



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 BG0002025

SITENAME Lomovete

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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| 1.1 Type A | 1.2 Site code BG0002025 | Back to top |
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1.3 Site name

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| Lomovete |
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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.4 First Compilation date | 1.5 Update date |
| 2007-01 | 2015-07 |

1.6 Respondent:

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Name/Organisation: | Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate |
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1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

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| Date site classified as SPA: | 2007-03 |
| National legal reference of SPA designation | Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). |
| Explanation(s): | 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 - 562/05.09.2008 (promulgated SG 84/2008). Site extended by Council of Ministers Decision No. 335/26.05.2011 (promulgated SG 41/2011). Issued Order No. RD - 382/19.04.2013 (promulgated SG 50/2013) for extension of the site and introducing in the increased area of the site the prohibitions set by Order No. RD - 562/05.09.2008. |

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude
26.0498

Latitude
43.6451

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2.2 Area [ha]:

33451.3219

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

| | |
|------|--|
| BG32 | Северен централен / Severen tsentralen |
| BG33 | Североизточен / Severoiztochen |
| 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

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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 | A402 | Accipiter brevipes | | | c | 1 | 2 | i | | G | C | A | C | B |
| B | A402 | Accipiter brevipes | | | r | 1 | 1 | p | | G | C | A | C | B |
| B | A085 | Accipiter gentilis | | | c | | 3 | i | | G | B | B | C | A |
| B | A085 | Accipiter gentilis | | | p | 1 | 1 | p | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A086 | Accipiter nisus | | | c | | 35 | i | | G | C | A | C | C |
| B | A229 | Alcedo atthis | | | p | 15 | 17 | p | | G | C | A | C | C |
| B | A056 | Anas clypeata | | | c | | 5 | i | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A052 | Anas crecca | | | c | | 1 | i | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A053 | Anas platyrhynchos | | | p | 4 | 4 | p | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A255 | Anthus campestris | | | c | | 45 | i | | G | C | B | C | B |
| B | A255 | Anthus campestris | | | r | 26 | 28 | p | | G | C | A | C | B |
| B | A091 | Aquila chrysaetos | | | c | | 4 | i | | G | C | B | C | B |
| B | A089 | Aquila pomarina | | | r | 8 | 10 | p | | G | C | A | C | A |
| B | A089 | Aquila pomarina | | | c | 69 | 220 | i | | G | C | A | C | A |
| B | A028 | Ardea cinerea | | | r | 5 | 10 | i | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A028 | Ardea cinerea | | | c | 7 | 10 | i | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A215 | Bubo bubo | | | p | 2 | 7 | p | | G | C | A | C | A |
| B | A087 | Buteo buteo | | | p | 19 | 22 | p | | G | B | A | C | C |
| B | A087 | Buteo buteo | | | c | | 143 | i | | G | B | A | C | C |
| B | A403 | Buteo rufinus | | | p | 22 | 22 | p | | G | B | A | C | A |
| B | A224 | Caprimulgus europaeus | | | r | 38 | 43 | p | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A031 | Ciconia ciconia | | | r | 9 | 9 | p | | G | C | B | C | C |

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|---|------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|----|------|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|
| B | A017 | Phalacrocorax carbo | | | c | 2 | 50 | i | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A234 | Picus canus | | | p | 24 | 24 | p | | G | C | A | C | A |
| B | A118 | Rallus aquaticus | | | p | | | | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A249 | Riparia riparia | | | c | | 1978 | i | | G | C | B | C | B |
| B | A307 | Sylvia nisoria | | | r | 50 | 55 | p | | G | C | | C | B |
| B | A397 | Tadorna ferruginea | | | c | | 2 | i | | G | B | A | C | A |
| B | A048 | Tadorna tadorna | | | c | | 1 | i | | G | C | B | C | C |
| B | A165 | Tringa ochropus | | | c | 3 | 4 | i | | G | C | A | C | C |
| B | A162 | Tringa totanus | | | c | 15 | 18 | i | | G | C | B | C | C |

