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

SITE **BG0000240**

SITENAME **Studenets**

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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1.1 Type C	1.2 Site code BG0000240
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1.3 Site name

Studenets

1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
2004-08	2018-12

1.6 Respondent:

Name / Organisation:	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
Address:	Sofia Kn. Maria Luiza Blvd. 22 1000 Sofia
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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:	No data
National legal reference of SAC designation:	No data

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 – 800/04.11.2008 (promulgated SG 105/2008), amended by Order No. RD – 67/28.01.2013 (promulgated SG 10/2013).
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2. SITE LOCATION

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2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude

Latitude

24.498

43.301

2.2 Area [ha]:

2.3 Marine area [%]

27946.0774

0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code

Region Name

BG31	Северозападен / Severozapaden
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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

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91E0			173.24		G	B	C	B	B
91G0			290.5		M	B	C	C	C
91H0			226.54		M	B	C	C	C
91I0			125.22		G	B	C	C	B
91M0			5045.09		M	B	C	C	C
91Z0			198.3		M	B	C	C	B

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	A402	Accipiter brevipes			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			r	7	9	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	10	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A054	Anas acuta			c				P	DD	D			
B	A056	Anas clypeata			c				P	DD	D			
B	A052	Anas crecca			w		8	i		G	D			
B	A052	Anas crecca			c				P	DD	D			
B	A050	Anas penelope			c				P	DD	D			
B	A050	Anas penelope			w				P	DD	D			
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			w		27	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			p	10	10	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A055	Anas querquedula			c				P	DD	D			
B	A051	Anas strepera			c				P	DD	D			
B	A255	Anthus campestris			r	15	20	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A089	Aquila pomarina			r	1	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			c				P	DD	D			
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			w				P	DD	D			
B	A029	Ardea purpurea			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A024	Ardeola ralloides			c	5	50	i		G	C	B	C	C

F	1130	Aspius aspius			p	595740	595740	area	P	P	C	A	B	A
I	1093	Austropotamobius torrentium			p			i	P	G	D	A	C	B
M	1308	Barbastella barbastellus			p	129	210	i	R	M	C	A	C	B
F	1138	Barbus meridionalis			p	1253963	1253963	i	C	G	B	A	C	A
I	4011	Bolbelasmus unicornis			p				P	DD	B	B	C	B
A	1188	Bombina bombina			p			localities	P	DD	C	A	C	A
A	1193	Bombina variegata			p	2	2	localities	V	P	C	A	B	A
B	A215	Bubo bubo			p	8	12	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A087	Buteo buteo			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	12	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			p	13	16	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r	15	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
I	1088	Cerambyx cerdo			p	94160	138933	i	R	M	C	C	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A196	Chlidonias hybridus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A198	Chlidonias leucopterus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A197	Chlidonias niger			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			r	3	4	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	4	5	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A080	Circetus gallicus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A080	Circetus gallicus			r	3	3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			w	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A084	Circus pygargus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
F	2533	Cobitis elongata			p	213165	213165	i	R	G	B	A	B	A
F	1149	Cobitis taenia			p	286196	286196	i	C	G	C	A	B	A
B	A231	Coracias garrulus			r	25	35	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A122	Crex crex			r	15	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A036	Cygnus olor			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A238	Dendrocopos medius			p	10	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus			p	100	130	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			p	5	10	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A027	Egretta alba			w		3	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A027	Egretta alba			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A026	Egretta garzetta			c	50	300	i		G	C	B	C	C

