



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

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

SITE BG0002074
SITENAME Nikopolsko plato

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type	1.2 Site code	Back to top
A	BG0002074	

1.3 Site name

Nikopolsko plato

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 – 841/17.11.2008 (promulgated SG 108/2008), amended by Order No. RD – 80/28.01.2013 (promulgated SG 10/2013).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude 24.95888888888889 Latitude 43.626111111111115

2.2 Area [ha]: 22246.3989 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

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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	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			r	1	7	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			r	1	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A196	Chlidonias hybridus			r	1	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A196	Chlidonias hybridus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A198	Chlidonias leucopterus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A197	Chlidonias niger			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			c	145	400	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			r	8	8	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	4	5	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			c	6	98	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A080	Circetus gallicus			c	3	4	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A080	Circetus gallicus			r	3	4	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			p	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			c	21	229	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			c	1	13	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A084	Circus pygargus			c	10	12	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A231	Coracias garrulus			r	30	50	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A122	Crex crex			r	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus			p	33	80	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A027	Egretta alba			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A026	Egretta garzetta			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana			r	120	185	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c	1	2	i		G	B	B	B	B
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			c	2	8	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			p	2	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			c	4	6	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A097	Falco vespertinus			c	1	5	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A125	Fulica atra			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A125	Fulica atra			p	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus			p	13	102	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A075	Haliaeetus albicilla			c	2	2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A075	Haliaeetus albicilla			w	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A092	Hieraetus pennatus			r	3	3	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A131	Himantopus himantopus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A022	Ixobrychus minutus			r	2	2	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A022	Ixobrychus minutus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	145	1115	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A338	Lanius collurio			c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A339	Lanius minor			r	10	100	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A459	Larus cachinnans			c				P	DD	D			
B	A179	Larus ridibundus			c				P	DD	D			
B	A246	Lullula arborea			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A246	Lullula arborea			p	50	503	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra			p	1	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A230	Merops aplaster			c	73	1256	i		G	C	B	C	C

B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla			35	35	p						X	
B	A283	Turdus merula			650	650	p						X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos			44	44	p						X	
B	A284	Turdus pilaris						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

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4.1 General site character

Habitat class	% Cover
N17	
N15	10.0
N06	2.0
N12	42.0
N07	
N10	1.0
N23	4.0
N22	
N09	15.0
N21	9.0
N08	4.0
N16	13.0
N20	
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

Nikopolsko Plateau is located in northern Bulgaria, the Danubian plain south of the town of Nikopol. To the north it borders on the Danube and the town, to the west and south on the Osam river, to the east on the Svishtov-Belene lowland, being limited by the villages of Dragash Voyvoda, Byala Voda and Dekov. Nikopolsko Plateau has a karst nature. A ridge with numerous rock exposures is formed above the Osam River. On the east it loses height and gradually descends to the lowland. The road Svishtov Nikopol passes through its territory. Most of the plateau is occupied by farmland, xerothermal (with *Dichanthium ischaemum*, *Poa bulbosa*, *Chrysopogon grillus* and *Stipa tirsia*) and mesoxerothermal (*Poa bulbosa*, *Lolium perenne*, *Cynodon dactylon*, etc.) grass associations in the ravines, at places overgrown with shrubs dominated by *Carpinus orientalis*. A big share of the territory is occupied by a mosaic of broadleaved forests mainly mixed ones of *Quercus pubescens* with undergrowth of *Cotynus coggygria*, but also single patches of mixed forests of *Tilia tomentosa*, *Q. cerris* and *Acer campestre*. Along the Osam River there are still preserved riverine forests of *Salix alba*. Hybrid poplar plantations predominate along the river (Bondev, 1991). In the plateau's western part around the Osam river there are flooded areas, remnants of former river beds, wet meadows, and open rocky terrain.

4.2 Quality and importance

Nikopolsko Plateau supports 92 breeding bird species, 16 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 43 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 2 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 11 in SPEC 2 and 30 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 27 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 25 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. The site is one of the most important in the country on a European Union scale for the Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*, European Roller *Coracias garrulus*, Short-toed Eagle *Circaetus gallicus* and Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*. It is of European importance for the European Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*, which breeds there in significant numbers. Nikopolsko Plateau holds also representative breeding populations of a complex of threatened species as Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*, Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*, Honey Buzzard *Pernis*

apivorus, Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina*, Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* and Red-backed Shrike *Lanius collurio*. In the region of Nikopolsko plateau occur 15 species of rare an dendemic plant species, most o fwhich with steppic origin. One of the most numerous colonies of the Souslik *Spermophilus citellus* in North Bulgaria occur there

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	E01		o
H	C01.01.01		i
H	A01		o
H	B02.02		o
L	F03.01		i
L	K01.01		i
L	J01		i
H	A01		i
H	J02.05.02		i
M	J02.12		o
M	J02.05.02		o
L	D01.02		o
M	E01		i
H	B02.02		i
H	B		o
M	L08		o
L	J01		o
H	B01.02		o
M	C01.01		o
M	J02.12		i
H	B		i
M	A04		i
M	L08		i
M	B01.02		i
L	D01.02		i
L	F03.01		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

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	D01.02		o
L	F03.01		o

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0002074&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	80.341	BG03	0.014	BG05	19.5
BG06	0.145				

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	KISELETS	+	0.045
BG05	PERSINA	*	19.5
BG03	SKALNATA TZARKVA	+	0.004
BG06	PLAVALA	+	0.1
BG03	NANIN KAMAK CAVE	+	0.01

designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

About 18% of the proposed SPA territory is a part of the Persina Nature Park, designated in the year 2000 to protect the remarkable ecosystems typical for the Danube River. The park includes another 2 protected areas and one nature monument cave. In 2005 the site is designated also as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water - Pleven; Forestry Department - Nikopol; Danubean River Basin Directorate;
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).