



# NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

For Special Protection Areas (SPA),  
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for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE

BG0002074

SITENAME

Nikopolsko plato

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>1.1 Type</b> | <b>1.2 Site code</b> |
| A               | BG0002074            |

### 1.3 Site name

|                  |
|------------------|
| Nikopolsko plato |
|------------------|

|                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <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 – 841/17.11.2008 (promulgated SG 108/2008), amended by Order No. RD – 80/28.01.2013 (promulgated SG 10/2013). |

## 2. SITE LOCATION

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

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#### Longitude

24.9588888888889

#### Latitude

43.62611111111115

### 2.2 Area [ha]:

22246.3989

### 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       | A402 | <a href="#">Accipiter brevipes</a> |   |    | c                      | 3    | 4   | i    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A402 | <a href="#">Accipiter brevipes</a> |   |    | r                      | 1    | 3   | p    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A085 | <a href="#">Accipiter gentilis</a> |   |    | c                      |      | 2   | i    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A085 | <a href="#">Accipiter gentilis</a> |   |    | p                      | 2    | 2   | p    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A086 | <a href="#">Accipiter nisus</a>    |   |    | c                      | 10   | 42  | i    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A086 | <a href="#">Accipiter nisus</a>    |   |    | p                      | 1    | 4   | p    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A168 | <a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> |   |    | c                      |      |     |      | P       | DD           | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A168 | <a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> |   |    | r                      | 1    | 1   | p    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A229 | <a href="#">Alcedo atthis</a>      |   |    | p                      | 1    | 3   | p    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A052 | <a href="#">Anas crecca</a>        |   |    | c                      |      |     |      | P       | DD           | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A050 | <a href="#">Anas penelope</a>      |   |    | c                      |      |     |      | P       | DD           | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A053 | <a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a> |   |    | p                      | 1    | 8   | p    |         | G            | D               |       |       |       |
| B       | A053 | <a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a> |   |    | c                      |      |     |      | P       | DD           | D               |       |       |       |
| B       | A055 | <a href="#">Anas querquedula</a>   |   |    | c                      |      |     |      | P       | DD           | C               | B     | C     | C     |
| B       | A255 | <a href="#">Anthus campestris</a>  |   |    | r                      | 30   | 50  | p    |         | G            | A               | A     | C     | A     |
| B       | A091 | <a href="#">Aquila chrysaetos</a>  |   |    | c                      |      | 1   | i    |         | G            | C               | B     | C     | C     |

