



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

BG0002128

SITENAME

Tsentralen Balkan bufer

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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1.1 Type	1.2 Site code
A	BG0002128

1.3 Site name

Tsentralen Balkan bufer

1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
2011-02	2015-07

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation:	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
Address:	Sofia Maria Luiza Blvd. 22 1000 Sofia
Email:	r.dimova@moew.government.bg

1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	2011-05
National legal reference of SPA designation	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No.335/26.05.2011 (promulgated SG 41/2011)
Explanation(s):	Site classified as SPA and adopted as pSCI by Council of Ministers Decision No. 335/26.05.2011 (promulgated SG 41/2011). 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 – 321/04.04.2013 (promulgated SG 46 and 47/2013).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude

24.3349

Latitude

42.8455

2.2 Area [ha]:

72021.4029

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
BG34	Югоизточен / Yugoiztochen
BG32	Северен централен / Severen tsentralen
BG41	Югозападен / Yugozapaden
BG42	Южен централен / Yuzhen tsentralen

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Alpine (88.6 %)

Continental (11.4 %)

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	Accipiter brevipes			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			p	60	60	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A223	Aegolius funereus			p	9	9	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A465	Alectoris graeca graeca			p				P	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A091	Aquila chrysaetos			c				P	DD	B	A	C	A
B	A091	Aquila chrysaetos			p	6	6	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A404	Aquila heliaca			c				P	DD	A	A	C	A
B	A089	Aquila pomarina			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A089				c				P	DD	C	B	C	C

		Aquila pomarina												
B	A104	Bonasa bonasia			p	71	71	m			C	A	C	A
B	A215	Bubo bubo			p	9	9	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A215	Bubo bubo			c				P	DD	B	A	C	A
B	A087	Buteo buteo			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	69	69	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			c				P	DD	B	B	C	A
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			p	14	24	p		G	B	B	C	A
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r	119	119	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	1	1	p			C	A	C	B
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A080	Circaetus gallicus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A122	Crex crex			r				P	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A239	Dendrocopos leucotos			p	1	10	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A238	Dendrocopos medius			p	57	57	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus			p	25	25	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			p	42	42	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			r	60	60	p		G	C		C	C
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c	3	3	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A511	Falco cherrug			r	1	1	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			c				P	DD	B	A	C	A
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			r	5	5	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			p	24	24	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A320	Ficedula parva			r	195	195	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A442	Ficedula semitorquata			r	75	75	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A217	Glaucidium passerinum			p	6	6	p		G	B	A	A	A
B	A092	Hieraetus pennatus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A092	Hieraetus pennatus			p	1	1	p			C	A	C	C
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	500	800	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A339	Lanius minor			r	4	4	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A246	Lullula arborea			p	145	145	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A094	Pandion haliaetus			c				V	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	B

B	A072	Pernis apivorus		r	5	5	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A234	Picus canus		p	39	39	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A220	Strix uralensis		p	8	8	p		G	A	A	B	A
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria		r	100	200	p		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	
N17	2.0
N15	7.0
N08	8.0
N21	
N25	11.0
N16	47.0
N19	24.0
N23	1.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

"Tsentralen Balkan bufer" SPA covers almost entirely the buffer zone of "Central Balkan" National Park. Its boundaries almost coincide with those of IBA "Central Balkan" with few exceptions along the southern border, where additional nesting areas of conservation significant birds of prey are covered. It is low-and middle mountain area the major part of which is covered by forests (primarily deciduous). Some pastures are also included.

4.2 Quality and importance

In "Tsentralen Balkan bufer" SPA are found 34 species of birds listed in Annex 1 of the Birds Directive (2009/147/EC). Of these, 27 species nest and 7 species pass through the area during migration. The site is an important part of the Natura 2000 network in Bulgaria for birds, ensuring the effective conservation of many conservation significant birds of prey and woodland birds. Regarding the breeding species, the site is especially crucial to the protection of 7 species that are represented by over 2% of their national population: Long-legged Buzzard (*Buteo rufinus*) - represented by 3% of the national population, Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) - represented by 4% of the national population, Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - represented by 3% of the national population; Eurasian Eagle-owl (*Bubo bubo*) - represented by 2% of the national population, Eurasian Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium passerinum*) - presented by 8% of the national population; Red-breasted Flycatcher (*Ficedula parva*) - represented 16% of the national population; Semi-collared Flycatcher (*Ficedula semitorquata*) - represented by 3% of the national population.

4.5 Documentation

Proposal and description of the site made by Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 1113 Sofia, 2 Yuriy Gagarin Str., tel. (+359 2) 8736 137, fax (+359 2) 8 705 498. Documents: Natura 2000 Database of IBER-BAS. Kostadinova, I. & Gramatikov, M. 2007. Important Bird Areas in Bulgaria Natura 2000. BSPB Sofia. Yankov, P. 2007. Atlas of the Breeding Birds in Bulgaria, BSPB Sofia.

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002128&siteType=BirdsDirective>

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS (optional)

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
BG00	97.7413	BG06	0.0269	BG03	0.2616
BG01	1.8837	BG04	0.0865		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG01	Leshnitsa	+	0.519
BG01	Elenova gora	+	0.0769
BG03	Evkaya - Kamennata kushta	+	0.0239
BG06	Zhdreloto	+	0.0269
BG03	Orlov kamak - chervenata stena	+	0.0538
BG04	Chamdzha	+	0.0865
BG03	Suchurum	+	0.0127
BG01	Kamenshtiza	+	1.2878
BG03	Cherti grad	+	0.15
BG03	Mechkite	+	0.0211

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The site is important for the conservation of woodland bird species listed in Annex 1 of the Birds Directive. It complements the conservation impact of the neighboring sites on the territory of the Balkan Mountain and ensures the inclusion of important areas for nature protection in Bulgaria in the Natura 2000 network.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorates of Environment and Water - Veliko Tarnovo, Pleven, Plovdiv, Sofia, Stara Zagora
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).

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