



# 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

BG0002007

SITENAME

Ostrov Ibisha

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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<b>1.1 Type</b>	<b>1.2 Site code</b>
A	BG0002007

### 1.3 Site name

Ostrov Ibisha
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<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b>	<b>1.5 Update date</b>
2005-10	2015-07

### 1.6 Respondent:

<b>Name/Organisation:</b>	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
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### 1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

<b>Date site classified as SPA:</b>	2007-03
<b>National legal reference of SPA designation</b>	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007).
<b>Explanation(s):</b>	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 – 514/22.08.2008 (promulgated SG 78/2008).

## 2. SITE LOCATION

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

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#### Longitude

23.5186111111111

#### Latitude

43.82444444444445

### 2.2 Area [ha]:

399.3232

### 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

BG31

Северозападен / Severozapaden

### 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	A229	<a href="#">Alcedo atthis</a>			p	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A052	<a href="#">Anas crecca</a>			w		201	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A050	<a href="#">Anas penelope</a>			w		6	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A053	<a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a>			w		900	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A028	<a href="#">Ardea cinerea</a>			r	37	115	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A028	<a href="#">Ardea cinerea</a>			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A029	<a href="#">Ardea purpurea</a>			c	10	10	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A024	<a href="#">Ardeola ralloides</a>			r	2	4	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A024	<a href="#">Ardeola ralloides</a>			c	10	10	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A024	<a href="#">Ardeola ralloides</a>			r		4	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A067	<a href="#">Bucephala clangula</a>			w		4	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A030	<a href="#">Ciconia nigra</a>			c	5	6	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A030	<a href="#">Ciconia nigra</a>			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A081	<a href="#">Circus aeruginosus</a>			c	1	2	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A038	<a href="#">Cygnus cygnus</a>			w		1	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A429	<a href="#">Dendrocopos syriacus</a>			p	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	C

B	A026	<a href="#">Egretta garzetta</a>		r	14	18	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A026	<a href="#">Egretta garzetta</a>		c	10	10	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A097	<a href="#">Falco vespertinus</a>		c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A075	<a href="#">Haliaeetus albicilla</a>		w		1	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A068	<a href="#">Merqus albellus</a>		w		3	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A023	<a href="#">Nycticorax nycticorax</a>		c	10	10	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A023	<a href="#">Nycticorax nycticorax</a>		r	18	36	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A020	<a href="#">Pelecanus crispus</a>		w		92	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A019	<a href="#">Pelecanus onocrotalus</a>		c	2	3	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A017	<a href="#">Phalacrocorax carbo</a>		r	425	900	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A017	<a href="#">Phalacrocorax carbo</a>		w	1	67	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A017	<a href="#">Phalacrocorax carbo</a>		c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A393	<a href="#">Phalacrocorax pygmeus</a>		c				P	DD	B	A	C	B
B	A393	<a href="#">Phalacrocorax pygmeus</a>		r		60	p		G	B	A	C	B
B	A393	<a href="#">Phalacrocorax pygmeus</a>		w		1	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A234	<a href="#">Picus canus</a>		p	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A034	<a href="#">Platalea leucorodia</a>		c	1	1	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A034	<a href="#">Platalea leucorodia</a>		r	6	14	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A193	<a href="#">Sterna hirundo</a>		c	5	10	i		G	C	A	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)

## 4. SITE DESCRIPTION

### 4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N04	
N23	
N09	
N16	36.0
N06	54.0
N08	10.0
<b>Total Habitat Cover</b>	NaN

## Other Site Characteristics

An island in the Danube (km 717), covered by tree vegetation, with the adjacent section of the river and the river banks, located to the north of the village of Dolni Tsibar, east from the town of Lom. It is built by river deposits, mainly of loam and sand. The bigger part of the island is overgrown with the typical for the Danube islands riverine forests of *Alnus glutinosa*, *Salix alba* and *Salix fragilis*, *Populus alba* and *Populus nigra*, at places mixed with artificial poplar plantations and hygrophite grass associations. The forests have a rich and practically impenetrable undergrowth of lianas and blackberry *Rubus* sp.. The island's western bank is a vast sand strip without vegetation (Bondev 1991, Boev 1992; Georgiev 1993). There are shallow river waters around the island.

## 4.2 Quality and importance

The international importance of Ibisha Island is defined by the presence of the biggest mixed population of herons and cormorants in the country. It is a site of global importance for the nesting Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus* and one of the five most important Bulgarian sites for the nesting Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*, Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* and Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*. The colonies of herons and cormorants are fully dependent on the riverine forests for nesting, as well as shallow parts of the river around the island for fishing.

## 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	A03		o
H	B		i
H	B03		i
H	F02.01.02		o
H	F02.03		o
H	B02.04		i
M	B03		o
M	G01.01		o
H	B02.01		i
L	H05		o
M	B01		o
H	F03.02.01		i
H	A03		i
H	B02.03		i
L	A04		i
H	F03.02.03		o
H	B		o
H	B02.02		o
H	C01.01		o
H	B02.02		i
H	F03.01		i
H	F03.02.03		i
H	F04		i
H	B01		i
H	F03.01		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

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
M	G01.01		o
H	B		o
H	B02.02		o
L	H05		o
M	B01		o
M	B03		o
M	A03		o
H	J02.04		i

## 4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Anton Antonov - 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](http://www.bspb.org). Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>). Documents: BDZP/BirdLife Bulgariya. 2005. ?Nacionalna banka za ornitologichna informacia 1988-2005?, Balgarsko Druzhestvo za zastita na pticite; Boev, Z. 1992. Trevoga za Ibisha. ? Priroda I znanie. 7-8, 28-29.; Bondev, I. 1991. Rastitelnostta na Bulgariya. S. Universitetsko izdatelstvo ?Sv. Kliment Ohridski?, 183 s.; Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.); Georgiev, G. 1993. Narodnite parkove I rezervati v Bulgariya. S. Prosveta, 190 s.; Iankov, P. 2002.(red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptitsi v Bulgariya. Natsionalni planove za deystvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodzashtitna poreditsa, Kn. 4, Sofiya: 204-219.; Kostadinova, I. (sast.) 1997. Ornitologichno vazhni mesta v Bulgariya. BDZP, Prirodzashtitna poreditsa. Kniga 1, BDZP, Sofiya, 176 s.; MOSV. 2005. Arhiv na zastitenite teritorii v Bulgaria. Baza dannii (nepubl.); Nikolov, Hr., S. Marin, A. Darakchiev. 1999. Malkiyat kormoran v Bulgariya. Razprostranenie, chislenost I zaplahi. ? Nauch. Tr. Plov. Univ., Animaliya, 35, 6, 67-81.; Petrov,

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002007&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 [%]
BG04	9.0	BG00	91.0		

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

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG04	IBISHA	+	9.0

designated at international level:

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

### 5.3 Site designation (optional)

About 9% of the area has been under strict protection as a reserve since 1984. In 1997 the area was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International. In 1998 about 34% of the area was designated as CORINE Site because of its European value for habitats, rare and threatened plant and animal species, including birds. In 2003 almost all territory of Ibisha Island IBA was designated as Ramsar site because it is of international importance for colonially breeding birds. The proposed SPA borders a proposed Special Protection Area in Romania.

## 6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water -Montana; Danube River Basin Directorate; Forestry Department - Lom.
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

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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).