



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 BG0002102
SITENAME Devetashko plato

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code BG0002102	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Devetashko plato

1.4 First Compilation date 2005-10	1.5 Update date 2015-07
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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

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 - 576/08.09.2008 (promulgated SG 85/2008), corrected by Order No. RD - 138/23.02.2009 (promulgated SG 21/2009).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude 24.94638888888889 **Latitude** 43.21611111111111

2.2 Area [ha]: 7894.775 **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
BG31	Северозападен / Severozapaden

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	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	10	10	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A089	Aquila pomarina			c	10	10	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A215	Bubo bubo			p	4	5	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	35	40	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			p	3	5	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			r	10	30	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r	12	25	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			r	5	7	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			c	1	1	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	3	4	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A080	Circaetus gallicus			r	2	4	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A122	Crex crex			r	17	23	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A238	Dendrocopos medius			p	1	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus			p	40	60	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			c	10	10	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			r	650	700	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c	1	1	i		G	C	B	B	B
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			r	3	4	p		G	C	C	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			c				P	DD	C	C	C	C
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus			p	5	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A338	Lanius collurio			c	10	10	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	500	1000	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A339	Lanius minor			r	4	50	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A246	Lullula arborea			p	107	210	p		G	C	A	C	C

B	A246	Lullula arborea			c	10	10	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			r	75	75	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			c	10	10	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			r	3	4	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A234	Picus canus			p		1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A249	Riparia riparia			r	100	100	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria			c	1	1	i		G	C		C	B
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria			r	80	120	p		G	C		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
B	A247	Alauda arvensis			1000	1000	p						X	
B	A218	Athene noctua			5	5	p						X	
B	A363	Carduelis chloris			250	250	p						X	
B	A113	Coturnix coturnix			55	55	p						X	
B	A382	Emberiza melanocephala			50	50	p						X	
B	A269	Erithacus rubecula			250	250	p						X	
B	A359	Fringilla coelebs			750	750	p						X	
B	A244	Galerida cristata			60	60	p						X	
B	A251	Hirundo rustica			110	110	p						X	
B	A233	Jynx torquilla			3	3	p						X	
B	A341	Lanius senator			22	22	p						X	
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos			1050	1050	p						X	
B	A383	Miliaria calandra			1150	1150	p						X	
B	A214	Otus scops			11	11	p						X	
B	A443	Parus lugubris			40	40	p						X	
B	A235	Picus viridis			45	45	p						X	
B	A210	Streptopelia turtur			60	60	p						X	
B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla			500	500	p						X	
B	A283	Turdus merula			450	450	p						X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos			300	300	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
N15	3.0
N16	35.0
N17	1.0
N23	2.0
N22	1.0
N20	7.0
N10	3.0
N12	21.0
N21	1.0
N08	10.0
N09	15.0
N06	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Devetashko Plateau is a karst plateau, located in northern Bulgaria, in the pre-Balkan to the north-east of the town of Lovetch. On the north-west the plateau forms an edge over the Osam river, which outlines its limit. On the north its limit passes through the grounds of the villages of Alexandrovo and Kravuna, to the east of Kravuna it turns to the south-west and passes through the grounds of Gorsko Slivovo and Kurpachervo. On the west it follows initially the Yoglav Tepava road and then continues to the north-east to Devetaki, where it turns again to the south and outlines a bow open to the south. The base rock is limestone, with almost all kinds of surface and underground karst forms whirlpools, pot-holes, karst marshes, precipices and caves. Some of the biggest caves and cave complexes in Bulgaria are located there. Broadleaved forests occupy 1/3 of the area and the remaining 2/3 are open areas. The forests are mainly oak forests of *Quercus cerris*, *Q. pubescens* and *Q. virgiliana*. At some places there are mixed Silverleaf Lime forests of *Tilia tomentosa*, *Carpinus orientalis* and *Fraxinus ornus*, as well as shrubs and forests of *Carpinus orientalis*. The grasslands are overgrown with mesoxerothermal vegetation with prevalence of *Poa bulbosa*, *Lolium perenne*, *Cynodon dactylon* and *Dichanthium ischaemum*, or with mesophyte grass communities of *Festuca pratensis*, *Poa sylvicola*, *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Lolium perenne*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, etc. (Bondev 1991).

4.2 Quality and importance

The rock complexes in the region provide habitats for a number of petrophilic bird species, some of which are rare and threatened. It supports 78 bird species, 8 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 38 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), one of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened (the Corncrake *Crex crex*), 12 in SPEC 2 and 25 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 23 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 20 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. Devetashko plateau a site of global importance for the conservation of the Corncrake. It is one of the most important sites in the country on the level of European Union for the breeding Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* and Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*. The Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo*, the Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*, the Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*, the Greater Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*, the Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria* and the Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio* also occur there with representative breeding populations.

