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	**BG0002031**
SITENAME	**Stenata**

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A	BG0002031

1.3 Site name

Stenata

1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
2005-10	2015-07

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).

Explanation(s):	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 – 566/05.09.2008 (promulgated SG 84/2008).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude	Latitude
26.565	44.02583333333333

2.2 Area [ha]:

79.7274

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
BG32	Северен централен / Severen tsentralen

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

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**			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A255	**Anthus campestris**			r	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A089	**Aquila pomarina**			r		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A089	**Aquila pomarina**			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A087	**Buteo buteo**			p				P	DD	D			
B	A030	**Ciconia nigra**			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A231	**Coracias garrulus**			r	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A092	**Hieraaetus pennatus**			r		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A092	**Hieraaetus pennatus**			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A338	**Lanius collurio**			r	3	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	**Merops apiaster**			r	100	100	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A072	**Pernis apivorus**			c				P	DD	C	B	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)

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	A218	**Athene noctua**			1	1							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

Habitat class	% Cover
N23	3.0
N08	14.0
N21	4.0
N09	42.0
N15	37.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

A vertical loess wall, about 12 m high, on the southern hillside south-west of the town of Tutrakan, North-east Bulgaria. The site is located immediately next to the Silistra ? Russe road. It also includes the open grasslands on the hill and the neighbouring small valley. The open grasslands have a steppe character, with single low trees and shrubs, mainly of Crataegus monogyna, Rosa canina, etc. The valley is overgrown with acacia Robinia pseudoacacia, and shrubs of Blackberry Rubus spp., Dog-rose Rosa canina, etc. in its lower parts.

4.2 Quality and importance

Stenata is a small area, which holds a big colony of the Bee-eater Merops apiaster, and where the Roller Coracias garrulus breeds as well. The area is one of the five most important sites for Bee-eater in the country. Stenata is a constant breeding and feeding place for a pair of Levant Sparrowhawks Accipiter brevipes. All the species mentioned above are included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, as needing special conservation measures. The Roller and Levant Sparrowhawk are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive.

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			
Rank				Rank			

	Threats and pressures [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i|o|b]		Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i|o|b]
L	D01.02		o	L	A04		i
M	G05		i				
L	C01.01		i				
L	A07		o				
L	E06		i				
M	E06		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

4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Yordan Kutsarov - 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 . 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; Kostadinova, I. (sust.) 1997. Ornitologichno vazhni mesta v Bulgaria. BDZP, Prirodozashtitna poredica. Kniga 1, BDZP, Sofia, 176 s. Birdlife International. 2004. Birds in Europe: Population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: Birdlife International (Birdlife Conservation Series No. 12).; Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.); BirdLife International. 2005. World Bird Database ? Important Birds Areas.Bulgaria. Cambridge. (unpublished); Heath, M.F. and Evans, M.I., eds. 2000. Important Bird Areas in Europe: Priority sites for conservation, vol. 2 Southern Europe. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 8).; 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. Preliminarily implementation and analysis of the gaps. ? In: Petrova, A. (ed.), Current state of Bulgarian biodiversity ? problems and perspectives. Pp. 533-548. Bulgarian Bioplatform, Sofia; 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; 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;

Link(s): **http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002031&siteType=BirdsDirective**

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
BG00	100.0				

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The area does not have legal protection under the national conservation legislation. In 1997 the area was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water - Ruse
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

☐	Yes
☐	No, but in preparation
☒	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).