



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 BG0000266
SITENAME Peshtera Mandrata

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type B	1.2 Site code BG0000266	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Peshtera Mandrata

1.4 First Compilation date 2004-05	1.5 Update date 2021-11
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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:	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:	2020-12
National legal reference of SAC designation:	Designation Order No. RD - 1036/17.12.2020 (promulgated SG 19 /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). Amended by Council of Ministers Decision No. 598/22.07.2016 (promulgated SG 59/2016), including the area of SCI BG0000607 deleted with the same Decision. Issued by the Minister of Environment and Water designation Order No. RD - 1036/17.12.2020 (promulgated SG 19/2021) 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

24.5258

Latitude

43.0624

2.2 Area [ha]:

1.8159

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

3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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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
8310B				2	G	A	C	B	A

- **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				
G	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	T	Size		Unit	Cat.	D. qual.	A B C D	A B C		
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
M	1352	Canis lupus			p				P	DD	D			
M	1310	Miniopterus schreibersii			r	600	1500	i	C	G	C	B	C	B
M	1310	Miniopterus schreibersii			w	1	100	i	C	G	C	B	C	C
M	1323	Myotis bechsteinii			p				P	DD	D			
M	1307	Myotis blythii			p	1	100	i	R	G	C	B	C	C
M	1316	Myotis capaccinii			p	51	100	i	R	G	C	B	C	C
M	1321	Myotis emarginatus			p	11	50	i	R	G	C	B	C	C
M	1324	Myotis myotis			p	1	100	i	R	M	C	B	C	C
M	1306	Rhinolophus blasii			p	11	50	i	R	G	C	B	C	C

M	1305	Rhinolophus euryale			r	400	1000	i	C	G	C	B	C	B
M	1304	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum			p	100	800	i	C	G	C	B	C	B
M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros			p	1	50	i	R	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
I		Niphargus bureschi			0	0		P				X		
I		Typhloiulus bureschi			0	0		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
N22	5.0
N16	75.0
N25	20.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

BG0000266 comprises a complex of two caves in the land of Village Mikre, Ugarchin municipality, Lovech district. These are "Mandrata" cave ("Goljamata Mikrenska Peshtera" cave) and "Malkata Mikrenska Peshtera" cave ("Mikre" cave). The site covers forest areas which are state property. The entrances of the two caves are located on 120 m from one another. The total length of the mapped underground passages of the "Mandrata" cave is 1,9 km. This cave has been used for dairy and mushroom in the past and because of that now there are remains of the facilities that have been used. The entrance is obstructed from a crumbling building and around 300 m of input ground has been cemented. The natural flow of the underground river has been damaged by water intake. There is 2 meters tall barrage inside the cave. Because of the easy access in it regularly enter caving tourists, hunters, treasure-hunters, local residents and others. The cave is located in guarded hunting reserve, which somewhat limits the mass access of people. The total length of the mapped underground passages of the "Malkata Mikrenska Peshtera" cave is 1,3 km.

4.2 Quality and importance

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The two caves in the site represent the habitat type 8310-“Caves not open to the public”. Furthermore “Mandrata” cave (“Goljamata Mikrenska Peshtera” cave) is one of the most significant caves for bat conservation in Bulgaria - bat refuge that all-year is inhabited by bat colonies. The cave is used by at least 5 cave-dwelling bat species whose total number in the summer runs to 1564 individuals and at least 274 individuals in the winter. The cave fauna is quite well explored – there are known several regional endemic species.

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	F03.01		o
M	G01.04.02		i
H	B		o
M	G05.04		i
L	G01.04.03		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]

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 two separate sites: BG0000266 “Peshtera Mandrata” made by PANDOURSKI I., V. POPOV, Institute of Zoology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 1 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd., 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria; BG0000607 “Peshtera Mikre” made by Teodora Ivanova, tea@lomea.org.; Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>). Proposal for uniting the both sites made by Boyan Petrov (BRCC-NMNH-BAS) due to a technical error in the initial proposal and description. New data provided by project “Mapping and assessment of the conservation status of the natural habitats and species - Phase 1”. Other listed documents: BENDA P., T. IVANOVA, I. HORÁČEK, V. HANÁK, J. CHERVENÝ, J. GAISLER, A. GUEORGUIEVA, B. PETROV, V. VOHRALÍK, 2003. Bats (Mammalia: Chiroptera) of the Eastern Mediterranean, Part 3: Review of bat distribution in Bulgaria. Acta Soc. Zool. Bohem., 67: 245-357. 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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000266&siteType=HabitatDirective>

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	100.0				

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

5.3 Site designation (optional)

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>

No, but in preparation

No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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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).