



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

For Special Protection Areas (SPA),
Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI),
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for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE

BG0002038

SITENAME

Provadiysko-Royaksko plato

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code BG0002038
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1.3 Site name

Provadiysko-Royaksko 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:	2007-12
National legal reference of SPA designation	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 802/04.12.2007 (promulgated SG 107/2007).

Explanation(s):	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 802/04.12.2007 (promulgated SG 107/2007). 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 – 134/10.02.2012 (promulgated SG 26/2012), amended by Order No. RD – 73/28.01.2013 (promulgated SG 10/2013).
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2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude

27.265

Latitude

43.15861111111111

2.2 Area [ha]:

84031.5041

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

BG33	Североизточен / Severoiztochen
BG33	Североизточен / Severoiztochen

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

 Continental (100.0
%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

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Species				Population in the site							Site assessment			
Group	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	Type	Size		Unit	Cat.	Data quality	A B C D		A B C	
						Min	Max		C R V P		Pop.	Cons.	Isol.	Glob.
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			c	9	9	i		G	B	B	C	B
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			c	270	292	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			p	10	10	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			r	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	15	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			p	2	15	p		G	D			
B	A051	Anas strepera			r				P	DD	D			
B	A051	Anas strepera			c				P	DD	D			
B	A255	Anthus campestris			r	122	150	p		G	B	A	C	B
B	A091	Aquila chrysaetos			p	3	3	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A090	Aquila clanga			c	1	2	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A404	Aquila heliaca			c	1	2	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A509	Aquila nipalensis			c		1	i		G	A	A	B	A
B	A089	Aquila pomarina			c	2013	2013	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A089	Aquila pomarina			r	2	2	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			c	2	14	i		G	C	B	C	C

B	A215	Bubo bubo			p	13	13	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A133	Burhinus oedicephalus			r	1	7	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	16	30	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A087	Buteo buteo			c	1111	1218	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			c	22	33	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			p	4	4	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			r		3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r	150	250	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r	3	4	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			c	12241	35220	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			r	28	28	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			c	199	491	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	6	6	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A080	Circus gallicus			c	13	63	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A080	Circus gallicus			r	3	3	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			c	119	134	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			c	14	14	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A083	Circus macrourus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A084	Circus pygargus			c	16	21	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A231	Coracias garrulus			r	30	40	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A122	Crex crex			r	10	99	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A238	Dendrocopos medius			p	70	90	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus			p	140	415	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			p	7	7	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A026	Egretta garzetta			c	52	52	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			r	2433	2433	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A511	Falco cherrug			r		1	i		G	B	B	B	B
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c	1	2	i		G	B	B	B	B
B	A098	Falco columbarius			c		1	i		G	C	B	C	A
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			c	2	4	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			r	5	5	p		G	B	A	C	B
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			c	15	15	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			c	18	25	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			p	30	45	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A097	Falco vespertinus			c	69	108	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A127	Grus grus			c		16	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A092	Hieraetus pennatus			c	19	30	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A092	Hieraetus pennatus			r	3	3	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	3455	3455	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A339	Lanius minor			r	50	60	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A459	Larus cachinnans			c				P	DD	D			

B	A347	Corvus monedula			200	200										X
B	A113	Coturnix coturnix			170	170										X
B	A240	Dendrocopos minor			75	75										X
B	A377	Emberiza cirius			55	55										X
B	A382	Emberiza melanocephala			350	350										X
B	A269	Erithacus rubecula			4000	4000										X
B	A359	Fringilla coelebs			6250	6250										X
B	A244	Galerida cristata			335	335										X
B	A251	Hirundo rustica			2252	2252										X
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos			4130	4130										X
B	A383	Miliaria calandra			4500	4500										X
B	A278	Oenanthe hispanica			4	4										X
B	A214	Otus scops			55	55										X
B	A329	Parus caeruleus			650	650										X
B	A443	Parus lugubris			140	140										X
B	A235	Picus viridis			170	170										X
B	A276	Saxicola torquata			15	15										X
B	A210	Streptopelia turtur			500	500										X
B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla			900	900										X
B	A283	Turdus merula			1300	1300										X
B	A285	Turdus philomelos			2950	2950										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
N19	1.0
N23	5.0
N06	1.0
N21	3.0
N08	5.0
N16	30.0
N15	8.0
N22	
N17	
N07	
N09	8.0
N12	39.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

