



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

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for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE BG0002003

SITENAME Kresna

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type	1.2 Site code	Back to top
A	BG0002003	

1.3 Site name

Kresna

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 - 748/24.10.2008 (promulgated SG 97/2008).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude	Latitude
23.165555555555553	41.72888888888889

2.2 Area [ha]:	2.3 Marine area [%]
23495.5854	0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code	Region Name
BG41	Югозападен / Yugozapaden

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

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.
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			c				P	DD	A	A	C	A
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			r	4	7	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			p	4	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			r	4	6	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A079	Aegypius monachus			c	1	2	i	V	G	C	A	B	B
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	9	11	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A465	Alectoris graeca graeca			p	30	45	p		G	C	B	B	B
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos			p	1	9	p		G	D			
B	A255	Anthus campestris			c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A255	Anthus campestris			r	5	10	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A091	Aquila chrysaetos			p	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A090	Aquila clanga			c	1	5	i	P	G	C	B	B	B
B	A404	Aquila heliaca			r		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A404	Aquila heliaca			c		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A089	Aquila pomarina			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A089	Aquila pomarina			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea			c	2	2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A215	Bubo bubo			p	4	5	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A133	Burhinus oedicnemus			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	7	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			p	3	4	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			r	5	10	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	B

B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r	70	160	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r	25	35	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			r	5	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	4	4	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A080	Circaetus gallicus			c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A080	Circaetus gallicus			r	3	6	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A231	Coracias garrulus			r	10	12	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A231	Coracias garrulus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A122	Crex crex			r	3	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A238	Dendrocopos medius			p	20	30	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus			p	35	50	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			p	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			c				P	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			r	240	340	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A101	Falco biarmicus			c		1	p	P	G	A	B	A	B
B	A511	Falco cherrug			p		1	p		G	B	A	C	B
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c	2	3	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A100	Falco eleonora			c	20	50	i	P	G	C	B	B	B
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			r	3	5	p		G	B	A	C	B
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			p	25	30	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A097	Falco vespertinus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A442	Ficedula semitorquata			r		1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus			p	1	3	p		G	D			
B	A078	Gyps fulvus			p	2	4	p	P	G	B	A	B	B
B	A078	Gyps fulvus			c	10	30	i	P	G	B	A	B	B
B	A092	Hieraaetus pennatus			r	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A092	Hieraaetus pennatus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A439	Hippolais olivetorum			r	45	60	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A338	Lanius collurio			c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	740	900	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A339	Lanius minor			r	20	25	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A339	Lanius minor			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A433	Lanius nubicus			r	15	20	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A246	Lullula arborea			p	600	620	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra			p	5	10	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			r	60	60	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops apiaster			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A074	Milvus milvus			c	1	2	i	R	G	C	B	B	B
B	A077	Neophron percnopterus			r		1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A020	Pelecanus crispus			c	10	30	i	P	G	C	B	A	C
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			r	4	6	p		G	C	A	C	B

B	A304	Sylvia cantillans			180	180	p						X	
B	A305	Sylvia melanocephala			25	25	p						X	
B	A283	Turdus merula			1400	1400	p						X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos			200	200	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
N08	37.0
N12	12.0
N19	10.0
N09	9.0
N21	2.0
N22	
N17	6.0
N23	2.0
N15	2.0
N06	1.0
N16	19.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

Kresna is situated in South-west Bulgaria along the Struma River valley in the region of Kresna Gorge. On the south it reaches the villages Palat and Drakata, on the north the village Krupnik, on the east - the foot of the Pirin Mountain and on the west the foothills of the Maleshevska Mountain. The climate is transitory Mediterranean. The sediment soils prevail along the river course, followed by moltic, delluvial alluvial shallow soils and in the periphery maroon soils. The Kresna Gorge is a rocky complex on a silicate base. It features steep stony slopes, a big rock massif with vertical cliff walls and smaller rocky habitats. South of the gorge there are hills covered with Mediterranean vegetation, with altitude up to 500 m. The mixed oak forests - Quercus pubescens, Carpinus orientalis, and Fraxinus ornus, as well as the mixed forests of Juniperus excelsa and Q. pubescens with undergrowth of evergreen Mediterranean shrubs are widely spread at an altitude of up to 500 m. Forests of Juniperus excelsa with undergrowth of Juniperus oxycedrus prevail at certain places. Paliurus spina-cristi and Pistacia terebinthus occur mainly along the gorges. In the more southern regions occur some typical Mediterranean evergreen species as Quercus coccifera and Phillyrea media. The associations of Pubescent Oak and Oriental Hornbeam are quite characteristic. The Juniper and mixed Juniper-Pubescent Oak forests with undergrowth of evergreen Mediterranean shrubs are the habitats, which determine the high proportion of the Mediterranean speices (more than 30%) in the ornithofauna of Kresna. Along the Struma valley in the Kresna gorge and in the foothills of the Pirin Mountain there are associations of Platanus orientalis. The lower parts of these regions along the rivers and on the wet spots support associations of willow and alder Salix spp. and Alnus spp. An endemic species occurring there is Minuartia dilijane. There are also sparse artificial plantations of Austrian Pine Pinus nigra as well as farmlands, mainly pastures.