- **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 |
| B | A247 | Alauda arvensis | | | 230 | 230 | p | | | | | | X | |
| B | A366 | Carduelis cannabina | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A347 | Corvus monedula | | | | | | P | | | | | | X |
| B | A377 | Emberiza cirlus | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A269 | Erithacus rubecula | | | 225 | 225 | p | | | | | | X | |
| B | A359 | Fringilla coelebs | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A244 | Galerida cristata | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A251 | Hirundo rustica | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A271 | Luscinia megarhynchos | | | 230 | 230 | p | | | | | | X | |
| B | A278 | Oenanthe hispanica | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A214 | Otus scops | | | 61 | 61 | p | | | | | | X | |
| B | A329 | Parus caeruleus | | | 120 | 120 | p | | | | | | X | |
| B | A235 | Picus viridis | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A276 | Saxicola torquata | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A311 | Sylvia atricapilla | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A283 | Turdus merula | | | | | | P | | | | | X | |
| B | A285 | Turdus philomelos | | | 2 | 2 | p | | | | | | X | |

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- **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 | 13.0 |
| N23 | 3.0 |
| N10 | 1.0 |
| N22 | 1.0 |
| N19 | 2.0 |
| N20 | 1.0 |
| N15 | 10.0 |
| N21 | 1.0 |
| N06 | 1.0 |
| N07 | |
| N12 | 18.0 |
| N09 | 11.0 |
| N16 | 38.0 |
| Total Habitat Cover | NaN |

Other Site Characteristics

Lomovete is a complex of canyons deeply cut into the plain by the meanders of the Russenski Lom and its tributaries Cherni, Malki (Svalenishki) and Beli Lom. It is located in the north-western part of the Ludogorie, 20 km south-east of the town of Ruse, between the villages of Ivanovo, Pepelina, Krivnja and Svalenik. The vertical cliffs of the canyons, at places 100 m high, are quite typical for Lomovete. The rocks are interspersed with niches and crevices. Other major habitats in the region are the forest ones, with prevailing mixed coppice forests of *Quercus robur*, *Quercus dalechampii*, *Quercus pubescens* and *Carpinus orientalis*, sometimes mixed with *Fraxinus ornus*. The mixed forests of *Tilia tomentosa* and *Carpinus betulus* or *Q. cerris* and rich undergrowth are also well represented. Widely spreads are the secondary forests and shrubs of Oriental Hornbeam, *Paliurus spina-christi*, *Siringa vulgaris*, etc. Artificial plantations of Acacia Robinia pseudoacacia and Austrian Pine *Pinus nigra* also occur. At many places in the valley there are preserved mesophile meadow associations and xerothermal grasslands of *Dichanthium ischaemum*, *Poa bulbosa*, etc. (Bondev 1991; Georgiev 1993). The riverbanks are overgrown with different willow species *Salix* spp., Black Poplar *Populus nigra* and White Poplar *Populus alba*. Along the valley, mainly around the settlements, there are agricultural plots too.

4.2 Quality and importance

Flora - The area of the Park is part of the European network for strict habitat protection 17 are included in lists of strictly protected and requiring special conservation measures under conventions from 1992, 1996 and 2000. CORINE habitat types are 29. species and subspecies 825 - about 30% of the floristic richness of Bulgaria. 23 species higher plants and five species of macrofungi protected by red lists and conventions. The vegetation associations identified by the dominant method are 77 and by the sigmatic method are 60. Syntaxons from all typical for the region vegetation types are present. Border taxons representing the links of the Bulgarian flora with the Central and Front Asian species. Fauna 12 protected invertebrate species are identified as well as 25 fish species, amphibians 7 species, reptiles 19 species, 174 bird species. The number of the breeding bird species at the moment is 122, amphibian species 7, reptilian species 19, fish species 10. 70 mammal species are identified mainly local species. Of the birds occurring in the "Lomovete" IBA 59 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 3 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 17 in SPEC 2 and 39 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 48 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 44 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. Lomovete holds the biggest breeding population in the country of the Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*. It is one of the most important sites in the country also for the Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*, the Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus* and the Black Kite *Milvus migrans*. The Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*, the Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*, the Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo*, the Roller *Coracias garrulus*, the Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*, the Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* and the Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria* breed there in considerable numbers. One globally threatened species, almost extinct from the country, still breeds in the region the Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*. The Valley of Russenski Lom River is the most western part of the Via Pontica migration route, which is used mainly by raptors. It is one of the main corridors where migrating Lesser Spotted Eagle enter Bulgaria on its way to the south.

