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For Special Protection Areas (SPA),
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Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and
for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE BG0000495

SITENAME Rila

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type C	1.2 Site code BG0000495	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Rila

1.4 First Compilation date 2006-03	1.5 Update date 2025-01
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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).
Date site proposed as SCI:	2007-03
Date site confirmed as SCI:	2008-12
Date site designated as SAC:	2021-03
National legal reference of SAC designation:	Designation Order No. RD - 259/31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 40 /2021) issued by the Minister of Environment and Water.
Explanation(s):	Site classified as SPA and adopted as pSCI 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 SPA - Order No. RD - 764/28.10.2008 (promulgated SG 100/2008). Issued by the Minister of Environment and Water designation Order No. RD - 259/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 40/2021) with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the SAC.

2. SITE LOCATION

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2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude 23.5225 Latitude 42.1444

2.2 Area [ha]:

77927.168

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
BG41	Югозападен / Yugozapaden
BG41	Югозападен / Yugozapaden
BG41	Югозападен / Yugozapaden

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Alpine (100.0 %)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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
3130B			143.0		G	A	B	B	A
3160B			4.34		G	B	B	B	B
3260B			2.42		G	B	C	B	B
4060B			8226.62		G	A	A	A	A
4070B			16702.45		G	A	A	A	A
6150B			3231.85		G	A	A	A	A
6230B			6721.94		G	A	A	B	A
62D0B			2282.97		G	A	B	A	A
6410B			14.80616		M	A	C	A	B
6430B			65.32		G	A	C	A	A
6520B			62.11		G	C	C	C	C
7140B			280.46		G	A	A	A	A
8110B			5949.92		G	A	A	A	A
8220B			1423.12		G	A	A	A	A
9110B			62.18		M	D			
9130B			562.91		G	B	C	A	A
9170B			420.6		G	B	C	A	B

9180B		4.95		G	D					
91BAB		2051.57		G	B	B		A		B
91CAB		6325.25		G	A	B		A		A
91D0B		23.53		G	A	B		A		B
91E0B		1.38		G	D					
9270B		13.28		G	D					
9410B		10907.88		G	A	B		A		A
95A0B		5276.95		G	A	A		A		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.
B	A085	Accipiter gentilis			p	8	10	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			p	14	16	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			r	4	5	p		G	B	A	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A223	Aegolius funereus			p	60	90	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A465	Alectoris graeca graeca			p	100	120	p		G	B	A	B	B
B	A091	Aquila chrysaetos			p	3	3	p		G	B	A	C	A
I	1093	Austropotamobius torrentium			p			i	C	G	C	A	C	A
M	1308	Barbastella barbastellus			p	63	122	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
A	1193	Bombina variegata			p	1	1	grids1x1	V	P	C	A	B	A
B	A104	Bonasa bonasia			p	250	300	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A215	Bubo bubo			p	1	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	25	30	p		G	C	A	C	C
P	1386	Buxbaumia viridis			p	113	113	logs	R	G	A	A	A	A
M	1352	Canis lupus			p	5	6	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r	90	120	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r	1	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r		1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A080	Circaetus gallicus			r	1	2	p		G	C	B	C	B
I	4046	Cordulegaster heros			p	1	1	localities	R	G	C	A	B	A
F	1163	Cottus gobio			p	2800	2800	area		G	C	A	A	A
B	A122	Crex crex			r	19	19	males			C	B	C	C
B	A239	Dendrocopos leucotos			p	4	5	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			p	70	90	p		G	C	A	C	A
I	1065	Euphydryas aurinia			p	2	2	grids1x1	R	P	B	A	B	A

