



# 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 BG0000615  
SITENAME Devetashko plato

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> BG0000615	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Devetashko plato
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<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 2004-08	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 2021-11
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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 - 330/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 53 /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 - 330/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 53 /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**

24.9303

**Latitude**

43.1958

**2.2 Area [ha]:**

14997.1109

**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
BG32	Северен централен / Severen tsentralen

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

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
3140 <b>B</b>			1.92		G	A	C	C	C
3150 <b>B</b>			15.06		G	B	C	C	C
3260 <b>B</b>			70.72		G	A	C	C	C
6110 <b>B</b>			6.91		M	A	C	B	B
6210 <b>B</b>			463.65		M	B	C	B	B
6240 <b>B</b>			307.46		M	A	B	B	A
6430 <b>B</b>			2.76		M	A	C	A	A
6510 <b>B</b>			3.92		M	B	C	B	B
7220 <b>B</b>			0.54139			A	B	B	A
8210 <b>B</b>			24.09		M	C	C	B	C
8310 <b>B</b>				58	G	B	C	B	B
91E0 <b>B</b>			5.13		G	C	C	B	B
91G0 <b>B</b>			50.65		G	C	C	C	C
91H0 <b>B</b>			124.7		G	B	C	B	C
91M0 <b>B</b>			2663.43		G	A	C	C	B
91Z0 <b>B</b>			111.97		G	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.
I	1093	<a href="#">Austropotamobius torrentium</a>			p			i	P	M	D	A	C	B
M	1308	<a href="#">Barbastella barbastellus</a>			p	40	63	i	V	G	C	B	C	C
F	1138	<a href="#">Barbus meridionalis</a>			p	148772	148772	i	C	G	C	A	C	A
A	1188	<a href="#">Bombina bombina</a>			p	1	1	localities	V	P	C	A	B	A
A	1193	<a href="#">Bombina variegata</a>			p			localities	P	DD	C	A	C	A
M	1352	<a href="#">Canis lupus</a>			p		1	i	R	G	C	A	C	B
I	1088	<a href="#">Cerambyx cerdo</a>			p				P	DD	C	C	C	C
F	1149	<a href="#">Cobitis taenia</a>			p	65437	65437	i	C	G	C	A	C	A
R	5194	<a href="#">Elaphe sauromates</a>			p			localities	P	DD	C	A	C	B
R	1220	<a href="#">Emys orbicularis</a>			p	3	3	localities	V	P	C	A	C	A
I	6199	<a href="#">Euplagia quadripunctaria</a>			p	243	858	i	V	P	C	B	C	A
P	2327	<a href="#">Himantoglossum caprinum</a>			p	50	150	i	V	G	C	B	C	B
I	1083	<a href="#">Lucanus cervus</a>			p	50768	99870	i	R	M	C	C	C	C
M	1355	<a href="#">Lutra lutra</a>			p	7	8	i		G	C	A	C	A
M	2609	<a href="#">Mesocricetus newtoni</a>			p				V	DD	C	B	C	C
M	1310	<a href="#">Miniopterus schreibersii</a>			p	8000	34000	i	C	G	A	B	C	A
I	1089	<a href="#">Morimus funereus</a>			p	56031	65082	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
M	2633	<a href="#">Mustela eversmanii</a>			p				R	DD	C	A	B	A
M	1307	<a href="#">Myotis blythii</a>			p	500	2000	i	C	G	B	B	C	B
M	1316	<a href="#">Myotis capaccinii</a>			p	251	500	i	R	G	B	B	C	B
M	1321	<a href="#">Myotis emarginatus</a>			p	251	500	i	R	G	B	B	C	B
M	1324	<a href="#">Myotis myotis</a>			p	500	2000	i	C	G	B	B	C	B
M	1306	<a href="#">Rhinolophus blasii</a>			p				P	DD	D			
M	1305	<a href="#">Rhinolophus euryale</a>			p	1000	2500	i	C	G	B	B	C	B
M	1304	<a href="#">Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</a>			p	400	1300	i	C	G	B	B	C	B
M	1303	<a href="#">Rhinolophus hipposideros</a>			p	11	50	i	C	G	C	B	C	C
M	1302	<a href="#">Rhinolophus mehelyi</a>			p	250	500	i	R	G	B	B	C	C
F	5339	<a href="#">Rhodeus amarus</a>			p				P	DD	D			
M	1335	<a href="#">Spermophilus citellus</a>			p	0	1	colonies	R	M	C	B	C	B
R	1219	<a href="#">Testudo graeca</a>			p			localities	P	DD	C	A	B	A
R	1217	<a href="#">Testudo hermanni</a>			p	14	14	localities	C	G	C	A	C	A
I	4064	<a href="#">Theodoxus transversalis</a>			p			i	V	M	C	A	B	A
A	1171	<a href="#">Triturus karelinii</a>			p	3	3	localities	V	P	C	A	B	B
I	1032	<a href="#">Unio crassus</a>			p	1300	1300	i	R	M	C	A	C	B
M	2635	<a href="#">Vormela peregusna</a>			p				P	DD	C	A	C	A
F		<a href="#">Barbus barbus</a>							P					

