



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 BG0000594
SITENAME Bozhia most - Ponora

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code BG0000594	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Bozhia most - Ponora

1.4 First Compilation date 2006-10	1.5 Update date 2021-11
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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:	2021-03
National legal reference of SAC designation:	Designation Order No. RD - 262/31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 41 /2021) 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). Issued by the Minister of Environment and Water designation Order No. RD - 262/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 41 /2021) with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the site.

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude

23.5647

Latitude

43.3139

2.2 Area [ha]:

227.9

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

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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
8310				1	G	A	C	B	B
91M0			62.21		G	A	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.
M	1352	Canis lupus			p				P	DD	D			
I	1088	Cerambyx cerdo			p				P	DD	C	B	C	C
I	1083	Lucanus cervus			p				P	DD	C	C	C	C
M	1310	Miniopterus schreibersii			p	500	1000	i	C	G	C	B	C	C
I	1089	Morimus funereus			p				P	DD	D			
M	1307	Myotis blythii			p	11	50	i	R	G	C	B	C	C
M	1316	Myotis capaccinii			p	101	250	i	C	G	C	B	C	C
M	1321	Myotis emarginatus			p				P	DD	D			
M	1324	Myotis myotis			p	11	50	i	R	G	C	B	C	C

M	1306	Rhinolophus blasii			p				P	DD	D			
M	1305	Rhinolophus euryale			p	2000	5000	i	C	G	B	B	C	A
M	1304	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum			p	251	500	i	C	G	C	B	C	C
M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros			p	6	10	i	R	G	D			
M	1302	Rhinolophus mehelyi			p				P	DD	D			
M	2635	Vormela peregrusna			p				P	DD	D			

- **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
I		Bacillidesmus bulgaricus						P				X		
I		Paranemastoma radewi						P				X		
I		Trichoniscus bureschi						P				X		
I		Typhloiulus bureschi						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
N22	100.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Water cave with length around 3.5 km. Trough it runs an underground stream and deep lakes are formed. It ends with an insuperably deep siphon. During the 70ies attempts for urbanizing are done as metal construction of around 1 km long and path over the water have been constructed. After a flooding they have deformed by the entering water and the project is stopped.

4.2 Quality and importance

One of the most significant caves for bat conservation in Bulgaria. The cave is an especially good habitat for wintering and breeding of bats especially *Myotis myotis*, *myotis capaccinii* and *Miniopterus schreibersii*.

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 Ivan Pandurski - Institute of Zoology, BAS, 1 Tzar Osvoboditel Blvd., Sofia 1000. 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).

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000594&siteType=HabitatDirective>

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

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5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
BG03	7.744180873520529	BG00	92.25581912683987		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG03	Ponor peshtera	+	7.744180873520529

5.3 Site designation (optional)

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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)

Legal protection of the cave is needed as well as control of the visits, especially during the breeding period.

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).

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