



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 BG0000237
SITENAME Ostrov Pozharevo

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type	1.2 Site code	Back to top
A	BG0000237	

1.3 Site name

Ostrov Pozharevo

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 – 838/17.11.2008 (promulgated SG 108/2008).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude Latitude
26.6994 44.0647

2.2 Area [ha]: 2.3 Marine area [%]
975.7903 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

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3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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

[illegible]

B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r	4	4	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A231	Coracias garrulus			r	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus			p	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			p	3	3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A027	Egretta alba			w		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A027	Egretta alba			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A026	Egretta garzetta			c				P	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A026	Egretta garzetta			r	8	28	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A002	Gavia arctica			w		1	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A075	Haliaeetus albicilla			w	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A075	Haliaeetus albicilla			p	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A075	Haliaeetus albicilla			c	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A068	Mergus albellus			w		2	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A069	Mergus serrator			w	3	10	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A073	Milvus migrans			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A023	Nycticorax nycticorax			r	10	26	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A023	Nycticorax nycticorax			c				P	DD	B	A	C	A
B	A020	Pelecanus crispus			w		1	i		G	B	A	B	A
B	A017	Phalacrocorax carbo			r	60	100	p		G	A	A	C	C
B	A017	Phalacrocorax carbo			w		15	i		G	A	A	C	C
B	A017	Phalacrocorax carbo			c	10	10	i		G	A	A	C	C
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus			w		22	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus			r	150	350	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A234	Picus canus			p	5	5	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A034	Platalea leucorodia			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A032	Plegadis falcinellus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A005	Podiceps cristatus			w		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A008	Podiceps nigricollis			w	50	100	i		G	A	A	C	C
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis			w		7	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)

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	A363	Carduelis chloris			7	7	p						X	
B	A269	Erithacus rubecula			12	12	p						X	

B	A359	Fringilla coelebs			15	15	p						X	
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos			12	12	p						X	
B	A329	Parus caeruleus			13	13	p						X	
B	A235	Picus viridis			7	7	p						X	
B	A210	Streptopelia turtur			10	10	p						X	
B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla			10	10	p						X	
B	A283	Turdus merula			10	10	p						X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos			15	15	p						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

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Habitat class	% Cover
N16	31.0
N08	0.0
N09	7.0
N10	3.0
N22	15.0
N20	2.0
N21	2.0
N15	0.0
N23	0.0
N12	0.0
N06	40.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

An island on the Danube with the adjacent section of the river and Bulgarian river banks, km 424 to km 423, located north of the village of Pozharevo and covered by woodlands. The main habitat on the island is a typical riverine forest of willow *Salix* spp. and White Poplar *Populus alba* with rich undergrowth. Every year the Danube floods the island, most often in the period February-April. Its banks are covered by sand strips.

4.2 Quality and importance

Pozharevo Island supports 69 bird species, 16 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 25 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 4 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 5 in SPEC 2 and 16 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 21 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 19 are also listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive. Pozharevo island is of global importance as a breeding site for the globally threatened Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*. It hosts one of the five biggest mixed colonies of Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*, Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* and Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* in the country. In winter the island is regularly visited by two other globally threatened species – the Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus* and the Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis*. It is of international importance for several other wintering waterfowl species, especially Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*, Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*, Smew *Mergus albellus* and Greylag Goose *Anser anser*, which form considerable concentrations there. Pozharevo Island is a roosting and feeding area for the White-tiled Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Yordan Kutsarov, Dr. Petar Iankov - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds, Bulgaria, 1111 Sofia, P.O.Box 50, phone (+359 2) 9715855, fax (+359 2) 9715856, www.bspb.orgData 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;Iankov, P. 2002.(red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptitsi v Balgariya. Natsionalni planove za deystvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodozashtitna poreditsa, Kn. 4, Sofiya: 204-219.;MOSV. 2005. Arhiv na zastitenite teritorii v Balgaria. Baza dannii (nepubl.);Nikolov, Hr., S. Marin, A. Darakchiev. 1999. Malkiyat kormoran v Balgariya. Razprostranenie, chislenost i zaplahi. Nauch. Tr. Plov. Univ., Animaliya, 35, 6, 67-81.;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).;BirdLife International. 2005. World Bird Database Important Birds Areas.Bulgaria. Cambridge. (unpublished);Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.);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).;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 Bioplatfrom, Sofia;MOEW. 1998. CORINE Biotopes Database of the sites of European Importance for the biodiversity. Bulgaria, MOSV (nepubl.);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;Petkov, N. 1998a. Current Status of the Ferruginous Duck (Aythya nyroca) in Bulgaria. Partimadar, 6-7, MME, Budapest, 4449.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=BG0000237&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 [%]
BG00	93.0	BG06	7.0		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	SAYA KULAK	+	
BG06	POZHAREVO ISLAND	+	7.0

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

So far 7.4% of the area has legal protection according to national nature conservation legislation. There are two protected areas - the Sya Kulak Protected Area, which was designated in 2003 to protect the typical landscapes, and the Pozharevo Island Protected Area, which was designated to protect the typical habitats for birds. In 1998 about 75% of the area is appointed as CORINE Site because of its European value for habitats, rare and threatened plant and animal species, including birds. In 1997 the area was appointed as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International. 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 -Ruse;Danubean River Basin Directorate;Forestry Department - Tutrakan;
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

☐	Yes
☐	No, but in preparation
☒	No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:	
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Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

☐	Yes	☒	No
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Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).

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