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For Special Protection Areas (SPA),
Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI),
Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and
for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE	**BG0000247**
SITENAME	**Nikopolsko plato**

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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1.1 Type	1.2 Site code
B	BG0000247

1.3 Site name

Nikopolsko plato

1.4 First Compilation date	1.5 Update date
2004-07	2021-11

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation:	Ministry of Environment and Water, “National Nature Protection Service” Directorate
Address:	Sofia Kn. Maria Luiza Blvd. 22 1000 Sofia
Email:	natura2000@moew.government.bg

1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	0000-00
National legal reference of SPA designation	No data

Date site proposed as SCI:	2007-03
Date site confirmed as SCI:	2008-12
Date site designated as SAC:	2021-03
National legal reference of SAC designation:	Designation Order No. RD – 323/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 52 /2021) issued by the Minister of Environment and Water.

Explanation(s):	Adopted by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). Issued by the Minister of Environment and Water designation Order No. RD – 323/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 52 /2021) with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the site.

2. SITE LOCATION

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2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude	Latitude
24.9628	43.6111

2.2 Area [ha]:	2.3 Marine area [%]
18500.6869	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

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3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

Annex I Habitat types						Site assessment			
Code	PF	NP	Cover [ha]	Cave [number]	Data quality	A|B|C|D	A|B|C		
						Representativity	Relative Surface	Conservation	Global
1530			78.13		M	B	C	B	B
6110			14.61751			A	C	B	A
6240			436.14		M	A	B	B	B
6250			1697.35		M	A	B	A	A
6430			11.09		M	B	C	B	B
6510			74.01272			C	C	B	B
8210			121.21		M	B	C	B	B
8310				5	G	C	C	C	C
9180			20.59		M	C	C	C	C
91E0			24.3		M	B	C	B	B
91F0			4.49		M	C	C	C	C
91H0			82.53		M	C	C	C	C
91Z0			398.99		M	A	C	B	B

- **PF:** for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter "X" in the column PF to indicate the priority form.
- **NP:** in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Cover:** decimal values can be entered
- **Caves:** for habitat types 8310, 8330 (caves) enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not available.
- **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)

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	
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G	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	T	Size		Unit	Cat.	qual.	A|B|C|D	A|B|C		
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
F	1130	Aspius aspius			p	190990	190990	area	P	G	C	B	B	A
M	1308	Barbastella barbastellus			p	11	50	i	V	M	C	B	C	C
F	1138	Barbus meridionalis			p	859495	859495	area	P	P	C	A	C	A
A	1188	Bombina bombina			p	4	4	localities	V	P	C	A	C	B
A	1193	Bombina variegata			p			localities	P	DD	C	A	B	A
M	1352	Canis lupus			p	0	2	i	P	M	C	A	C	B
I	1088	Cerambyx cerdo			p				P	DD	C	C	C	C
F	1149	Cobitis taenia			p	16284	16284	i	C	G	C	A	C	A
R	5194	Elaphe sauromates			p	1	1	localities	V	P	C	A	C	A
R	1220	Emys orbicularis			p	1	1	localities	V	P	C	A	C	A
F	2484	Eudontomyzon mariae			p				V	DD	D			
I	1083	Lucanus cervus			p	53337	104923	i	R	M	C	C	C	C
M	1355	Lutra lutra			p	2	3	i	C	G	C	B	C	B
M	2609	Mesocricetus newtoni			p				V	DD	C	B	C	C
M	1310	Miniopterus schreibersii			p	51	100	i	R	G	C	B	C	C
I	1089	Morimus funereus			p				P	DD	C	C	C	C
M	2633	Mustela eversmanii			p				R	DD	C	A	C	A
M	1307	Myotis blythii			p	51	100	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
M	1316	Myotis capaccinii			p	101	250	i	R	G	C	B	B	C
M	1321	Myotis emarginatus			p	51	100	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
M	1324	Myotis myotis			p	51	100	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
I	1084	Osmoderma eremita			p				P	DD	C	C	C	C
M	1306	Rhinolophus blasii			p	51	100	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
M	1305	Rhinolophus euryale			p	251	500	i	C	G	C	B	C	B
M	1304	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum			p	251	500	i	C	G	C	B	C	B
M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros			p	51	100	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
M	1302	Rhinolophus mehelyi			p	51	100	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
F	5339	Rhodeus amarus			p	21538	21538	i	C	G	C	A	C	B
F	5329	Romanogobio vladykovi			p				V	DD	D			
M	1335	Spermophilus citellus			p	8	8	colonies	C	G	C	B	C	A
R	1219	Testudo graeca			p	12	12	localities	C	G	C	A	B	A
R	1217	Testudo hermanni			p			localities	P	DD	C	A	C	A
I	4064	Theodoxus transversalis			p	13513	13513	i	V	M	B	A	C	A
A	1993	Triturus dobrogicus			p			localities	P	DD	C	A	C	A
A	1171	Triturus karelinii			p			localities	P	DD	C	C	C	C
I	1032	Unio crassus			p	463077	463077	i	R	M	C	B	C	B
M	2635	Vormela peregusna			p				P	DD	C	B	C	B