M		<a href="#">Canis aureus</a>								C				
M		<a href="#">Capreolus capreolus</a>								P				
M		<a href="#">Felis silvestris</a>								P				
F		<a href="#">Silurus glanis</a>								P				

- **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
R		<a href="#">Ablepharus kitaibeli</a>						P					X	
A		<a href="#">Bufo viridis</a>						C					X	
I		<a href="#">Calosoma sycophanta</a>						P					X	
R		<a href="#">Coluber caspius</a>						P					X	
R		<a href="#">Coronella austriaca</a>						P					X	
M		<a href="#">Cricetus cricetus</a>						R			X			
R		<a href="#">Elaphe longissima</a>						P					X	
M		<a href="#">Eptesicus serotinus</a>						R			X			
P		<a href="#">Galanthus elwesii</a>						P			X			
M		<a href="#">Glis glis</a>						R			X			
I		<a href="#">Helicigona trizona</a>						C			X			
I		<a href="#">Helix lucorum</a>						C			X			
A		<a href="#">Hyla arborea</a>						P					X	
M		<a href="#">Hypsugo savii</a>						R			X			
R		<a href="#">Lacerta viridis</a>						C					X	
I		<a href="#">Laemostenus stoevi</a>						P				X		
I		<a href="#">Lestes dryas</a>						C			X			
I		<a href="#">Lithobius tiasnatensis</a>						P				X		
I		<a href="#">Lycosa vultuosa</a>						C			X			
M		<a href="#">Mus spicilegus</a>						R			X			
M		<a href="#">Myotis daubentonii</a>						R			X			
M		<a href="#">Myotis nattereri</a>						R			X			
M		<a href="#">Nannospalax leucodon</a>						R			X			
R		<a href="#">Natrix tessellata</a>						P					X	
I		<a href="#">Niphargus bureschi</a>						P				X		
M		<a href="#">Nyctalus noctula</a>						R			X			
P		<a href="#">Paeonia peregrina</a>						P						X
I		<a href="#">Parnassius mnemosyne</a>						C					X	

M		<a href="#">Pipistrellus pipistrellus</a>						R			X		
R		<a href="#">Podarcis muralis</a>						C				X	
R		<a href="#">Podarcis taurica</a>						P				X	
I		<a href="#">Pseudosinella kwartimikovi</a>						P			X		
A		<a href="#">Rana dalmatina</a>						P				X	
I		<a href="#">Sialis nigripes</a>						V			X		
I		<a href="#">Trichoniscus tenebrarum</a>						P			X		
R		<a href="#">Vipera ammodytes</a>						C				X	
I		<a href="#">Zerynthia polyxena</a>						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
N15	21.0
N09	30.0
N08	17.0
N23	2.0
N21	1.0
N16	29.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	<b>100</b>

### Other Site Characteristics

Large carst plateau with diverse underground and other carst landscapes. There are some settlements and agricultural lands.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

Very high quality and importance. The plateau is one of the wildest and less disturbed by man areas in Central Danube plain. Important for the existence of invertebrate fauna. An intensification of the agriculture, especially of the grazing, will lead to additional degradation of the few remained secondary steppes. Vandalism and uncontrolled visits in the caves.

### 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		o
H	J02.05.02		i
L	A10.01		i
H	L08		i
M	C01.01		o
M	D01.02		i
M	E01		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	F02.03		i
H	G01.04		i
M	E01		o

L	F03.01		i
M	E01.03		i
M	A04.03		o
H	K01.02		i
L	D01.02		o
M	A04.03		i
H	D02.01		i
M	K01.03		i
L	D01.01		i
H	J02.05.02		o
H	A04		o
M	E01		i
H	G01.04		i
L	F02.03		i
H	B		i
L	A03		i
L	C01.01.01		i
L	E05		i
H	B		o
L	J02.01.01		i
L	D02.02		i
L	C01.01		i
L	E04.01		i
L	D02.01		o
M	A03		o
H	A01		i
H	A04		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

#### 4.4 Ownership (optional)

#### 4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by P. Shurulinkov, R. Tzonev, T. Nikolov, Z. Hubenov, Chr. Deltchev, I. Pandurski, V. Popov - Institute of Zoology, BAS, 1 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd, Sofia; Balkani Wildlife Society; Green Balkans; Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation; Wilderness Fund. 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=BG0000615&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 [%]
BG06	0.02	BG00	99.886	BG03	0.094

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

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG03	DEVETASHKA CAVE	+	0.094
BG06	LYULYAKATA	+	0.02

### 5.3 Site designation (optional)

## 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water: Veliko Tarnovo, Pleven
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)

An inventarization of the habitats is needed, especially of the underground habitats. Some management measures, connected with the access to these habitats should be applied.

## 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).