



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

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for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE BG0002104
SITENAME Tsibarsko blato

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type	1.2 Site code	Back to top
A	BG0002104	

1.3 Site name

Tsibarsko blato

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 – 558/05.09.2008 (promulgated SG 84/2008).

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude	Latitude
23.472777777777775	43.82166666666667

2.2 Area [ha]:	2.3 Marine area [%]
909.7647	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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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	A029	Ardea purpurea			r	5	5	p		G	B	B	C	A
B	A060	Aythya nyroca			r	5	20	p		G	B	B	C	A
B	A021	Botaurus stellaris			p	3	3	p		G	B	B	C	A
B	A196	Chlidonias hybridus			r		60	p		G	B	B	C	A
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c	1	2	i		G	C	A	B	B
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus			p	3	3	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A022	Ixobrychus minutus			r	50	60	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A179	Larus ridibundus			r		50	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A118	Rallus aquaticus			p	10	10	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A142	Vanellus vanellus			r	5	5	p		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)

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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Habitat class	% Cover
N06	7.0
N10	31.0

N08	3.0
N16	13.0
N12	24.0
N21	
N09	17.0
N15	1.0
N23	4.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

Tsibarsko marsh is located in north-western Bulgaria, about 20 km east of the town of Lom. It is a remnant of a huge former natural wetland with diverse hygrophYTE vegetation and open areas with mosaic location, occupying a relief declination between the villages of Stanevo and Dolni Tsibar on the Danube bank. In 1948-49 the wetland is drained through a succession of hydro-amelioration actions (building a dyke on the Danube and a system of drainage canals with a pumping station). Recently, because of the stopping of the pumping station, part of the marsh has naturally recovered by retaining autumn and spring rain water in the periods of high Danube waters, accompanied by high underground waters, snow melting and rainfalls. At present its area is about 185 ha and includes a flooded poplar plantation with shallow water pools, overgrown with reed, reed mace and other hydrophyte and hydrophile vegetation, surrounded and cut by a network of canals. The open water surface is partly covered by *Trapa natans*, *Nymphoides peltata*, *Lemna frislulca*, *L. minor*, *Persicaria ampibia*, *Oenanthe aquatica*, *Potamogeton* spp., etc.

4.2 Quality and importance

Tsibarsko Marsh is one of the most important sites in Bulgaria on a European Union scale for conservation of habitats and the breeding populations the Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*, Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*, Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*, Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* and Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*.

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]
L	A07		o
M	E03.01		o
M	F02.03		o
M	F03.02.03		o
M	F03.01		o
L	E03.01		i
L	J02.01		i
L	J02.01.02		i
L	J02.01.02		o
M	J02.05		o
L	K01.03		i
M	F03.02.03		i
M	E03.03		o
L	J02.01.01		o
L	K01.03		o
M	F03.01		i
L	A08		o
L	E03.03		i
L	J02.01		o
L	F02.03		i
L	K02.02		i
L	J02.01.01		i
L	J02.05		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]
M	F02.03		o

4.4 Ownership (optional)

4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Dr. Nikolai Petkov - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds, Bulgaria, 1111 Sofia, P.O. Box 50, phone (+359 2) 9715855, fax (+359 2) 9715856, www.bspb.org .Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (http://www.bas.bg).Documents: BDZP/BirdLife Balgariya. 2005. Nacionalna banka za ornitologichna informacia 1988-2005, Balgarsko Druzhestvo za zastita na pticite;Botev, B. and Tz. Peshev, (eds). 1985. Red Data Book of Republic Bulgaria. 2: Animals. Sofia: Bulgarian Academy of Science. (In Bulgarian.);Iankov, P. 2002.(red.). Svetovno zastrasheni vidove ptici v Bulgaria. Nacionalni planove za dejstvie za opazvaneto im. Chast 1. BDZP-MOSV, Prirodozashtitna poredica, Kn. 4, Sofia: 204-219.;Petkov, N. 1997b. Suvremenno sustoianie na belookata potapnica (Aythya nyroca) v Bulgaria. Diplomna rabota, Biologicheski Fakultet pri SU Sv. Kl. Ohridski, Sofia, 104 s.;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).373pp.;BSPB/BirdLife International. 2005. World Bird Database Important Birds Areas.Bulgaria. Cambridge. (unpublished);Guidelines for evaluation of protected zones according, which include habitats for birds to art.7, par.3, under the art.6 par.1.3 and 1.4 of the Biodiversity Act. 2005. (In Bulgarian.);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 Bioplatform, SofiaOsieck, 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.Petkov, N., 2004. Comparative Ecological Research of the Ferruginous Duck (Aythya nyroca Guldenstaedt, 1979) and the Pochard (Aythya ferina ferina Linnaeus, 1758) During the Breeding Season in Bulgaria. PHD Thesis. BAS, Sofia, 232 pp. (In Bulgarian.)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=BG0002104&siteType=BirdsDirective>

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:
designated at international level:

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

5.3 Site designation (optional)

Tsibarsko marsh is not protected by the national nature conservation law. In 2005 it was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water - Montana; 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

x

No

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