I	6199	Euplagia quadripunctaria			p	2	2	grids1x1	V	P	C	B	C	B
B	A101	Falco biarmicus			r		1	i		G	A	A	A	B
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c	1	1	i		G	C	A	B	A
B	A511	Falco cherrug			r		1	i		G	C	A	B	A
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			r	4	5	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			r	2	3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			p	30	35	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A217	Glaucidium passerinum			p	20	25	p		G	A	A	A	A
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	300	400	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A868	Leiopicus medius			p	8	9	p		G	C	A	C	B
I	1083	Lucanus cervus			p			grids1x1	P	DD	C	B	B	C
B	A246	Lullula arborea			p	150	250	p		G	C	A	C	B
M	1355	Lutra lutra			p	24	25	adults		G	C	B	B	C
P	1389	Meesia longiseta			p	1	1	area	V	G	A	B	A	B
I	6908	Morimus asper funereus			p			grids1x1	P	DD	C	A	B	B
M	1323	Myotis bechsteinii			p	22	45	i	V	M	C	B	C	C
M	1307	Myotis blythii			p	11	50	i	V	M	C	B	C	C
M	1321	Myotis emarginatus			p				P	DD	D			
M	1324	Myotis myotis			p	11	50	i	V	M	C	B	C	C
I	4053	Paracaloptenus caloptenoides			p	11	11	grids1x1	R	G	C	B	B	B
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			r	3	4	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A241	Picoides tridactylus			p	30	40	p		G	A	A	A	A
B	A234	Picus canus			p	30	30	p		G	C	A	C	A
I	4042	Polyommatus eroides			p	1	1	grids1x1	C	P	B	A	B	A
M	1304	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum			p	11	50	i	V	G	C	A	C	C
M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros			p	11	50	i	C	G	C	B	C	C
I	1087	Rosalia alpina			p			grids1x1	P	DD	C	B	C	B
M	1371	Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica			p	360	480	i		G	A	B	C	A
M	1335	Spermophilus citellus			p	8	8	colonies	C	G	C	B	A	A
R	1219	Testudo graeca			p			grids1x1	P	DD	C	C	C	C
R	1217	Testudo hermanni			p	1	1	grids1x1	V	P	C	C	C	C
B	A108	Tetrao urogallus			p	145	324	males		G	A	A	A	A
P	4116	Tozzia carpathica			p	250	350	i	V	G	A	A	B	A
A	1171	Triturus karelinii			p			grids1x1	P	DD	C	C	C	C
M	1354	Ursus arctos			p	45	70	i		G	B	A	C	A

- **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

B	A347	Corvus monedula			40	40	p							X
B	A113	Coturnix coturnix			135	135	p						X	
P		Crocus veluchensis						C				X		
P		Dactylorhiza cordigera						C					X	
P		Dactylorhiza saccifera						C					X	
I		Daphnia obtusa						P						X
I		Daphnia rosea						P						X
P		Digitalis viridiflora						C				X		
P		Diphasiastrum alpinum						V					X	
P		Drias octopetata						V						X
M		Dryomys nitedula											X	
R		Elaphe longissima							X				X	
B	A377	Emberiza cirius			30	30	p						X	
P		Empetrum nigrum						R			X			
P		Epipactis pontica						R					X	
I		Erebia gorge						C				X		
I		Erebia medusa						C						X
I		Erebia melas						P						X
I		Erebia oeme						P				X		
I		Erebia orientalis						P				X		
I		Erebia pandrose abbicolorata						P				X		
I		Erebia pronoe						P				X		
I		Erebia rhodopensis						P				X		
B	A269	Erithacus rubecula			50000	50000	p						X	
I		Euphydryas cynthia						C			X			
M	1363	Felis silvestris			20	30	i		X		X		X	
P		Festuca riloensis						V				X		
I		Formica lugubris						C					X	
I		Formica polyctena						C					X	
I		Formica pratensis						C					X	
I		Formica transcaucasica						C					X	
B	A359	Fringilla coelebs			75000	75000	p						X	
P		Frittilaria graeca						P			X			
P		Frittilaria gussichiae						P				X		
P		Galanthus nivalis						R			X			
P		Gentiana lutea						R			X			
P		Gentiana punctata						R			X			
P		Geum bulgaricum						R			X			
I		Glaucopsyche alexis						C						X
M		Glis glis						P					X	
I		Gnophos obscuratus						P					X	
P		Gymnadenia frivaldii						P					X	
P		Gymnadenia conopsea						R					X	
B	A251	Hirundo rustica			300	300	p						X	
A		Hyla arborea						R					X	
P		Iris reichenbachii						P				X		

