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SITE	**BG0002103**
SITENAME	**Zlato pole**

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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1.1 Type	1.2 Site code
A	BG0002103

1.3 Site name

Zlato pole

1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
2005-10	2024-07

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

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-771/28.10.2008 (promulgated SG 103/2008), amended and supplemented by Order No RD-653/19.07.2024 (promulgated SG 70/2024).

2. SITE LOCATION

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2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude	Latitude
25.7203	42.0286

2.2 Area [ha]:

2.3 Marine area [%]

408.9747	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

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Continental (100.0 %)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	1	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A052	Anas crecca			w	10	158	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			p	5	10	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			w	13	102	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			c	21	50	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A773	Ardea alba			w	1	6	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			c	1	19	i		G	B	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			r	2	26	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			w	1	7	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A029	Ardea purpurea			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A024	Ardeola ralloides			c	1	3	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A059	Aythya ferina			w	6	8	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A060	Aythya nyroca			r	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r	1	4	p		M	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			c	20	40	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	1	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			c	1	22	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A080	Circaetus gallicus			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			c	5	5	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			p	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			c	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A858	Clanga pomarina			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A858	Clanga pomarina			c	3	13	i		G	C	B	C	C

B	A231	Coracias garrulus			r	7	7	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A038	Cygnus cygnus			w		4	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A036	Cygnus olor			w	2	7	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus			p	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A026	Egretta garzetta			c	1	13	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A026	Egretta garzetta			r	1	10	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			c	1	4	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			p	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A097	Falco vespertinus			c	4	4	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A125	Fulica atra			c	2	50	i		M	C	B	C	C
B	A125	Fulica atra			p	20	30	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A125	Fulica atra			w	15	169	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A153	Gallinago gallinago			w	1	2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus			p	3	30	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A075	Haliaeetus albicilla			w	0	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A092	Hieraaetus pennatus			c	3	5	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A022	Ixobrychus minutus			r	1	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	2	20	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A339	Lanius minor			r	1	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A433	Lanius nubicus			r	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A459	Larus cachinnans			w		3	i		G	D			
B	A179	Larus ridibundus			c		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A889	Mareca strepera			w	1	7	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			c	370	370	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			r	15	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A875	Microcarbo pygmaeus			w		6	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A073	Milvus migrans			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A023	Nycticorax nycticorax			r	5	14	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A023	Nycticorax nycticorax			c	2	5	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A094	Pandion haliaetus			c	1	3	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A020	Pelecanus crispus			c	0	29	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A391	Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis			w		169	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A118	Rallus aquaticus			p	1	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A857	Spatula clypeata			w	1	4	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A857	Spatula clypeata			c	8	8	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A856	Spatula querquedula			r	4	6	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A856	Spatula querquedula			c	60	60	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A193	Sterna hirundo			r	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis			r	5	10	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis			w	6	28	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A165	Tringa ochropus			c	3	6	i		G	B	B	C	B
B	A162	Tringa totanus			w	1	4	i		G	A	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			45	45	p						X	
B	A382	Emberiza melanocephala			15	15	p						X	
B	A359	Fringilla coelebs			15	15	p						X	
B	A244	Galerida cristata			22	22	p						X	
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos			40	40	p						X	
B	A383	Miliaria calandra			25	25	p						X	
B	A214	Otus scops			2	2	p						X	
B	A235	Picus viridis			3	3	p						X	
B	A210	Streptopelia turtur			17	17	p						X	
B	A283	Turdus merula			30	30	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

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4.1 General site character

Habitat class	% Cover
N08	5.0
N09	1.0
N06	25.0
N12	54.0
N23	5.0
N22	1.0
N21	1.0
N07	2.0
N15	1.0

N16	5.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Zlato pole is former bed of Maritsa River located several kilometers away from Dimitrovgrad, south of the village of Zlato Pole. On the south it is limited by the railway to Svilengrad and the village of Raynovo. It is the biggest wetland with natural origin along Maritsa River. The wetland complex includes several ponds, reedbeds, islands, pastures, arable lands and dispersed oak forests, located near the Murtvitsata, as well as part of Maritsa river with riverine forests, dominated by willows.

