01.02		i
M	F02.01.02		o
H	B02.02		o
M	K01.01		o
M	F03.01		i
H	K04.01		i
L	K01.01		i
H	B01.02		o
H	B01.02		i
H	I01		o
H	B02.02		i
H	I01		i
M	F03.01		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /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 Georgi Hinkov - Forest Research Institute, BAS, georgihi@abv.bg ; Ivelin Ivanov, Green Balkans Federation, Plovdiv, office@greenbalkans.org .Initially listed documents:"Arnold, E., J. Burton, D. Ovenden. 1992. A field guide to the

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000532&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)

To preserve the colony of herons and cormorants, as well as the natural forests of *Salix alba*.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water: Montana
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)

Forest Enterprise Vidin. Limiting the distribution of alien plant species such as *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Acer negundo* and *Fraxinus americana*. Conversion of the hybrid poplar plantations into mixed plantations with the participation of local tree species. Suspension of the heavy machinecultivation of soil on the Islands of Sreden and Severen Bliznak. Limitation of the latter on the Islands of Bliznak. Ban on fishing in the area of the Island.

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).