I		bosniensis						C				X		
I		Parnassius mnemosyne caucasia						P					X	
B	A329	Parus caeruleus			1000	1000	p						X	
B	A443	Parus lugubris			10	10	p						X	
I		Perla marginata						P						X
B	A235	Picus viridis			40	40	p						X	
I		Pieris ergane						C						X
P		Pinguicula balcanica						P				X		
P		Pinus peuce						R				X		
M		Pipistrellus nathusii						P					X	
M		Pipistrellus savii						P					X	
M		Plecotus auritus						P					X	
R		Podarcis muralis						C					X	
I		Polygonia c-album						P						X
P		Potentilla montenegrina						R			X			
P		Primula deorum						C			X			
P		Primula farinosa						C				X		
B	A267	Prunella collaris			600	600	p						X	
I		Pseudophilotes vicrama						C						X
P		Pseudorchis albida						P					X	
I		Pterostichus rhilensis rhilensis						V				X		
P		Pulsatilla vernalis						V			X			
I		Pyrgus cacaliae						P				X		
B	A345	Pyrrhonorax graculus			220	220	p						X	
A		Rana dalmatina						R	X				X	
B	A317	Regulus regulus			10000	10000	p						X	
P		Rheum rhaponticum			6	10	i				X			
P		Rhodiola rosea						C						X
P		Rhododendron myrtifolium						R			X			
P		Salix retusa						V			X			
F		Salmo macedonicus						R				X		
F		Salmo trutta fario						R						X
M		Sciurus vulgaris			500	700	i						X	
I		Scolitantides orion orion						P					X	
P		Sedum kostovii						V			X			
P		Sedum stefco						V			X			
P		Senecio pancici						C			X			
P		Seseli bulgaricum						R			X			
P		Sesleria comosa						C				X		
P		Silene roemerii						P				X		
M		Sorex araneus											X	
M		Sorex minutus											X	
B	A210	Streptopelia turtur			10	10	p						X	

B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla			4000	4000	p						X	
I		Syngnatha interrogationis						P						X
I		Taeniopteryx auberti						P						X
P		Taxus baccata						V			X			
I		Thymelicus acteon						C						X
B	A333	Tichodroma muraria			70	70	p				X			
I		Trechus rambouseki						R				X		
I		Trechus rhilensis						R				X		
A		Triturus alpestris									X			
P		Trollius europaeus						R			X			
B	A283	Turdus merula			15000	15000	p						X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos			11000	11000	p						X	
B	A282	Turdus torquatus			7000	7000	p						X	
P		Vaccinium myrtillus						C						X
M		Vespertilio murinus											X	
P		Viola orbelica						R			X			
R		Vipera ammodytes						V					X	
R		Vipera berus											X	
I		Zerynthia polyxena						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
N06	1.0
N11	22.0
N17	50.0
N07	1.0
N22	15.0
N08	1.0
N19	3.0
N23	1.0
N09	5.0
N10	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Mountain relief, characterized with steep slopes. Clearly expressed 4 height belts, and in the highest parts habitats with alpine type are formed. In the zone of the forests dominate century-old forests of spruce, Scotch pine, white fir, beech. The main phytocenoses in the belt between 1900-2100 and 2500 m altitude asl are the dwarf-pine ones (*Pinus mugo* Turra), boreal *Erica* communities with dominating of junipers (*Juniperus sibirica*), rocky screes and acedophile grassland communities. Very important component in the sub-alpine belt are the

phytocenoses of mat-grass (*Nardus stricta*). They take large areas not just in the low parts of the relief everywhere in the park, but also at some places on the slopes. The northern slopes are rocky, very steep, cut by river valleys. The southern slopes are more slant covered with forests and pastures. On the northern and western slopes, the maximum of the rainfall is in the spring and the summer. On the eastern slopes - in the winter.