|   |      |                                           |  |  |   |     |     |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |
|---|------|-------------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----|-----|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|
| B | A089 | <a href="#">Aquila pomarina</a>           |  |  | c | 5   | 51  | i |   | G  | B | A | C | B |
| B | A089 | <a href="#">Aquila pomarina</a>           |  |  | r | 3   | 4   | p |   | G  | B | A | C | B |
| B | A028 | <a href="#">Ardea cinerea</a>             |  |  | c |     |     |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A029 | <a href="#">Ardea purpurea</a>            |  |  | c |     |     |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A060 | <a href="#">Aythya nyroca</a>             |  |  | r | 1   | 1   | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A215 | <a href="#">Bubo bubo</a>                 |  |  | p | 3   | 4   | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A087 | <a href="#">Buteo buteo</a>               |  |  | p | 4   | 4   | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A087 | <a href="#">Buteo buteo</a>               |  |  | c | 34  | 86  | i |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A403 | <a href="#">Buteo rufinus</a>             |  |  | p | 10  | 12  | p |   | G  | C | A | C | A |
| B | A403 | <a href="#">Buteo rufinus</a>             |  |  | c | 8   | 15  | i |   | G  | C | B | C | B |
| B | A243 | <a href="#">Calandrella brachydactyla</a> |  |  | r | 1   | 7   | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A136 | <a href="#">Charadrius dubius</a>         |  |  | r | 1   | 5   | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A196 | <a href="#">Chlidonias hybridus</a>       |  |  | c |     |     |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A196 | <a href="#">Chlidonias hybridus</a>       |  |  | r | 1   | 5   | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A198 | <a href="#">Chlidonias leucopterus</a>    |  |  | c |     |     |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A197 | <a href="#">Chlidonias niger</a>          |  |  | c |     |     |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A031 | <a href="#">Ciconia ciconia</a>           |  |  | r | 8   | 8   | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A031 | <a href="#">Ciconia ciconia</a>           |  |  | c | 145 | 400 | i |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A030 | <a href="#">Ciconia nigra</a>             |  |  | r | 4   | 5   | p |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A030 | <a href="#">Ciconia nigra</a>             |  |  | c | 6   | 98  | i |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A080 | <a href="#">Circus gallicus</a>           |  |  | c | 3   | 4   | i |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A080 | <a href="#">Circus gallicus</a>           |  |  | r | 3   | 4   | p |   | G  | C | A | C | A |
| B | A081 | <a href="#">Circus aeruginosus</a>        |  |  | p | 1   | 1   | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A081 | <a href="#">Circus aeruginosus</a>        |  |  | c | 21  | 229 | i |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A082 | <a href="#">Circus cyaneus</a>            |  |  | c | 1   | 13  | i |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A084 | <a href="#">Circus pygargus</a>           |  |  | c | 10  | 12  | i |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A231 | <a href="#">Coracias garrulus</a>         |  |  | r | 30  | 50  | p |   | G  | C | A | C | A |
| B | A122 | <a href="#">Crex crex</a>                 |  |  | r | 1   | 3   | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A429 | <a href="#">Dendrocopos syriacus</a>      |  |  | p | 33  | 80  | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A027 | <a href="#">Egretta alba</a>              |  |  | c |     |     |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A026 | <a href="#">Egretta garzetta</a>          |  |  | c |     |     |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A379 | <a href="#">Emberiza hortulana</a>        |  |  | r | 120 | 185 | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A511 | <a href="#">Falco cherrug</a>             |  |  | c | 1   | 2   | i |   | G  | B | B | B | B |
| B | A099 | <a href="#">Falco subbuteo</a>            |  |  | c | 2   | 8   | i |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A096 | <a href="#">Falco tinnunculus</a>         |  |  | c | 4   | 6   | i |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A096 | <a href="#">Falco tinnunculus</a>         |  |  | p | 2   | 5   | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A097 | <a href="#">Falco vespertinus</a>         |  |  | c | 1   | 5   | i |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A125 | <a href="#">Fulica atra</a>               |  |  | c |     |     |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A125 | <a href="#">Fulica atra</a>               |  |  | p | 2   | 2   | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A123 | <a href="#">Gallinula chloropus</a>       |  |  | p | 13  | 102 | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |

|   |      |                                        |  |  |   |     |      |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |
|---|------|----------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----|------|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|
| B | A123 | <a href="#">Gallinula chloropus</a>    |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A075 | <a href="#">Haliaeetus albicilla</a>   |  |  | c | 2   | 2    | i |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A075 | <a href="#">Haliaeetus albicilla</a>   |  |  | w | 1   | 1    | i |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A092 | <a href="#">Hieraetus pennatus</a>     |  |  | r | 3   | 3    | p |   | G  | B | A | C | A |
| B | A131 | <a href="#">Himantopus himantopus</a>  |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A022 | <a href="#">Ixobrychus minutus</a>     |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A022 | <a href="#">Ixobrychus minutus</a>     |  |  | r | 2   | 2    | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A338 | <a href="#">Lanius collurio</a>        |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | C | A | C | B |
| B | A338 | <a href="#">Lanius collurio</a>        |  |  | r | 145 | 1115 | i |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A339 | <a href="#">Lanius minor</a>           |  |  | r | 10  | 100  | p |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A459 | <a href="#">Larus cachinnans</a>       |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | D |   |   |   |
| B | A179 | <a href="#">Larus ridibundus</a>       |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | D |   |   |   |
| B | A246 | <a href="#">Lullula arborea</a>        |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | C | A | C | C |
| B | A246 | <a href="#">Lullula arborea</a>        |  |  | p | 50  | 503  | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A242 | <a href="#">Melanocorypha calandra</a> |  |  | p | 1   | 3    | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A230 | <a href="#">Merops apiaster</a>        |  |  | c | 73  | 1256 | i |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A230 | <a href="#">Merops apiaster</a>        |  |  | r | 490 | 490  | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A073 | <a href="#">Milvus migrans</a>         |  |  | c | 3   | 3    | i |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A074 | <a href="#">Milvus milvus</a>          |  |  | c |     | 1    | i |   | G  | C | B | C | B |
| B | A023 | <a href="#">Nycticorax nycticorax</a>  |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A094 | <a href="#">Pandion haliaetus</a>      |  |  | c |     | 2    | i |   | G  | C | B | B | C |
| B | A019 | <a href="#">Pelecanus onocrotalus</a>  |  |  | c |     | 45   | i |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A072 | <a href="#">Pernis apivorus</a>        |  |  | r | 3   | 3    | p |   | G  | C | A | C | B |
| B | A072 | <a href="#">Pernis apivorus</a>        |  |  | c | 5   | 145  | i |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A249 | <a href="#">Riparia riparia</a>        |  |  | r | 550 | 550  | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A307 | <a href="#">Sylvia nisoria</a>         |  |  | r | 6   | 12   | p |   | G  | C | A | C | C |
| B | A307 | <a href="#">Sylvia nisoria</a>         |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | C | A | C | C |
| B | A004 | <a href="#">Tachybaptus ruficollis</a> |  |  | r | 1   | 1    | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A004 | <a href="#">Tachybaptus ruficollis</a> |  |  | c |     |      |   | P | DD | C | B | C | C |
| B | A165 | <a href="#">Tringa ochropus</a>        |  |  | r | 1   | 1    | p |   | G  | C | B | C | C |
| B | A165 | <a href="#">Tringa ochropus</a>        |  |  | 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       | A247 | <a href="#">Alauda arvensis</a>        |   |    | 2500                   | 2500 |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A218 | <a href="#">Athene noctua</a>          |   |    | 26                     | 26   |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A363 | <a href="#">Carduelis chloris</a>      |   |    | 100                    | 100  |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A113 | <a href="#">Coturnix coturnix</a>      |   |    | 70                     | 70   |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A382 | <a href="#">Emberiza melanocephala</a> |   |    | 40                     | 40   |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A269 | <a href="#">Erithacus rubecula</a>     |   |    | 5                      | 5    |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A359 | <a href="#">Fringilla coelebs</a>      |   |    | 600                    | 600  |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A244 | <a href="#">Galerida cristata</a>      |   |    | 70                     | 70   |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A251 | <a href="#">Hirundo rustica</a>        |   |    | 1200                   | 1200 |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A233 | <a href="#">Jynx torquilla</a>         |   |    | 5                      | 5    |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A271 | <a href="#">Luscinia megarhynchos</a>  |   |    | 1170                   | 1170 |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A383 | <a href="#">Miliaria calandra</a>      |   |    | 1200                   | 1200 |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A214 | <a href="#">Otus scops</a>             |   |    |                        |      |      | P          |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A329 | <a href="#">Parus caeruleus</a>        |   |    | 2                      | 2    |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A235 | <a href="#">Picus viridis</a>          |   |    | 6                      | 6    |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A210 | <a href="#">Streptopelia turtur</a>    |   |    | 15                     | 15   |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A311 | <a href="#">Sylvia atricapilla</a>     |   |    | 35                     | 35   |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A283 | <a href="#">Turdus merula</a>          |   |    | 650                    | 650  |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A285 | <a href="#">Turdus philomelos</a>      |   |    | 44                     | 44   |      |            |               |   |                  |   | X |   |
| B       | A284 | <a href="#">Turdus pilaris</a>         |   |    |                        |      |      | P          |               |   |                  |   | X |   |

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**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 |
|---------------|---------|
| N07           |         |
| N12           | 42.0    |
| N21           | 9.0     |
| N10           | 1.0     |
| N08           | 4.0     |
| N09           | 15.0    |
| N16           | 13.0    |

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| N20                        |      |
| N06                        | 2.0  |
| N22                        |      |
| N23                        | 4.0  |
| N17                        |      |
| N15                        | 10.0 |
| <b>Total Habitat Cover</b> | NaN  |