4.2 Quality and importance

In spite its small territory Zlato pole supports 80 bird species, 24 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 35 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 3 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 11 in SPEC 2 and 21 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 28 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 26 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. The site is one of the most important places in Bulgaria and along the Maritsa as a night roost and wintering site for the globally threatened Pygmy Cormorant Phalacrocorax pygmeus. The region is a typical breeding habitat of the Levant Sparrowhawk Accipiter brevipes.

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]
M	D01.04		o
L	J02.05		o
L	G05		i
L	A05.01		o
M	F06		o
M	A03		i
L	D01.02		o
M	F03.01		o
L	E03.01		i
M	A07		i
M	F03.01		i
L	J02.05		i
M	A04		i
L	E03.01		o
L	J02.10		o
L	E03.03		i
M	A09		o
M	B02.04		i
M	J02.01.01		i
M	G05		o
L	E03.03		o
M	J01		i
M	A09		i
M	J01		o
M	F06		i
M	A10.01		o
M	J02.01.01		o
M	A04		o
M	A10.01		i
M	D01.04		i
L	J02.10		i
M	C01.01		o
M	F02.03		i
M	A03		o
M	F02.03		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i|o|b]
M	A09		i
M	F02.03		o
L	A05.01		o
M	A04		i
M	A09		o
M	A04		o

L	D01.02		i
M	C01.01		i
L	A05.01		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 Demerdjiev - 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). Data revised in 2023 by an expert team led by IBER - BAS and published Site-specific Conservation Objectives for Natura 2000 site BG0002103 in 2024. 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.);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;MOSV. 2005. Arhiv na zastitenite teritorii v Balgaria. Baza danni (nepubl.);Nikolov, Hr., S. Marin, A. Darakchiev. 1999. Malkiat kormoran v Bulgaria. Razprostranenie, chislenost I zaplahi. Nauch. Tr. Plov. Univ., Animalia, 35, 6, 67-81.;Petkov, N. 1997b. Suvremenno sustoianie na belookata potapnica (Aythya nyroca) v Bulgaria. Diplomna rabota, Biologicheski Fakultet pri SU Sv. Kl. Ohridski, Sofia, 104 s.;Petrov, C., P.Iankov, T. Michev, B. Milchev, L. Profirov. 1991. Razprostranenie, chislenost I merki za opazvane na chernia shturkel, Ciconia nigra (L.) v Bulgaria. Izv. Muz. IU. Bulgaria, T. 17, 25-32.;Iankov, P. 2002.(red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptici v Bulgaria. Nacionalni planove za dejstvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodozashtitna poredica, Kn. 4, Sofia: 204-219.;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.);Iankov, P., N. Petkov, A. Kovachev, D. Plachiisky. (in print). Pygmy Cormorant in Bulgaria 2001/2002. Final Report.;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, SofiaKouzmanov, G. 1996. L`Aigle pomarin Aquila pomarina en Bulgarie. In: Meyburg, B.-U. & R. D. Chancellor eds. Eagle Studies. World Working Group on Birds of Prey (WWGBP), Berlin, London & Paris, 319-326.;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;Petkov, N. 1998a. Current Status of the Ferruginous Duck (Aythya nyroca) in Bulgaria. Partimadar, 6-7, MME, Budapest, 4449.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): https://natura2000.egov.bg/EsriBg.Natura.Public.Web.App/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002103&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 [%]
BG06	21.0	BG00	79.0		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	ZLATO POLE	+	21.0

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The Zlato pole Protected Area was designated in 2001 to protect the wetland habitat for threatened waterfowl, reptiles and plant species. It covers 21% of the site's territory. In 2005 the area was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

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6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water - Haskovo
Address:	14 Dobrudzha Street, Haskovo 6300
Email:	delovodstvo@riosv-hs.org

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No, but in preparation
- [X] No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

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INSPIRE ID:

Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

- [ ] Yes
- [X] No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).