B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			r	1000	1000	p		G	B	A	C	B
R	1220	Emys orbicularis			p	3	3	localities	V	P	C	A	C	A
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c	1	1	i		G	B	B	B	B
B	A098	Falco columbarius			w	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			r	6	8	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			p	5	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A097	Falco vespertinus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A125	Fulica atra			w		15	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A125	Fulica atra			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A153	Gallinago gallinago			w	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A153	Gallinago gallinago			c	50	50	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus			w		2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A092	Hieraaetus pennatus			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A092	Hieraaetus pennatus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
P	2327	Himantoglossum caprinum			p				R	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A022	Ixobrychus minutus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	150	180	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A339	Lanius minor			r	20	30	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A459	Larus cachinnans			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A459	Larus cachinnans			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A179	Larus ridibundus			w	50	450	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A156	Limosa limosa			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
I	1083	Lucanus cervus			p	86546	170252	i	R	M	C	C	C	C
B	A246	Lullula arborea			r	50	70	p		G	C	B	C	C
M	1355	Lutra lutra			p	15	24	i		G	C	A	C	A
I	1060	Lycaena dispar			p	2102	4204	i	R	M	C	A	B	B
B	A230	Merops apiaster			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			r	100	100	p		G	C	B	C	C
M	2609	Mesocricetus newtoni			p				V	DD	C	A	B	B
B	A073	Milvus migrans			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
M	1310	Miniopterus schreibersii			w	25000	30000	i	C	G	A	B	C	A
M	1310	Miniopterus schreibersii			r	2000	2500	i	C	G	B	B	C	A
I	1089	Morimus funereus			p				P	DD	C	C	C	C
M	2633	Mustela eversmanii			p				R	DD	C	B	C	A
M	1323	Myotis bechsteinii			p	111	220	i	R	M	C	A	C	C
M	1307	Myotis blythii			r	300	500	i	C	G	C	B	C	B
M	1316	Myotis capaccinii			w	11000	15000	i	C	G	A	B	C	A

M	1316	Myotis capaccinii		r	300	500	i	C	G	B	B	C	B
M	1321	Myotis emarginatus		p	101	250	i	R	G	C	B	C	B
M	1324	Myotis myotis		r	500	700	i	C	G	B	B	C	B
B	A023	Nycticorax nycticorax		c	30	150	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A094	Pandion haliaetus		c	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A072	Pernis apivorus		r	3	3	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A072	Pernis apivorus		c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A017	Phalacrocorax carbo		w		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus		c	10	200	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus		w		8	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A151	Philomachus pugnax		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A234	Picus canus		p	25	35	p		G	C	A	C	A
M	1306	Rhinolophus blasii		p				P	DD	D			
M	1305	Rhinolophus euryale		p	501	1000	i	C	G	B	B	C	A
M	1304	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum		p	501	1000	i	C	G	B	B	C	A
M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros		p	101	250	i	C	G	C	B	C	C
M	1302	Rhinolophus mehelyi		p	51	100	i	P	P	C	B	C	C
F	5339	Rhodeus amarus		p	1216842	1216842	i	C	G	C	A	C	A
F	6145	Romanogobio uranoscopus		p	1301000	1301000	area	V	P	C	B	A	B
I	1087	Rosalia alpina		p				P	DD	C	C	B	C
F	1146	Sabanejewia aurata		p	465780	465780	i	C	G	B	A	B	A
M	1335	Spermophilus citellus		p	3	3	colonies	R	M	C	B	C	A
B	A193	Sterna hirundo		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria		r	70	80	p		G	C		C	A
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis		w		25	i		G	C	B	C	C
R	1219	Testudo graeca		p			localities	P	DD	C	C	C	C
R	1217	Testudo hermanni		p	1	1	localities	V	P	C	A	C	A
I	4064	Theodoxus transversalis		p			i	V	G	B	A	B	A
B	A166	Tringa glareola		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A165	Tringa ochropus		r				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A165	Tringa ochropus		c	10	70	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A165	Tringa ochropus		w		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
A	1171	Triturus karelinii		p			localities	P	DD	C	A	B	B
I	1032	Unio crassus		p	11205162	11205162	i	R	G	B	A	C	B
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
M	2635	Vormela peregusna		p	1	1	localities	P	P	C	B	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