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 | A04 | | i |
| M | F03.01 | | o |
| M | A08 | | o |
| M | B02.02 | | o |
| L | A10 | | o |
| H | F03.02.02 | | i |
| M | F06 | | i |
| M | F03.02.02 | | o |
| L | F06 | | o |
| L | A08 | | i |
| M | J01 | | i |
| L | A04 | | o |
| L | B02.03 | | i |
| M | F03.02.03 | | o |
| L | G02.04 | | i |
| L | B02.04 | | i |
| L | D02.01 | | i |
| L | A03 | | i |
| L | F03.01 | | i |
| M | A03 | | o |
| M | B03 | | o |
| L | D02.01 | | o |
| M | F03.02.03 | | i |
| M | B02.02 | | i |
| M | G01.02 | | o |
| M | G01.04 | | o |
| L | C01.01.01 | | i |
| M | G01.04 | | i |
| L | B03 | | i |
| M | D01.01 | | i |
| L | B02.03 | | o |
| L | D01.02 | | i |
| L | D01.02 | | o |
| M | G01.03 | | i |
| L | A10 | | i |
| L | E03.01 | | i |
| M | G01.02 | | i |
| L | E03.01 | | o |
| M | E06 | | i |
| L | J01 | | o |
| L | C01.01.01 | | o |
| M | G01.03 | | o |
| L | B02.04 | | o |
| M | A07 | | i |
| M | A07 | | 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 Tzonka Hristova, Rusenski Lom Nature Park Directorate, Rousse 7000, e-mail: info@lomea.org and Dr. Eberhard Undzhian, Ivan Mitev, Marin Kurtev - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds, 1111 Sofia, P.O.Box 50, phone (+359

| Positive Impacts | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rank | Activities, management [code] | Pollution (optional) [code] | inside /outside [i o b] |
| L | C01.01.01 | | o |
| L | G02.04 | | i |
| L | B01.02 | | i |
| L | F06 | | o |
| M | B | | o |
| L | A03 | | i |
| L | A04 | | i |
| L | B01.02 | | o |
| L | A10 | | o |
| L | A08 | | i |
| H | B | | i |
| L | A04 | | o |
| M | F06 | | i |

2) 9715855, fax (+359 2) 9715856, www.bspb.org; Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>). Data on site extension provided by Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research, BAS and Dr. P. Shurulinkov - NMNH, Sofia.

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002025&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 [%] |
|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|
| BG00 | 83.642 | BG05 | 12.6 | BG01 | 2.25 |
| BG03 | 0.278 | BG06 | 1.23 | | |

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

| Type code | Site name | Type | Cover [%] |
|-----------|---------------|------|-----------|
| BG03 | Mamula | + | 0.03 |
| BG03 | Orlova chuka | + | 0.24 |
| BG06 | Lomia | + | 0.83 |
| BG01 | Beli Lom | + | 2.25 |
| BG05 | Rusenski lom | + | 12.6 |
| BG06 | Ribarnitsite | + | 0.4 |
| BG03 | Ostrata skala | + | 0.008 |

designated at international level:

| Type | Site name | Type | Cover [%] |
|-------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Other | IBA | * | 71.0 |

5.3 Site designation (optional)

Part of the area of the site is under protection under national legislation. The Russenski Lom Nature Park was designated in 1970 to protect an unique plain river gorge, as well as the threatened plant and animal species. The Beli Lom Reserve was designated in 1980 to protect the representative forest ecosystem, as well as plants and animals typical to them. From the other four protected areas established in the region only one Ribarnitzite is designated to protect the Ruddy Shelduck, and the rest are designated to protect the rocky formations. In 1998 part of the region is appointed as CORINE Site Lomovete because of its European value for habitats, rare and threatened plant and animal species, including birds. The CORINE Site overlaps significantly (80%) with the proposed SPAs. In 1989 the area is appointed as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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| Organisation: | Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Water: Ruse, Shumen; "Rusenski Lom" Nature Park Directorate; Municipalities of "Ivanovo" and "Vetovo"; State Game-breeding Center "Dunav - Ruse"; |
| Address: | |
| Email: | |

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

| | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Name: Management Plan for Rusenski Lom Nature Park, adopted by Council of Ministers Decision No. 539/06.06.2005 (promulgated SG 50/2005). Link: http://lomea.org/?mpage_id=143&lng=en |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | |

No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

"Rusenski Lom" Nature Park Management Plan, adopted 2006.

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).