4.2 Quality and importance

The site is of national, European and world importance for the conservation of examples of the biome Mixed mountain systems with complex zoning. Rila National Park corresponds to category II protected territory according to the IUCN criteria. The Park is one of the biggest protected territories in European scale where numerous international conventions for biodiversity conservation are applied. Rila National Park is the most significant territory in presence in the country of high-mountain glacial lakes and lake biota of glacial type. The total importance of natural resource and the richness of the habitats (11% of the European ones) is of European importance, and the endemic flora and invertebrate fauna are of world importance. Especially valuable are the forests ecosystems with their high percentage of naturalness (94.8%) where there are endemic forest complexes (such as white fur) and some of the oldest and best representing dwarf-pine communities in Bulgaria. As a result of the applying of CORINE system (Palaeartic classification) it is found that on the territory of Rila NP 60 habitats of mountain and high-mountain type are presented. 51.66% of the habitats are with conservational value. The diversity of the Park vegetation is presented at present by more than 12 classes, 12 orders, 17 communities, 92 associations and 28 sub-associations. Except order *Seslerietalia comosae* Simon 1958, which is endemic for the Balkan Peninsula, the rest of them are common for the mountains in Middle Europe. From the communities six are regional Balkan ones, 3 are Carpathian - Balkan and the rest 8 are European. With small exceptions, the associations are either Bulgarian or distributed only in Rila Mountain, i.e. endemic for the Bulgarian or Rila vegetation. Due to the difficult to reach territory of the NP considerable part of the forests are not strongly affected by the human activities and are considerably old. The average age of the forests in Rila NP is 90 years - 91 for the coniferous and 74 for the deciduous ones. The forests aged above 100 years take 13 514.6 ha (31.8%) of the aforesaid area. The coniferous forests older than 100 years are 12 748.2 ha (31.7 %) and 766.4 ha (32.4 %) of the deciduous. At the main forest-developers this tendency is expressed best for the spruce and the pine-spruce, while for the plantations of Scotch pine and white dominate the forests with age between 80 and 120 years. The total amount high plant species is 1400 and it is 38.35% of the high flora in Bulgaria. Here are found 11 fern species, 6 gymnospermous species, 80 monospermous and 1303 dispermous plant species. Best researched is the group of the fern and gymnospermous plants as well as the monospermous plants. Endemic component (local, Bulgarian and Balkan) - total 57 species. Local endemic species are 3 as it follows: *Primula deorum* Vel.; *Alchemilla pawlowskii* Assenov; *Rheum rhaponticum* L. With widest range of distribution among them in Rila NP is the *Primula deorum* Vel. The Bulgarian endemic species are 18, and the Balkan endemic species are 36. in the park are found 2934 species and sub-species invertebrate fauna including 312 rare species, 242 endemic ones, 244 relicts, 41 species included in the world and European lists of endangered species of endangered species. (IUCN, E/ECE/1249, BC, CORINE) and 7 protected in Bulgaria species. The species and sub-species diversity of the vertebrates species in Rila NP is as follows: fishes - 5 species, amphibians and reptiles - 20 species, birds - 99 species, mammals - 48 species (small mammals - 22 species, bats - 10 species and large mammals - 16 species) or total 172 species. Of special nature conservation interest are 162 taxons and over 90 % of all known till now vertebrate fauna species in Rila NP divided in the following groups - endemic, relict, protected in Bulgaria, included in the Red list of IUCN from 1996, in European red list of animals and plants endangered from world extinguishing , in the Bern and Bon Conventions, in the lists of Birds Directive, Habitats Directive. From the fishes 2 species are Balkan endemic and two Bulgarian endemic species. From amphibians and reptiles 1 species, from the birds 3 Balkan endemic, and from the mammals 2 species. The territory of Rila Mountain falls among the main morph-structures of Bulgaria - the Rilo - Rodopska morph-structure. In litho- petrographic regard in Rila NP there is not big diversity of rock complexes. Bigger part of them is built on the oldest rocks in Bulgaria - the metamorphic ones. Extremely important landscape diversity. In 2005 the Park is included in the European network of protected territories PAN Parks. Designated as People's Park in 1992 according to the legislation at that time, Rila is pre-categorized in National Park with the Protected Areas Act from 1998, as its boundaries are cleared with Order RD - 397/15.10.1999 of the Minister of the environment and water. In the period 1933-2000 within its present boundaries 4 reserves have been designated (IUCN category I) which area (above 15 000 ha) take 19 % of the area of the National Park. Of them 1 is designated as biosphere reserve in 1977. The whole territory of the Park is exclusive state ownership. The population unit pairs (p) for *Canis lupus* is used as equivalent to family packs and the presence of approximately 25-30 individuals.