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						P						X		
P		Anemone sylvestris						P			X					
R		Anguis fragilis						P						X		
B	A218	Athene noctua			2	2								X		
F		Barbus barbus						P			X					
M		Canis aureus						P			X					
M		Capreolus capreolus						P			X					
F		Carassius auratus													X	
B	A366	Carduelis cannabina			5	5								X		
P		Chamaecytisus kovacevii						P				X				
F		Chondrostoma nasus						P			X					
R		Coluber jugularis						P						X		
B	A347	Corvus monedula						P							X	
B	A113	Coturnix coturnix						P						X		
M		Cricetus cricetus						R			X					
F		Cyprinus carpio						P			X					
P		Dianthus petræus subsp. Noenaus										X				
M		Dryomys nitedula						R			X					
B	A377	Emberiza cirulus			22	22									X	
B	A382	Emberiza melanocephala			1	1								X		
M		Eptesicus serotinus						R			X					
B	A269	Erithacus rubecula			20	20								X		
F		Esox lucius						P			X					
M		Felis silvestris						P			X					

B	A359	Fringilla coelebs						P					X	
P		Galanthus elwesii						P			X			
B	A244	Galerida cristata			9	9							X	
M		Glis glis						R			X			
B	A251	Hirundo rustica			18	18							X	
P		Jurinea ledebourii						P				X		
B	A233	Jynx torquilla						P					X	
B	A341	Lanius senator			16	16							X	
F		Lepomis gibbosus												X
P		Limodorum abortivum						R			X			
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos						P					X	
M		Meles meles						P			X			
B	A383	Miliaria calandra						P					X	
M		Mus spicilegus						R			X			
M		Muscardinus avellanarius						R			X			
M		Myotis daubentonii						R					X	
P		Najas minor						R			X			
M		Nannospalax leucodon						R					X	
M		Nyctalus noctula						R					X	
B	A214	Otus scops			1	1							X	
B	A329	Parus caeruleus			10	10							X	
B	A443	Parus lugubris			20	20							X	
B	A235	Picus viridis						P					X	
M		Pipistrellus pipistrellus						R					X	
F		Pseudorasbora parva												X
P		Pulmonaria mollis						P			X			
F		Rutilus rutilus									X			
B	A276	Saxicola torquata						P					X	
P		Seseli degenii						R					X	
B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla						P					X	
F		Tinca tinca									X			
B	A283	Turdus merula			21	21							X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos						P					X	
B	A284	Turdus pilaris						P					X	
B	A284	Turdus pilaris						P					X	
P		Wolffia arrhiza						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	22.0
N09	36.0
N16	29.0
N08	8.0
N06	1.0
N23	3.0
N21	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

In regard to the Habitat Directive:Typical carst landscapes, river flow ,pastures and forests. Many niches and caves. Cave Parnitsite is two kilometers long with an underground stream. Many underground carst forms and lakes. Numerous bat colonies. Above the upper entry and below the lower entry there are carst canyons with rock niches and small caves. Cave Sedlarkata is 1 km. long, with two entries and underground stream. Used as a dairy in the past. In regard to the Birds Directive: Studenets is located in the Mid-Danubian Plain. It covers a system of karst canyons in the catchment area of the Vit river – the canyons of the Chernelka, those of the Vit between the villages of Yasen and Uglen, those of the Kamenitsa, etc. It includes preserved riverine habitats, meadows, pastures and oak forests. The forests are presented mainly by mixed ones of Quercus cerris with Quercus pubescens or Q. cerris with Quercus frainetto, but also mixed forests of Fraxinus ornus, Tilia tomentosa and Carpinus orientalis. The pastures and meadows are dispersed among the forest and farmland and are overgrown with xerothermal (with Dichantium ischaemum, Poa bulbosa and Chrysopogon grillus) or mesoxerothermal (Poa bulbosa, Lolium perenne, Cynodon dactylon, etc.) grass communities(Bondev, 1991). In the region of the villages of Sadovets and Beglezh there are vast mesophyle meadows, with prevalence of Chrysopogon gryllus.

