



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

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SITE

BG0002087

SITENAME

Maritsa - Plovdiv

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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1.1 Type	1.2 Site code
A	BG0002087

1.3 Site name

Maritsa - Plovdiv

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 – 836/17.11.2008 (promulgated SG 108/2008).

B	A017	Phalacrocorax carbo		w	12	480	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus		w	19	3655	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus		c	1173	2965	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis		w	2	184	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus		w		8	i		G	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)

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N22	
N20	2.0
N21	3.0
N09	13.0
N15	8.0
N16	13.0
N08	3.0
N06	31.0
N07	1.0
N23	8.0
N10	
N12	18.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

The site includes the Maritsa River in its part from the village of Govedare and the town of Stamboliski to the rowing canal of Plovdiv, together with the riverine tree and shrub vegetation, mainly willow *Salix* spp., Alder *Alnus* spp. and poplar *Populus* spp..

4.2 Quality and importance

The islands and sand strips in the river, as well as the tree and shrub vegetation along its banks, are an important night roost for the globally threatened Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*. This is the biggest roost of the species along the Maritsa River and whole the Upper Thracian Plain. The birds, which overnight there, spend the days in the wetlands along River and the Upper Thracian Plain. In winter Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus* also concentrates 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	E05		o
L	F02.01.02		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
H	E05		o
H	B02.02		o

H	A01	i
M	A10	o
H	E03.01	i
M	G01.03	i
L	D02	o
H	E03	o
M	D01.01	o
M	G01.02	o
M	G01.03	o
L	J01	o
L	G01.01	i
H	A01	o
M	E01.03	o
M	A04	i
L	H05	o
M	F03.02.03	o
M	E03.01	o
H	D01.02	o
M	E01.03	i
H	C01.01	i
L	A10	i
L	D02.01	i
H	E05	i
L	L08	i
H	G02.05	o
L	G05	i
H	G02.05	i
M	E02.02	o
L	J02.01	i
L	B02.04	i
M	A04	o
M	E03.04	o
H	A08	i
M	H04	o
M	G02.08	i
L	G02	i
M	E03.03	i
M	H06.01	i
L	G02.08	o
H	A02	i
M	B01.02	o
M	J02.04	i
H	G01.01	o
M	E02.03	o
M	J02.03	i
H	E03.04	i
L	G02.03	o
M	E03.02	i
L	E02	o
M	A07	o
M	A02	o
H	F03.02.03	i
H	C01.01	o
M	A07	i
M	A05.01	i
M	B02.04	o
M	K01.03	i
L	K01.01	i
H	J02.01	o
M	B02.01	o
L	D01.05	i
M	J01	i
L	H05	i
H	A03	o
M	J02.05	i

M	B01	i
L	D02	o
M	B02.01	o
L	H05	i
H	A01	o
H	D02.01	o
M	B01	o
M	A05.01	o
L	J02.05.02	o
H	J02.01	o
M	A02	o
M	G01.02	o
H	D01.02	o
M	D01.01	o
M	A04	o
M	A05.02	o
M	H04	i
L	J02.01	i
M	E01.03	i
H	E05	i
M	E04.01	o
H	A08	i
M	G05	o
M	E03.04	o
M	G01.03	o
M	J02.04	o
H	A02	i
H	G01.01	o
H	C01.01	o
L	G02.08	o
M	E01.03	o
M	H04	o
L	G02.03	o
H	D02	i
H	A01	i
H	A09	o
H	F02.03	o
M	J02.05	i

M	D01.01	i
M	F03.01	o
H	D02.01	o
M	B01	i
H	A09	o
H	J02.05.02	i
H	G02.06	o
L	A08	o
M	J02.04	o
H	A03	i
M	G05	o
H	B02.02	o
H	F02.03	o
M	A05.02	o
M	E03.02	o
L	G02	o
M	D01.02	i
M	J02.03	o
M	H06.01	o
L	G01.02	i
H	F03.01	i
L	J02.05.02	o
M	E01.04	i
M	A05.02	i
H	F02.03	i
M	E01	o
H	D02	i
M	A05.01	o
L	B01.02	i
M	E04.01	o
M	E04.01	i
H	E03	i
H	E01	i
M	B01	o
M	H04	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

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Dr. Tz. Petrov - 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 ; B. Ivanov - Balkani Wildlife Society, 67 Ts. Tserkovski Str., apt. 3, 1421 Sofia, Tel. (+3592)9631470; Dr. P. Shurulinkov - Institute of Zoology, BAS, 1 "Tzar Osvoboditel" blvd., 1000 Sofia. 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; Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.); Kostadinova, I. (sust.) 1997. Ornitologichno vazhni mesta v Bulgaria. BDZP, Prirodzashtitna poredica. Kniga 1, BDZP, Sofia, 176 s.; Nikolov, Hr., S. Marin, A. Darakchiev. 1999. Malkiat kormoran v Bulgaria. Razprostranenie, chislenost i zaplahi. ? Nauch. Tr. Plov. Univ., Animalia, 35, 6, 67-81.; Iankov, P. 2002.(red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptici v Bulgaria. Nacionalni planove za dejstvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodzashtitna poredica, Kn. 4, Sofia: 204-219.; BirdLife International. 2000. Threatened birds of the world. Barcelona and Cambridge, UK: Lynx Edicions and BirdLife International, 695pp. Birdlife International. 2004. Birds in Europe: Population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: Birdlife International (Birdlife Conservation Series No. 12).373pp.; BSPB. 2001. Proposal for new protected areas for conservation of the Pygmy Cormorant (Phalacrocorax pygmeus) and threatened riverine habitats and wetlands along Maritsa and Tundzha rivers. (unpublished). (In Bulgarian); BSPB/BirdLife International. 2005. World Bird Database ? Important Birds Areas.Bulgaria. Cambridge. (unpublished); Guidelines for evaluation of protected zones according, which include habitats for birds to art.7, par.3, under the art.6 par.1.3 and 1.4 of the Biodiversity Act. 2005. (In Bulgarian.); Iankov, P., N. Petkov, A. Kovachev, D. Plachiisky. (in print). Pygmy Cormorant in Bulgaria 2001/2002. Final Report. Kostadinova, I., S.Dereliev. 2001. Results the Mid-Winter Counts of Waterbirds in Bulgaria for the period 1997- 2001. BSPB Conservation Series. Book 3, BSPB, Sofia, BG; 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=BG0002087&siteType=BirdsDirective>

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
BG06	7.34	BG00	92.66		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	NOSHTUVKA NA MALAK KORMORAN	+	7.34

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The area is not protected by the national nature conservation law. Part of the area, where the roost of the Pygmy Cormorant is situated, is under procedure of designation as protected area. In 2005 it was designated also as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Water - Plovdiv, Pazardzhik; East-Aegean River Basin Directorate; Forestry Departments - Krichim, Plovdiv;
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).

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