The Provadiysko and Royaksko plateaus are located in eastern Bulgaria, between the towns of Shumen and Provadiya. On the north and the south they border respectively on the rivers of Provadiyska and Golyama Kamchia. The area includes also the rock massifs of Nevsha ? Venchan and Komunari. To the west it reaches the villages of Madara and Blagovo and to the east ? the road between the villages of Grozdzovo and Barzitsa. The region is sparsely populated and the settlements are concentrated mainly along the valleys of the rivers, limiting the area, and to a lesser extent ? in the watershed of the Glavnitsa River. Half of the territory is occupied by mixed broadleaved forests with a prevalence of *Quercus cerris*, mixed with *Quercus frainetto*, *Quercus polycarpa*, *Carpinus betulus*, *Carpinus orientalis* and *Fraxinus ornus* (Bondev 1991). About one third of these forests are seminal high stand, with the appearance of the former natural mixed broadleaved forests that used to cover huge territories in this region. The remaining part of the forests is coppice with considerably changed structure. Farmlands occupy about 47% of the region?s territory and about 13% is pasture, at places overgrown with shrubs. Rock massifs forming complexes are dispersed in several places in the region.

4.2 Quality and importance

The region of the Provadiysko?Royaksko plateau supports 160 bird species, 36 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 68 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 4 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 19 in SPEC 2 and 45 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats (forests, pastures, farmlands and rocky massifs) for 52 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 49 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. Provadiysko ? Royaksko plateau is one of the most important areas in the country for breeding of Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*, Eagle Owl *Bubo bubo*, Middle Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius*, Roller *Coracias garrulus*, Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*, and Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana* and Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*. The Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*, Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*, Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*, Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* and Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* also breed in the area, in considerable numbers. The good nutritious base and the suitable roosting sites attract relatively large quantities of White and Black Storks *Ciconia ciconia* *C. nigra* and different birds of prey during spring and autumn migration. The Provadiyska river valley is a bottleneck migration site for storks and birds of prey, where more than 35,000 storks and 3,000 raptors pass and often overnight during autumn or spring migration.

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	D01.01		i
H	C01.01.01		o
L	E01.02		i
L	G02.08		i
H	F03.01		o
L	H06.01		i
H	J02.03		i
L	D02.09		i
H	E02.01		o
L	D02.01		i
L	G02.04		i
H	H04		o
M	K03.04		i
M	E01		i
M	E03.01		i
L	C01.01		i
H	D01.04		i
H	F03.01		i
M	J02.11		o
M	D04.01		o
H	E03		i
H	H05		i
M	H04		i
H	E03.04		i
M	D01.02		i
M	J02.11		i
L	G01.08		i
H	F04		i
M	E03.02		i
L	G01.04		i
L	G01.05		i
H	J02.03		o
M	E03.03		i
H	E02		i
M	C01.01.01		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
H	F04		i
H	D01.04		i
L	G02.08		i

M	K02.04		i
L	E02.02		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

4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by D. Georgiev, D. Dimitrov, V. Vasilev, I. Ivanov - 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 ; Dr. P. Shurulinkov, Dr. T. Zlatanov - Institute of Zoology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 1 "Tzar Osvoboditel" blvd., 1000 Sofia. 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; Bondev, I. 1991. The Vegetation of Bulgaria. Map 1 : 600 000 with explanatory text. Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Press. (In Bulgarian.); 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. 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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002038&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	0.3476	BG00	99.6524		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	SNEZHINSKA KORJA	+	0.1
BG06	GOLYAMATA KANARA	+	0.039
BG06	SLAVEYKOVA GORA	+	0.1

BG06	VODENITSITE	+	0.1
BG06	ROYASHKA SKALA	+	0.0086

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

In the Provadiysko?Royaksko plateau there are 4 protected areas but they cover only 0.3% of its territory. The ?Slaveikova gora? Protected Area was designated in 1986 to protect the breeding sites of threatened birds of prey. The ?Vodenitsata? Protected Area was designated in 1987 also to protect the threatened bird species. ?Snejnata Korja? Protected Area was designated in 1966 to protect the old oak forest. The ?Golyamata kanara? Protected Area was designated in 1979 to protect the landscape features. In 1997 the area is appointed as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Water -Shumen, Varna;Black Sea River Basin Directorate;Forestry Department - Varna; State Game-breeding Center - "Sherba"; Forestry Departments- Novi Pazar, Provadia, Smyadovo, Tsonevo, Shumen;
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

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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).