4.2 Quality and importance

In regard to the Habitat Directive:Very high quality and high importance. The best canyon system in Central Northern Bulgaria together with Karloukovo-Reselets canyons. Big site with many different landscapes, habitats, vegetation types and rich flora and fauna. Unique caves (rich in bats), model Vit river, vast hay meadwos dominated by Chrysopogon gryllus. Interesting rocky forms. Compex of different protected areas. In regard to the Birds Directive: Studenets supports 86 bird species, 27 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 49 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 2 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 11 in SPEC 2 and 36 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 41 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 39 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. The site one of the most important in the country on a European Union scale for the Eagle Owl Bubo bubo, Long-legged Buzzard Buteo rufinus, Ortolan Bunting Emberiza hortulana, Grey-headed Woodpecker Picus canus, Common Kingfisher Alcedo atthis and Barred Warbler Sylvia nisoria. Nikopolsko Plateau holds also representative breeding populations of a complex of threatened species as Black Stork Ciconia nigra, Honey Buzzard Pernis apivorus, European Roller Coracias garrulus and Tawny Pipit Anthus campestris. The birds of prey nest in the forests and the rocky cliffs and feed on surrounding grasslands and arable land. The Black Stork feeds usually along the Vit River. The globally threatened Cornckrace Crex crex is found to breed in the region of Studenets.

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				Positive Impacts			
	Threats and	Pollution			Activities,	Pollution	

Rank	pressures [code]	(optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
H	B01.02		o
M	J01		i
M	D02.09		i
M	E01.03		o
L	C01.01.01		o
H	A04		i
H	B02.02		o
L	A04		o
L	D01.02		i
M	A03		i
H	B		i
H	B01.02		i
L	G04.01		i
M	J01		o
L	H		i
L	D01.01		i
H	J02.01.01		i
L	E03.01		i
M	K01.01		i
L	E04.01		i
H	B		o
M	K01.02		i
H	J02.05.02		i
M	E01		i
L	C01.01.01		i
M	G01.04		i
L	D02.01		i
M	E02		o
H	A01		o
H	L08		i
M	J02.05.02		o
M	E01		o
L	F03.01		i
M	A08		i
M	A05.01		o
M	F02.03		i
M	D01.02		o
M	C01.01		o
M	K02.03		i
M	G02.08		i
H	B02.02		i
M	A04.03		i
H	C01.01		i
H	A01		i

Rank	management [code]	(optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	J02.04		i
L	A04		o
M	F02.03		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

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000240&siteType=HabitatDirective>
<http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000240&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 [%]
BG00	91.6	BG03	4.0	BG06	4.4

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG03	Peshtera Gornia parnik	+	
BG03	Nahodishte na tertsierni tortonski vkamenelosti	+	1.53
BG06	Kaylaka	+	3.56
BG03	Gininata peshtera	+	0.009
BG03	Karstovo zhdrelo Chernelka	+	1.1940967158231062
BG03	Peshtera Dolnia parnik	+	
BG03	Peshtera Razbititsa	+	0.02
BG06	Dalgata bara - Pametnika	+	0.0057
BG06	Peshterite	+	0.06
BG03	Studenets	+	1.25

BG06	Gushterat	+	0.23
BG06	Turiyata	+	0.54
BG06	Parnika	+	0.001

5.3 Site designation (optional)

In regard to the Habitat Directive: Very rich habitat complex from 15 habitat types with european importance. Big population of *Himantoglossum caprinum*. One of the first sites in Bulgaria for next habitats: 3260, 6110, 8310. Different forest and grass habitats, big complex of semi-natural eutrophic lakes with a rich water vegetation. Rich flora and fauna. In regard to the Birds Directive: The total percent of the site territory with legal protection by the national nature conservation law is 8,5%. 4 protected areas and 9 nature monuments are designated. All of them protect geologic formations – gorges, rock forms, caves and fossils. Significant part of territory of Studenets is under a final stage of a procedure for designation as Nature Park. More than 60% of the area of Studenets is covered by six separate CORINE Sites appointed in 1998 because of their European value for habitats, rare and threatened plant and animal species. 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 Inspectorate of Environment and Water: Pleven
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

☐	Yes
☐	No, but in preparation
☒	No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

Creating of new Natural Monument - "Studenetz". Restraint of the illegal and legal felling. Plan for compensations of the private owners. Strong protection of the caves, meadows (preservation of the hay practice), river course. Investigations of the faunistic and floristic complex.

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).