4.2 Quality and importance

The region of Kresna supports 147 bird species. Twenty-two of them are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria. Sixty-four are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), two species being included in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened (the Corncrake Crex crex), 22 species in SPEC 2 and 40 species in SPEC 3 as threatened in Europe. Kresna supports the populations of a 44 bird species of European Union importance, 35 of which are included in Annex I of Bird Directive. Kresna is of global importance as a representative example for the Mediterranean biome. Eight biome-restricted bird species, typical for the Mediterranean biome occur there Rock Partridge Alectoris graeca, Olive-tree Warbler Hippolais olivetorum, Masked Shrike Lanius nubicus, Woodchat Shrike Emberiza melanocephala, Black-eared Wheatear Oenanthe hispanica, Subalpine Warbler Sylvia cantillans, Sardinian Warbler Sylvia melanocephala and

Rock Nuthatch *Sitta neumayer*. For the Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes* the region of Kresna is one of the most important breeding sites in Bulgaria. The area supports considerable country populations of the Rock Partridge *Alectoris graeca*, Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*, Olive-tree Warbler *Hippolais olivetorum*, Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*, Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus*, Woodlark Lullula *arborea*, Corn Bunting *Miliaria calandra*, Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*, Sombre Tit *Parus lugubris*, Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush *Monticola saxatilis* and Scops Owl *Otus scops*. The Kresna Gorge is situated on the migration route Via Aristotelis and it is of regional importance for migrating birds mainly passerines and raptors, but also waterbirds.

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	D01.02		i
H	D01.04		i
L	F03.01		i
L	A05.01		i
H	C01.01.01		i
H	J02.05		i
H	E01.04		i
L	A05.02		i
M	B01		i
L	F03.02.01		i
H	K01.01		i
M	F03.02.03		i
H	C01.07		i
M	A04		i
H	E03.01		i
M	G05		i
H	H06.01		i
M	C01.01		i
M	J01		o
H	E03		i
L	F02.03		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

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	F02.03		i
H	E03		i
M	A09		i
H	H06.01		i
L	A05.02		i
M	A03		i
H	E01.03		i
H	D01.04		i
H	E01.04		i
H	C01.07		i
L	A05.01		i

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002003&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 [%]
BG06	1.05	BG00	96.546	BG03	0.004
BG01	2.4				

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	NATURAL PLANE TREE HABITAT - KUCHKARNIKA	+	0.049
BG03	MOMINA SKALA	+	0.004
BG06	NATURAL PLANE TREE HABITAT	+	
BG06	MORAVSKA	+	1.0
BG06	NATURAL PLANE TREE HABITAT - BUYNA	+	
BG01	TISATA	+	2.4

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

About 6% of the territory of Kresna is given legal protection under the national nature conservation law. The only reserve in the area Tissata was designated in 1949 for the protection of Juniperus exelsa. Initially the reserve covers 19 ha, but in 1978 it is enlarged to its present territory. The Moravska Natural Monument is designated also for the conservation of Juniper. The other protected areas are designated for the protection of typical landscapes and plant communities. In 1997 the area was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International. It largely overlaps with Kresna CORINE Site appointed in 1998 because of its European value for habitats, rare and threatened plant and animal species, including birds.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water -Blagoevgrad;West-Aegean Rive Basin Directorate; Forestry Departments - Kresna, Simitli,Tsaparevo
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:

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).