



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 BG0002086
SITENAME Orizishta Tsalapitsa

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code BG0002086	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Orizishta Tsalapitsa

1.4 First Compilation date 2005-10	1.5 Update date 2018-12
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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
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1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

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 - 368/16.06.2008 (promulgated SG 56/2008).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude 24.558333333333334 **Latitude** 42.220277777777778

2.2 Area [ha]: 3674.6232 **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

BG42	Южен централен / Yuzhen tsentralen
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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			
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	13	13	p		G	B	B	C	A
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			w		33	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			c		1549	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			r		184	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A055	Anas querquedula			c		831	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A255	Anthus campestris			r	8	8	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			r		147	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			c		298	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			w		82	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A061	Aythya fuligula			c		2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A060	Aythya nyroca			c		6	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A021	Botaurus stellaris			p	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A133	Burhinus oedicnemus			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	3	3	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A087	Buteo buteo			c		56	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			w		182	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			c		2	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			r	2	4	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A144	Calidris alba			c		15	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A147	Calidris ferruginea			c		22	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A196	Chlidonias hybridus			c	3	20	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			r	106	231	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			r	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	A
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			c	51	153	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	16	47	i		G	C	B	C	A

B	A165	Tringa ochropus			c	199	683	i		G	C	A	B	C
B	A162	Tringa totanus			c	2	681	i		G	C	A	B	C
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus			w		1039	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus			c	44	371	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus			r		153	p		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	A244	Galerida cristata			10	10	p						X	
B	A251	Hirundo rustica			100	100	i						X	
B	A260	Motacilla flava feldegg			20	20	p						X	
B	A415	Passer hispaniolensis			10	10	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
N12	17.0
N13	72.0
N09	
N22	
N15	1.0
N23	3.0
N21	
N06	7.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

The Tsalapitsa rice-fields are located in the Upper Thracian Plain, between the village of Tsalapitsa and the town of Saedinenie. The site is split by the road connecting the two settlements. To the south it borders on Trakia Highway, to the east on the railway Plovdiv Saedinenie. The sites western border coincides with that of the municipality and its northern one passes several kilometers south of the town of Saedinenie. It is a complex of flooded plots used for growing rice, surrounded by low dykes and canals, including the surrounding wet meadows. At certain places the canals are overgrown with reed *Phragmites australis* and reed mace *Typha sp.*. The rice pans have different water level and create conditions for bird species that have narrowly specialized feeding routine.

4.2 Quality and importance

Forty-six bird species are established so far in the Tsalapitsa Rice-fields, 10 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 23 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 5 of them being listed in category SPEC 2 and 18 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 11 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 9 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. The Tsalapitsa Rice-fields are one of the most important breeding sites of the Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* in the Upper Thracian Plain and a concentration site for the Yellow-legged Gull *Larus cachinans*. It is also very important for a number of waterfowl species in the breeding season, during migration and partially in winter.

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	F03.02.01		i
M	A10.01		o
L	H04		i
M	E03.02		o
L	G01.03		i
M	A07		o
M	J02		o
L	A05.01		i
M	E03		i
L	E05		o
H	E03		o
M	D01.01		i
L	A04		i
L	F02.03		i
L	H06.01		o
M	H		i
H	A10		i
M	A05.02		o
M	J02.02		o
H	K04.05		i
M	J02.10		o
L	E01.04		o
L	K01.01		i
M	A02		o
H	J02		i
M	J02.10		i
L	F03.02		o
L	K01.01		o
M	E03.01		i
H	F03.02.03		i
M	E03.02		i
M	A05.01		o
M	G01.03		o
M	A02		i
L	D02.01		i
M	A08		o
L	E04.01		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
M	A04		o
H	A09		i
M	A04.03		o
H	A01		o
M	A05.01		o
M	A09		o
L	F01		o
L	A05.02		i
L	E05		o
L	D01.01		o
M	A01		i
L	A04		i
L	F01		i
H	J02.04		i
M	A05.02		o
M	D01.01		i
L	E04.01		o
M	J02.04		o
L	A05.01		i
L	E01.04		o
L	E04.01		i

