



# 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 BG0000366  
SITENAME Kresna - Ilindentsi

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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<b>1.1 Type</b> B	<b>1.2 Site code</b> BG0000366
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### 1.3 Site name

Kresna - Ilindentsi
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<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b>	<b>1.5 Update date</b>
2006-03	2018-12

### 1.6 Respondent:

<b>Name/Organisation:</b>	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
<b>Address:</b>	Sofia Kn. Maria Luiza Blvd. 22 1000 Sofia
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### 1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

<b>Date site classified as SPA:</b>	0000-00
<b>National legal reference of SPA designation</b>	No data

<b>Date site proposed as SCI:</b>	2007-03
<b>Date site confirmed as SCI:</b>	2008-12
<b>Date site designated as SAC:</b>	No data

<b>National legal reference of SAC designation:</b>	No data
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<b>Explanation(s):</b>	Adopted by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). Extended by Council of Ministers Decision No. 811/16.11.2010 (promulgated SG 96/2010).
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## 2. SITE LOCATION

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### 2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

**Longitude**  
23.1647

**Latitude**  
41.7553

### 2.2 Area [ha]:

48596.428

### 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**

BG41

Югозападен / Yugozapaden

### 2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Alpine (19.2  
%)

Continental (80.8  
%)

## 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
4060			205.92		M	C	C	C	C
4070			12.55		M	C	C	C	C
5210			57.9		M	A	C	A	A
6110			0.3		G	D			
6210			2599.16		M	A	B	B	A
6220			2210.04		M	A	B	B	B
6230			76.53		M	C	C	C	C
62A0			15.02		M	A	C	A	A
62D0			419.15		M	C	C	B	C
6420			1.71		M	D			
6430			18.16		G	A	C	B	B
6510			14.24		G	C	C	B	C
6520			1269.69		M	A	B	B	A
8110			26.44		M	C	C	B	C





M	2635	<a href="#">peregusna</a>			p				P	DD	C	B	C	B
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**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	
F		<a href="#">Alburnoides bipunctatus</a>						C						X	
F		<a href="#">Alburnus alburnus</a>						R							X
I		<a href="#">Apatura metis</a>						C						X	
A		<a href="#">Bufo viridis</a>						C						X	
F		<a href="#">Chondrostoma vardareense</a>						C				X			
R		<a href="#">Coluber caspius</a>						P						X	
R		<a href="#">Coronella austriaca</a>						P						X	
R		<a href="#">Elaphe longissima</a>						P			X				
I		<a href="#">Erebia medusa</a>						C							X
I		<a href="#">Glaucopsyche alexis</a>						C							X
F		<a href="#">Gobio gobio</a>						C							X
I		<a href="#">Hipparchia senthes</a>						C							X
A		<a href="#">Hyla arborea</a>						C						X	
I		<a href="#">Isophya andreevae</a>						R			X				
R		<a href="#">Lacerta trilineata</a>						C						X	
R		<a href="#">Lacerta viridis</a>						C						X	
F		<a href="#">Leuciscus cephalus</a>						C							X
I		<a href="#">Limenitis populi</a>						P							X
I		<a href="#">Lycaena ottomana</a>						C							X
I		<a href="#">Maculinea arion</a>						C						X	
I		<a href="#">Mantispia perla</a>						V			X				
I		<a href="#">Melitaea trivia</a>						C						X	

R		<a href="#">Natrix tessellata</a>						P					X	
I		<a href="#">Neptis rivularis</a>						P						X
I		<a href="#">Nymphalis xanthomelas</a>						P						X
F		<a href="#">Oxynoemacheilus bureschi</a>						C				X		
I		<a href="#">Parnassius apollo</a>						P						X
I		<a href="#">Parnassius mnemosyne</a>						C					X	
I		<a href="#">Pieris ergane</a>						C						X
R		<a href="#">Podarcis erhardii</a>						C					X	
R		<a href="#">Podarcis muralis</a>						C					X	
R		<a href="#">Podarcis taurica</a>						C					X	
I		<a href="#">Pseudophilotes vicrama</a>						C						X
I		<a href="#">Pyrgus cinarae</a>						C						X
A		<a href="#">Rana dalmatina</a>						C					X	
F		<a href="#">Salmo macedonicus</a>						R				X		
I		<a href="#">Scolitantides orion</a>						C					X	
I		<a href="#">Thymelicus acteon</a>						C						X
F		<a href="#">Vimba melanops</a>						V				X		
R		<a href="#">Vipera ammodytes</a>						P					X	
I		<a href="#">Zerynthia polyxena</a>						C						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
N20	22.0
N16	23.0
N09	3.0
N21	1.0
N17	4.0
N23	1.0
N19	2.0