- **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
F		Abramis brama						P						X
F		Alburnus alburnus						C						X
P		Anchusa stylosa						P			X			
P		Anemone sylvestris						P			X			
I		Argynnis paphia						C			X			
P		Astragalus pubiflorus						P			X			
F		Barbus barbus						C						X
A		Bufo viridis						C					X	
I		Calosoma inquisitor						R						X
I		Calosoma sycophanta						R			X			
P		Caragana frutex ssp. mollis						R			X			
P		Celtis glabrata						R				X		
P		Chamaecytisus kovacevii						R					X	
F		Chondrostoma nasus						C						X
R		Coluber caspius											X	
M		Cricetus cricetus						R			X			
P		Dianthus cartusianorum						P				X		
P		Dianthus nardiformis						P					X	
R		Elaphe longissima						C					X	
P		Ephedra distachya						R			X			
M		Eptesicus serotinus						R			X			
F		Esox lucius						R						X
P		Fritillaria orientalis						R			X			
M		Glis glis						R			X			
P		Goniolimon tataricum						P			X			
A		Hyla arborea						C					X	
M		Hypsugo savii						R			X			
R		Lacerta trilineata						C					X	
R		Lacerta viridis						C					X	
I		Laemostenus stoevi						P				X		
I		Lestes dryas						C			X			
F		Leuciscus cephalus						C						X

F		Leuciscus idus						C						X
P		Limodorum abortivum						R			X			
P		Linum tauricum ssp. linearifolium						P				X		
M		Mus spicilegus						R			X			
M		Muscardinus avellanarius						R			X			
M		Myotis daubentonii						R			X			
M		Myotis mystacinus						R			X			
M		Nannospalax leucodon						R			X			
R		Natrix tessellata						P					X	
P		Nepeta parviflora						R			X			
M		Nyctalus leisleri						R			X			
M		Nyctalus noctula						R			X			
A		Pelobates fuscus						C					X	
A		Pelobates syriacus balcanicus						C					X	
M		Pipistrellus pipistrellus						R			X			
I		Platycleis medvedevi						R			X			
M		Plecotus austriacus						R			X			
R		Podarcis muralis											X	
R		Podarcis taurica											X	
A		Rana dalmatina						R					X	
F		Rutilus rutilus						C						X
P		Seseli rigidum						P				X		
P		Stachys arenariaeformis						P					X	
F		Vimba vimba						C						X
R		Vipera ammodytes						C					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

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4.1 General site character

Habitat class	% Cover
N09	18.0
N15	41.0
N08	9.0
N21	8.0
N23	5.0
N16	19.0

Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

Carst plateau with elements of steppe vegetation. Caves.

4.2 Quality and importance

Broad-leaved forests, vineyards, cereal fields. The edge stripes of the plateau area and the hardly-accessible steep gulches provide nice and safe breeding habitats for many birds. Very important for the existance of invertebrate fauna. The most important site in Bulgaria for the preseravtion of code 6250 Panonnic loess steppes. They have many rare, threatened and endemic species into their floristic composition. The site is isolated calcareous plateau with thick loess cover. It is very rich and with different animal species. The one of the most important site (or the most important one) in North Bulgaria for the populations of Spermophylus citellus and Testudo hermanii. There are many endemic plant communities - for example - with the participation of local Bulgarian endemic Linum tauricum ssp. linearifolium. The rocky vegetation is very specific one - Dianthus nardiformis, Celtis glabrata. As a complex of different features - flora, fauna, geology - it si one the most important site in North Bulgaria.

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]
M	A04		i
H	A01		o
L	E01		o
H	E02.01		o
M	F06		o
L	D03.02		o
L	E03		o
H	H04		o
M	B02.02		o
L	D02		i
L	A10		i
M	K01.01		i
M	B02.02		i
H	C01.01.01		i
M	D01.02		i
L	A07		i
L	H05		i
H	B		o
M	H04		i
M	F06		i
H	J02.12		i
M	E02.01		i
H	A01		i
M	J02.12		o
L	F02.03		o
H	B		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i|o|b]
M	A04		i
L	D02		i
H	J02.12		i
L	G05		i
L	D03.02		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

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by N. Todorov, I. Nikolov, D. Dobrev, A. Stoyanov, I. Pandurski, V. Popov, Z. Hubenov, Chr. Deltshev - Institute of Zoology, 1 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd, Sofia; N. Tsankov - Sofia University, Biology Faculty; Rossen Tzonev - Sofia University, rossentzonev@abv.bgData revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (http://www.bas.bg). New data provided by project "Mapping and assessment of the conservation status of the natural habitats and species - Phase 1" (see link).

Link(s): http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000247&siteType=HabitatDirective

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	99.99	BG03	0.01		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG03	Nanin kamak	+	0.01

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The site's designation is to preserve 9 habitats from European importance. It is the most important one in Bulgaria for 6250. It has the most important significance in Danube plain for the populations of Spermophylus citellus and Testudo hermanii. It preserves one of the two populations in Bulgaria of Dianthus nardiformis and the the biggest of Stachys arenariaeformis. The localities with a big concentration of rare, threatened and endemic plant and animal species and plant communities.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water: Pleven
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No, but in preparation
- [x] No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

Reduction of fertilisers and pesticides used for cultivation.The illegal quarries must be stop immediately. Ecological forest management. Stop of the slaughters in the lime and oak forests. Joining of the part of the site to Natural Monument "Persina".

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:

Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).