



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 BG0000623
SITENAME Taushan tepe

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code BG0000623	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Taushan tepe

1.4 First Compilation date 2007-09	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:	2007-12
Date site confirmed as SCI:	2008-12
Date site designated as SAC:	2020-05
National legal reference of SAC designation:	Designation Order No. RD - 376/15.05.2020 (promulgated SG 50 /2020) issued by the Minister of Environment and Water.
Explanation(s):	Issued by the Minister of Environment and Water designation Order No. RD - 376/15.05.2020 (promulgated SG 50/2020) 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

27.3108

Latitude

43.2914

2.2 Area [ha]:

325.433

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**

BG33

Североизточен / Severoiztochen

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
40C0 F			2.08		M	A	A	B	A
6210 F	X		65.06		G	C	C	C	C
62C0 F			92.94		M	A	C	B	A

- **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.
P	2253	Centaurea jankae			p	500	550	i		G	A	A	B	A
P	4067	Echium russicum			p	200	250	i		G	B	A	C	A
P	2327	Himantoglossum caprinum			p	10	30	i	R	G	C	B	B	C
R	1219	Testudo graeca			p	2	2	localities	V	P	C	A	C	A
R	1217	Testudo hermanni			p			localities	P	DD	C	A	C	A
M	2635	Vormela peregrusna			p				P	DD	C	B	C	B

- **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		Adonis vernalis						C						X
P		Adonis vernalis						R			X			
P		Anemone sylvestris						C			X			
P		Caragana frutex						C			X			
P		Centaurea marshalliana						R			X			
P		Clematis integrifolia						C						X
P		Convolvulus lineatus						R			X			
P		Hedysarum tauricum			25	50	i				X			
P		Orchis simia						C					X	
P		Salvia ringens						C						X
P		Stipa lessingiana						C			X			
P		Stipa pulcherrima						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
N08	57.0
N16	20.0
N20	2.0
N09	18.0
N22	2.0
N23	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

The site is a complex of hills and the most significant one is Taushan tepe. The geology includes Cretaceous series on many places reaching the surface. It is a steppic refugium for many species and vegetation. The plant communities are dominated by *Carpinus orientalis*, *Paliurus spina-christii*, *Caragana frutex*, *Stipa* spp., *Crysopogon gryllus*, *Festuca valesiaca* and *Dichanthium ischaemum*. Currently the grazing is limited, but it has been more intensive in the past. The relic character of the place is emphasized by the presence of many pontic elements like *Centaurea marschaliana*, *C. stereophylla*, *Tanacetum millefolium*, *Aster oleifolius*, etc. including the new established for the country *Centaurea jankae*.

4.2 Quality and importance

This site preserves natural and seminatural plant communities within huge area of arable lands. 67% of a priority habitat type 40C0 is located here and the presence of 62C0 serbe as argument for site selection. One of the two best *Centaurea jankae* populations is located here.

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]
L	A07		o
L	B01.02		i
H	A01		o
L	D01.02		o
L	E01.03		o
L	J01		o
M	F03.01		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	A07		o
L	D01.02		o
M	A04		i
M	F03.01		i
L	E01.03		o
H	A01		o
L	J01		o

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 Antoaneta Petrova - Botanical Garden, Sofia, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; Iva Apostolova, Tenyo Meshinev - Institute of Botany, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. 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=BG0000623&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)

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water: Varna
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

Yes

No, but in preparation

No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

The management should emphasize on the maintenance moderate grazing and control on *Paliurus spina chrisii* invasion.

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).