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	K02		i
L	K03.04		i
H	E01.01		o
L	L07		i
H	A04		o
L	J02.03		i
L	G02.08		i
M	D02.01		o
L	D02.01		i
L	B02.04		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	L07		i
L	D04.02		i
L	F03.02.09		i
M	K04.01		i
L	K04.05		i
M	F03.01		i
L	G03		o
L	G01.06		i
L	L10		i
M	K02		i

M	G02.02		i
M	F03.01		o
M	K04.01		i
M	G02.10		i
L	A04		i
L	D01.02		i
L	K03.01		i
L	D01.01		o
L	K02.03		i
L	K04.05		i
L	L04		i
M	A03		i
M	B02.02		i
L	B01.02		i
M	G05		i
L	B02.04		o
L	L08		i
L	F03.02.09		i
M	H		o
L	K01.01		i
L	G02.04		o
L	G02.04		i
H	A04.03		i
L	L10		i
M	A04.03		o
L	F04		i
L	K03.06		i
M	G01.04		i
L	I01		i
H	J02.05.02		i
L	L09		o
M	F06		i
L	L09		i
M	G05		o
L	F03.02.02		o
L	F03.02		i
L	G05.01		i
M	G01.02		i
M	G02		i
L	F02.03		i
M	B		o
M	F03.01		i
L	G01.06		i
M	F04		o
M	E01		o
L	F03.02.03		i
L	G02		o
M	A03		o
L	L03		i
M	B02.02		o
L	H		i
M	G02.02		o
L	G05.04		i
L	D01.01		i
M	B		i
L	F06		o
M	B01.02		o
L	K01.02		i

L	G02.08		i
L	F02.03		i
M	E01		o

L	F03.02.02	i
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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 eng. Vassil Petrov - Director of Rila National Park Directorate, Blagoevgrad 2700, Varosha District, 12 V Bistrizta Street, P.O.Box 56, +359 73 88 05 37, office@rilanationalpark.org; Stoyan Beshkov - NMNH, Sofia; Zheko Spiridonov, Wilderness Fund; P. Yankov - BSPB. Initially listed documents: Digital database of the forests in Rila NP. Management Plan of Rila NP 2001-2010. Sakalyan, M. - row 1999. Biodiversity in Rila NP, MoEW, USAID. Red book of Bulgaria. 1984, 1985. V.1 and 2. BASARD. 2000. Rila National Park. Management Plan. Summary. ARD/BGEC, Sofia, 65pp.; ARD. 2002. Rilski Manastir Nature Park. Importance of the area, instruments for modern nature conservation and management planning. ARD/BGEC, Sofia, 19pp. BDZP/BirdLife Bulgariya. 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.); Iankov, P. 2002. (red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptici v Bulgaria. Nacionalni planove za dejstvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodzashtitna poredica, Kn. 4, Sofia: 204-219.; Michev, T., C. Petrov, L. Profirov, P. Iankov, S. Gavrailov. 1989. Razprostranenie I prirodzashtiten status na skalnia orel Aquila chrysaetos chrysaetos (L.), 1758 v Bulgaria. Izv. Muz. IU. Bulgaria, 15, 79-87.; Nikolov, B., I. Hristov, P. Shurulinkov, I. Nikolov, A. Rogev, A. Ducov, R. Stanchev. 2001. Novi dannii za niakoi slabo izucheni vidove gorski sovi (Strix uralensis, Glaucidium passerinum, Aegolius funereus) v Bulgaria. - Nauka za gorata, Kn. 1/2, 75-86. 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.; Simeonov, S., T. Michev. 1985. Suvremenno razprostranenie I chislenost na buhala (Bubo bubo (L.) v Bulgaria. Ekologia, 15, 60-65.; Spiridonov, J. 1998. Gnezdova ornitofauna na Nacionalen park Rila I nejnoto konservacionno znachenie. V: Biologichnoto raznoobrazie na nacionalen park Rila, GEF Proekt za opazvane na biologichnoto raznoobrazie, 385-414; Shurulinkov, P. S., B. P. Nikolov, G. P. Stoyanov, I. P. Nikolov. 2003. Erstes sicheres Bruten des Karmingimpels in Bulgarien Orn. Mitt., 55, 4: 122-127.; 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., 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, Sofia; Kouzmanov, G., G. Stoyanov, R. Todorov. 1996. Sur la Biologie et la Protection de l'Aigle royal Aquila chrysaetos en Bulgarie. - In: Meyburg, B.-U. & R.D. Chancellor eds. 1994. Raptor Conservation Today, WWGBP/ The Pica Press, 505-515.; MOEW. 1998. CORINE Biotopes Database of the sites of European Importance for the biodiversity. Bulgaria, MOSV (nepubl.); Nankinov, D. 1997b. Status of Tengmalms Owl, Aegolius funereus, in Bulgaria. Riv. Ital. Orn., Milano, 66, 2, 127-136; 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; Peev, D. (chief ed.) 2003 Rapid Ecological Assessment of Rila Monastery Nature Park. AAMP, USAID, Sofia, 203pp.; 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 Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (http://www.bas.bg). New data provided by project "Mapping and assessment of the conservation status of the natural habitats and species - Phase 1" (see link). Data revised in 2023 by an expert team led by IBER - BAS and published Site-specific Conservation Objectives for Natura 2000 site BG0000495 in 2024.