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	Pollution (optional)	inside/outside

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management	Pollution (optional)	inside /outside

	[code]	[code]	[i o b]
H	E03.01		i
H	F03.01		i
L	A10		o
H	D01.02		i
H	D04.02		i
M	A05.02		i
L	D01.01		o
H	E05		i
M	A03		o
M	J02.11		i
L	E05		o
H	D02.01		i
M	A05.01		i
M	D01.01		i
H	A07		i
L	E03.02		o
L	K01.03		i
M	A04		i
M	A09		o
M	D01.02		o
H	A05.02		o
L	A10.01		i
M	E04.01		i
L	H05		o
L	B02.04		o
L	E04.01		o
M	F03.01		o
H	E03		i
H	G01.03		i
L	G02.08		i
L	H04		i
L	H05		i
M	B02.02		o
H	F03.02.03		i
M	A04		o
H	A03		i
H	B02.02		i
M	B02.01		o
L	H04		o
M	A08		o
M	A09		i
L	B02.01		i
H	E03.02		i
M	A07		o
H	A05.01		o
M	A10.01		o
M	D02.01		o
H	A01		i
L	L08		i
M	F03.02.03		o
M	E03.01		o
M	A10		i
H	B02.04		i
H	A08		i
H	A01		o

	[code]	[code]	[i o b]
M	D02.01		o
L	L08		i
M	A09		i
M	A05.01		i
M	F03.02.03		o
M	A10		i
L	A10		o
M	A08		o
M	B02.01		o
L	D01.01		o
L	H05		i
L	K01.03		i
L	B02.04		o
L	A10.01		i
M	A05.02		i
M	D01.01		i
M	D01.02		o
L	E05		o
L	E03.02		o
H	B02.02		i
L	H04		i
M	B02.02		o
M	A04		o
M	A04		i
L	H04		o
M	E03.01		o
M	A03		o
L	E04.01		o
H	A05.01		o
H	A01		o
M	A09		o
H	A05.02		o
M	J02.11		i
M	A07		o
H	B02.04		i
M	A10.01		o
M	F03.01		o
L	H05		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 Dr. P. Shurulinkov - Institute of Zoology, BAS, 1 "Tzar Osvoboditel" blvd., 1000 Sofia; Dr. R. Tzonev - Faculty of Biology, Sofia University, 1164 Sofia, 8 Dragan Tsankov Blvd., Dr. T. Zlatanov; E. Todorov - 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.);MOSV. 2005. Arhiv na zastitenite teritorii v Balgaria. Baza dannii (nepubl.); Petrov, .C 1997b. Beliat shturkel (Ciconia ciconia) v Balgaria. Prirodzashtitna poredica, Kniga 2, BDZP, Plovdiv.;Simeonov, S., T. Michev. 1985. Suvremenno razprostranenie I chislenost na buhala (Bubo bubo(L.) v Balgaria. Ekologia, 15, 60-65.;Shurulinkov, P., R. Conev, B. Nikolov, G. Stoianov, L. Asenov. 2005. Pticite na Sredna Dunavska ravnina. Sofia, 120 s.;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);MOEW. 1998. CORINE Biotopes Database of the sites of European Importance for the biodiversity. Bulgaria, MOSV (nepubl.);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. Preliminarily 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;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;Shurulinkov, P., B. Nikolov, R. Tsonev. 2001. On the distribution of the Black-headed Bunting (Emberiza melanocephala) in Bulgaria. In.: Tryjanowski P., Osiejuk T., Kupczyk M. (Eds). Bunting studies in Europe. Bogucki Wyd. Nauk., Poznan, 81-87.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=BG0002102&siteType=BirdsDirective>

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	0.252	BG00	99.71	BG06	0.038

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	+	0.18
BG03	MARATA - CARST FORMS	+	0.072
BG06	LYULYAKATA	+	0.038

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

About 0.5% of the site territory is protected by the national nature conservation law. It is represented by 3 protected areas and 2 nature monuments. 70% of Devetashko plateau coincides with the Devetsahko plateau CORINE Site appointed in 1998 because of its European value for rare and threatened habitats, plant and animal species, including birds. In 2005 the area was designated 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 - Pleven, Veliko Tarnovo; Danubean River Basin Directorate; Forestry Departments - Lovech, Sevlievo;
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)

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).