N08	22.0
N10	1.0
N06	14.0
N15	2.0
N12	5.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	100

### Other Site Characteristics

The site has several separate cores connected by river valleys in a single site. The site is like a buffer zone to the west of Pirin National Park, it also includes the highest parts of Maleshevska and Vlahina Mountains towards the border with Macedonia, and between them the deep Kresna Gorge of the Struma River. Unique biodiversity is concentrated in the site. Here the Rhodope Mountains has the best ecological connection with the mountains on the border between Bulgaria and Macedonia. Simultaneously, the Struma River is biocorridor for the migration of species in south and north direction. Steep mountain slopes are a strong barrier for these migrations, and in the region of Kresna gorge a unique and highly vulnerable bottleneck biocorridor is formed. The area includes natural and semi-natural ecosystems of sub-alpine level in Pirin as well as areas with vegetation typical of the continental sub-Mediterranean and in the south of the meso-Mediterranean climate (according to Rivas - Martinez). There is exceptional in Europe climate gradation from north to south: for about 20 km in the valley the average annual temperature varies with 1 degree. There are representatives of preglacial Mediterranean vegetation and fauna in the site, as well as relict glacial species in the higher parts. The site includes the northern boundary of distribution of many species and mediteranean communities, including communities of *Platanus orientalis*, *Quercus coccifera*, *Phyllirea media*, *Juniperus excelsa*. Some areas of forest monocultures are excluded from the site. "Zandana" (N 41° 39' 02.2" E 23° 15' 15.6" WGS 84, alt. 490 m) is a complex of 3 caves situated between the villages of Ploski and Ilindentsi. Breeding colonies of horseshoe bats and migratory groups/colonies of other bat species were observed in these caves. Other species of bats are known to live in rock fissures.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

The rivers of the pSCI are preserved in their natural or semi-natural condition. They are following their natural riverbeds and the territories of their riparian terraces are slightly fragmented. The riparian forests of *Alnus glutinosa* and *Salix* sp. (Priority Habitat 91E0) and riparian forest of *Platanus orientalis* (92C0) forms one of the most qualitative riparian galleries in the country. The ichthiofauna is distinguishly rich and divers (important food resource for the otter's stable population) There are 12 inhabitant fish species, 3 of which are included in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and 10 species of herpethofauna, 3 of which in Annex II of the same Directive. This makes pSCI "Kresna-Ilindentzi" one of the most valuable for protection of ihtiofauna, herpethofauna and natural habitats. The natural river system of the mountain is of great importance for the fish migration. ?? Majority of the horseshoe bats, which are living in the southern parts of the Struma River Valley are hibernating in the cave.

### 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]
H	B03		i
H	J02.03		i
M	E01		i
M	J01		i
H	E03		o
H	F03.01		i
M	D05		i
L	A08		i
M	B02.03		i
H	J02.05		i
M	E03.03		i
M	F02.03		i
H	D01.02		i
H	F03.02.01		i
L	G02.02		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
M	A04		i
M	A04		o
L	D02.01		o
M	F02.03		i



M	B02.02		i
H	C01.01		i
H	A04.03		i
M	A04		o
H	B02.01		i
M	E03.01		i
H	C01.04.01		i
M	C01.04.01		o
M	E02		i
H	F03.02.03		i
M	A04		i
H	B		i
L	H07		i
L	A07		i
L	G01.04		i
L	F04		i
H	J02		i
M	B02.04		i
M	C01.04		i
L	F03.02		i
M	A02		i
M	D02.01		i
H	B01.02		i
L	D02.01		o
M	G01.03		i
L	E01.03		i
M	J01		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 Balkani Wildlife Society / office@balkani.org; Centre for Environmental Information and Education / ceie@ceie.org; St. Beshkov, B. Petrov - National Museum of Natural History, Sofia /boyanpp@nmnh.bas.bg .Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>).Data revised by a team of the Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. New data provided by project "Mapping and assessment of the conservation status of the natural habitats and species - Phase 1" (see link).

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000366&siteType=HabitatDirective>

### 5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

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#### 5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

Code	Cover [%]
BG06	0.809
BG00	97.5727

Code	Cover [%]
BG03	0.1387

Code	Cover [%]
BG01	1.4796

#### 5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	Buina	+	0.1
BG06	Moravska	+	0.43
BG06	Estestveno nahodishte na chinar	+	0.116
BG06	Kuchkarnika	+	0.163
BG01	Tisata	+	1.4796
BG03	Momina skala	+	0.1387

### 5.3 Site designation (optional)

## 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

### 6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water: Blagoevgrad
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).