Link(s): <https://natura2000.egov.bg/EsrIbg.Natura.Public.Web.App/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000495&siteType=BirdsDirective>
<https://natura2000.egov.bg/EsrIbg.Natura.Public.Web.App/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000495&siteType=HabitatDirective>

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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Code	Cover [%]
BG00	
BG01	19.701242558216798

Code	Cover [%]
BG02	100.0

Code	Cover [%]
BG05	6.545453950837924 E-9

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG01	Parangalitza	+	1.8323789122774166
BG05	Rilski manastir	/	
BG02	Rila	=	100.0
BG01	Ibar	+	2.532327807695452
BG01	Tzentralen Rilski rezervat	+	15.233928167072358
BG01	Skakavitza	+	0.1026076708757796
BG01	Rilomanastirska gora	/	

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	IBA Rila	-	100.0
	PAN Park Rila NP	=	100.0
	Parangalitza	+	2.0
	UN list of protected territories	=	100.0

5.3 Site designation (optional)

Rila National Park is designated to preserve the natural complexes of self-regulating ecosystems and their specific species diversity, habitats of rare and endangered species and communities, typical and remarkable landscapes and sites of the not-living nature in Rila NP. The reserves (1 category, IUCN) take area of 15 700 ha (19 % of the National Park area), they are characterized with virgin coniferous forests, 1 of them is designated as biosphere reserve in 1977. The Park and four of its reserves are in the list of UN protected territories. The National park is IBA and botanically important area and it is part of the European network PAN Parks.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Rila National Park Directorat
Address:	128 Bistritsa Str., Blagoevgrad 2700
Email:	delovodstvo@rilanationalpark.bg

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Name: Management Plan for Rila National Park, adopted by Council of Ministers Decision No. 522/04.07.2001 (promulgated SG 66/2001). Link: http://www.moew.government.bg/files/file/Nature/Protected_areas/PU_NP-Rila_2001-2010.pdf
<input type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

The Management Plan of Rila NP 2001-2010 is adopted with Decree of Ministerial Council of Bulgaria No 522/04.07.2001. it includes two main sections - Description and Instructions. The section "Description" (8 chapters) contains rich information for the status of the park, the abiotic and biotic components, the infrastructure and the park management. The conservational importance of the elements of the biota (species and habitat) is evaluated and the priority for conservation and restoration are determined. Section Instructions contains 7 chapters. It is developed through analyses of the results of scientific researches of the nature elements, from sociologic investigations, from the information available in the park directorate as well as this from other nature conservation projects implemented on the territory of the park. The threats and the restrictions of natural and anthropogenic type are analyzed as well as some restrictions of time, financial, legislative nature. 24 long-term objectives are formed. In three years Action plan according the Management plan (2001-2003) are described programmes, projects and main activities on the implementation of the plan. In process of development is five years action plan (2006-2010). The implementation of the programmes is planned in one year plans. Rila NP Directorate is a regional structure of the Ministry of Environment and Water.

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).