### Other Site Characteristics

Nikopolsko Plateau is located in northern Bulgaria, the Danubian plain south of the town of Nikopol. To the north it borders on the Danube and the town, to the west and south ? on the Osam river, to the east ? on the Svishtov-Belene lowland, being limited by the villages of Dragash Voyvoda, Byala Voda and Dekov. Nikopolsko Plateau has a karst nature. A ridge with numerous rock exposures is formed above the Osam River. On the east it loses height and gradually descends to the lowland. The road Svishtov ? Nikopol passes through its territory. Most of the plateau is occupied by farmland, xerothermal (with *Dichanthium ischaemum*, *Poa bulbosa*, *Chrysopogon grillus* and *Stipa tirsia*) and mesoxerothermal (*Poa bulbosa*, *Lolium perenne*, *Cynodon dactylon*, etc.) grass associations in the ravines, at places overgrown with shrubs dominated by *Carpinus orientalis*. A big share of the territory is occupied by a mosaic of broadleaved forests mainly mixed ones of *Quercus pubescens* with undergrowth of *Cotynus coggygia*, but also single patches of mixed forests of *Tilia tomentosa*, *Q. cerris* and *Acer campestre*. Along the Osam River there are still preserved riverine forests of *Salix alba*. Hybrid poplar plantations predominate along the river (Bondev, 1991). In the plateau's western part around the Osam river there are flooded areas, remnants of former river beds, wet meadows, and open rocky terrain.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

Nikopolsko Plateau supports 92 breeding bird species, 16 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 43 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 30 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 27 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 25 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 Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus*, European Roller *Coracias garrulus*, Short-toed Eagle *Circus gallicus* and Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*. It is of European importance for the European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*, which breeds there in significant numbers. Nikopolsko Plateau holds also representative breeding populations of a complex of threatened species as Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*, Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*, Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*, Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*, Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* and Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*. In the region of Nikopolsko plateau occur 15 species of rare and endemic plant species, most of which with steppic origin. One of the most numerous colonies of the Souslik *Spermophilus citellus* in North Bulgaria occur there

### 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                | A01                          |                             | i                      |
| L                | J01                          |                             | i                      |
| L                | J01                          |                             | o                      |
| M                | E01                          |                             | o                      |
| M                | J02.12                       |                             | o                      |
| M                | C01.01                       |                             | o                      |
| M                | J02.12                       |                             | i                      |
| H                | C01.01.01                    |                             | i                      |
| H                | A01                          |                             | o                      |
| L                | K01.01                       |                             | i                      |
| H                | B                            |                             | i                      |
| M                | L08                          |                             | i                      |
| M                | E01                          |                             | i                      |
| L                | F03.01                       |                             | i                      |
| H                | B                            |                             | o                      |
| M                | B01.02                       |                             | i                      |
| L                | D01.02                       |                             | i                      |
| L                | F03.01                       |                             | o                      |
| H                | B02.02                       |                             | o                      |
| M                | J02.05.02                    |                             | o                      |
| M                | A04                          |                             | i                      |
| L                | D01.02                       |                             | o                      |
| H                | B01.02                       |                             | o                      |

| Positive Impacts |                               |                             |                        |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Rank             | Activities, management [code] | Pollution (optional) [code] | inside/outside [i o b] |
| L                | F03.01                        |                             | o                      |
| L                | D01.02                        |                             | o                      |

|   |           |  |   |
|---|-----------|--|---|
| H | J02.05.02 |  | i |
| M | L08       |  | o |
| H | B02.02    |  | 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

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002074&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 [%] |
|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|
| BG03 | 0.014     | BG00 | 80.341    | BG05 | 19.5      |
| BG06 | 0.145     |      |           |      |           |

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

designated at national or regional level:

| Type code | Site name        | Type | Cover [%] |
|-----------|------------------|------|-----------|
| BG06      | KISELETS         | +    | 0.045     |
| BG03      | NANIN KAMAK CAVE | +    | 0.01      |
| BG05      | PERSINA          | *    | 19.5      |
| BG06      | PLAVALA          | +    | 0.1       |
| BG03      | SKALNATA TZARKVA | +    | 0.004     |

designated at international level:

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

### 5.3 Site designation (optional)

About 18% of the proposed SPA territory is a part of the "Persina" Nature Park, designated in the year 2000 to protect the remarkable ecosystems typical for the Danube River. The park includes another 2 protected areas and one nature monument "cave". In 2005 the site is designated also 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; Forestry Department - Nikopol;<br>Danube River Basin Directorate; |
| 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).