M	E03.04		i
L	D02.01		o
L	F01		o
M	A08		i
L	I03.01		o
H	A10		o
L	E04.01		o
L	D01.01		o
L	F02.03		o
H	F03.02.03		o
H	F03.01		o
H	D01.02		o
H	J01		o
H	F03.01		i
M	A04.03		o
M	F06		o
M	K04.05		o
H	J01		i
M	A07		i
M	H04		o
M	A03		i
L	D01.02		i
L	A05.02		i
M	A04		o
M	A10.01		i
L	F03.02		i
L	J02.02		i
M	F06		i
M	A03		o
L	F03.02.01		o
M	E03.01		o
M	H05		i
M	H05		o
M	H		o
L	H06.01		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 Dimitar Plachiiski - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds, Bulgaria, 1111 Sofia, P.O. Box 50, phone (+359 2) 9715855, fax (+359 2) 9715856, www.bspb.org .Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>).Documents: BDZP/BirdLife Balgariya. 2005. Nacionalna banka za ornitologichna informacia 1988-2005, Balgarsko Druzhestvo za zastita na pticite;Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.);BirdLife International. 2000. Threatened birds of the world. Barcelona and Cambridge, UK: Lynx Edicions and BirdLife International, 695pp.Birdlife International. 2004. Birds in Europe: Population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: Birdlife International (Birdlife Conservation Series No. 12).373pp.;BSPB/BirdLife International. 2005. World Bird Database Important Birds Areas.Bulgaria. Cambridge. (unpublished);Guidelines for evaluation of protected zones according, which include habitats for birds to art.7, par.3, under the art.6 par.1.3 and 1.4 of the Biodiversity Act. 2005. (In Bulgarian.);Kostadinova, I., S.Dereliev. 2001. Results the Mid-Winter Counts of Waterbirds in Bulgaria for the period 1997- 2001. BSPB Conservation Series. Book 3, BSPB, Sofia, BG;Kostadinova, I., M. Mihailov, (comp.) 2002. Guide for NATURA 2000 in Bulgaria. BSPB nature conservation series No5. BSPB, Sofia, 80pp. (In Bulgarian.); Kostadinova, I. 2005. Application of C criteria for Identification of Important Bird Areas of European Union importance in Bulgaria. Preliminary implementation and analysis of the gaps. In: Petrova, A. (ed.), Current state of Bulgarian biodiversity problems and perspectives. Pp. 533-548. Bulgarian Bioplatform, SofiaMichev, T., Tz. Petrov, L. Profirov. 1989. Status, breeding, distribution, numbers and conservation of the White Stork in Bulgaria;Nankinov, D., S. Dalakchieva, K. Popov, S. Kirilov. 2002. Die Geschichte der Rostflugel-Brachsvalbe Glareola pratincola in Bulgarien. Orn. Mitt., 54, 7/8: 234-242. Osieck, E. 2000 Filling in the requirements of the EU Birds Directive: Lessons from the

Dutch Case. In: European IBA Workshop. 29 March - 2 April 2000, Brussels, Belgium. Proceedings. BirdLife International, 86-99;Waliczky, Z. 2000 Important Bird Areas of European Union Importance: explanation of the EU Criteria applied in IBA 2000 In: European IBA Workshop. 29 March - 2 April 2000, Brussels, Belgium. Proceedings. BirdLife International, 12-16

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002086&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	100.0				

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	IBA	=	100.0

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The area is not protected by the national nature conservation law. In 2005 it was designated also 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 Inspectorate of Environment and Water - Plovdiv; East-Aegean River Basin Directorate;
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Name: Management Plan for SPA BG0002086 Orizishta Tsalapitsa, approved by Order No. RD - 44/26.01.2016 of the Minister of Environment and Water (promulgated SG 12/2016) Link: https://www.moew.government.bg/static/media/ups/tiny/filebase/Nature/Natura%202000/PU/Utvyrdeni_PU/PU_BG00002086.zip
<input type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

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).