



# 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 BG0002109  
SITENAME Vasilyovska planina

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## 1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

<b>1.1 Type</b> A	<b>1.2 Site code</b> BG0002109	<a href="#">Back to top</a>
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### 1.3 Site name

Vasilyovska planina

<b>1.4 First Compilation date</b> 2005-10	<b>1.5 Update date</b> 2015-07
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### 1.6 Respondent:

<b>Name/Organisation:</b>	Ministry of Environment and Water, "National Nature Protection Service" Directorate
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### 1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

<b>Date site classified as SPA:</b>	2007-12
<b>National legal reference of SPA designation</b>	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 802/04.12.2007 (promulgated SG 107/2007).
<b>Explanation(s):</b>	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 802/04.12.2007 (promulgated SG 107/2007). 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 - 529/26.05.2010 (promulgated SG 48/2010).

## 2. SITE LOCATION

### 2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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**Longitude** 24.358333333333334      **Latitude** 42.96

**2.2 Area [ha]:** 45472.7881      **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
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## 2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Alpine (32.0  
%)

Continental (68.0  
%)

## 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			
						Min	Max				Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
B	A085	<a href="#">Accipiter gentilis</a>			p	15	20	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A086	<a href="#">Accipiter nisus</a>			p	5	10	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A168	<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a>			r	5	6	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A229	<a href="#">Alcedo atthis</a>			p	10	12	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A465	<a href="#">Alectoris graeca graeca</a>			p	3	12	p		G	C	A	B	B
B	A052	<a href="#">Anas crecca</a>			w		10	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	<a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a>			p	5	10	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A053	<a href="#">Anas platyrhynchos</a>			w		292	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A091	<a href="#">Aquila chrysaetos</a>			p	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A028	<a href="#">Ardea cinerea</a>			w		23	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A028	<a href="#">Ardea cinerea</a>			r	2	14	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A059	<a href="#">Aythya ferina</a>			w		2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A061	<a href="#">Aythya fuligula</a>			w		5	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A104	<a href="#">Bonasa bonasia</a>			p	20	35	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A215	<a href="#">Bubo bubo</a>			p	5	8	p		G	C	B	C	A
B	A087	<a href="#">Buteo buteo</a>			p	15	25	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A403	<a href="#">Buteo rufinus</a>			p	1	1	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A224	<a href="#">Caprimulgus europaeus</a>			r	60	180	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A031	<a href="#">Ciconia ciconia</a>			r	5	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A030	<a href="#">Ciconia nigra</a>			r	3	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A030	<a href="#">Ciconia nigra</a>			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A080	<a href="#">Circaetus gallicus</a>			r	2	4	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A080	<a href="#">Circaetus gallicus</a>			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A122	<a href="#">Crex crex</a>			r	120	236	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A036	<a href="#">Cygnus olor</a>			w		10	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A239	<a href="#">Dendrocopos leucotos</a>			p	2	7	p		G	C	B	C	C

B	A238	<a href="#">Dendrocopos medius</a>			p	65	150	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A429	<a href="#">Dendrocopos syriacus</a>			p	85	200	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A236	<a href="#">Dryocopus martius</a>			p	20	30	p		G	C	B	C	B
B	A027	<a href="#">Egretta alba</a>			w		6	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A026	<a href="#">Egretta garzetta</a>			c	5	15	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A026	<a href="#">Egretta garzetta</a>			r	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A379	<a href="#">Emberiza hortulana</a>			r	30	80	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A096	<a href="#">Falco tinnunculus</a>			p	3	13	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A442	<a href="#">Ficedula semitorquata</a>			r	25	60	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A002	<a href="#">Gavia arctica</a>			c	2	5	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A002	<a href="#">Gavia arctica</a>			w		6	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A075	<a href="#">Haliaeetus albicilla</a>			w	1	1	i		G	C	B	A	C
B	A075	<a href="#">Haliaeetus albicilla</a>			c				P	DD	C	B	A	C
B	A338	<a href="#">Lanius collurio</a>			r	250	450	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A339	<a href="#">Lanius minor</a>			r	5	15	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A246	<a href="#">Lullula arborea</a>			p	120	150	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A230	<a href="#">Merops apiaster</a>			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A230	<a href="#">Merops apiaster</a>			r	35	35	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A023	<a href="#">Nycticorax nycticorax</a>			c	3	7	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A023	<a href="#">Nycticorax nycticorax</a>			r	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A094	<a href="#">Pandion haliaetus</a>			c	1	1	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A020	<a href="#">Pelecanus crispus</a>			w		5	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A072	<a href="#">Pernis apivorus</a>			r	5	10	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A234	<a href="#">Picus canus</a>			p	25	30	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A307	<a href="#">Sylvia nisoria</a>			r	70	80	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A165	<a href="#">Tringa ochropus</a>			r	2	4	p		G	C	A	B	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
B	A247	<a href="#">Alauda arvensis</a>			73	73	p						X	
B	A218	<a href="#">Athene noctua</a>			18	18	p						X	
B	A363	<a href="#">Carduelis chloris</a>			170	170	p						X	
B	A207	<a href="#">Columba oenas</a>			10	10	p				X			
B	A347	<a href="#">Corvus monedula</a>			28	28	p							X
B	A113	<a href="#">Coturnix coturnix</a>			60	60	p						X	

B	A269	<a href="#">Erithacus rubecula</a>			4325	4325	p						X	
B	A359	<a href="#">Fringilla coelebs</a>			11750	11750	p						X	
B	A244	<a href="#">Galerida cristata</a>			20	20	p						X	
B	A251	<a href="#">Hirundo rustica</a>			295	295	p						X	
B	A233	<a href="#">Jynx torquilla</a>			58	58	p						X	
B	A271	<a href="#">Luscinia megarhynchos</a>			175	175	p						X	
B	A383	<a href="#">Miliaria calandra</a>			170	170	p						X	
B	A214	<a href="#">Otus scops</a>			17	17	p						X	
B	A329	<a href="#">Parus caeruleus</a>			397	397	p						X	
B	A235	<a href="#">Picus viridis</a>			95	95	p						X	
B	A210	<a href="#">Streptopelia turtur</a>			73	73	p						X	
B	A311	<a href="#">Sylvia atricapilla</a>			1140	1140	p						X	
B	A283	<a href="#">Turdus merula</a>			3950	3950	p						X	
B	A285	<a href="#">Turdus philomelos</a>			1139	1139	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
N15	
N10	16.0
N19	8.0
N09	8.0
N06	2.0
N21	4.0
N22	
N08	2.0
N16	50.0
N17	3.0
N23	2.0
N12	5.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

#### Other Site Characteristics

The site is located in northern Bulgaria, between the towns of Yablanitsa, Teteven and Troyan. It covers the Vasilyovska Mountain and almost coincides with its orographic limits. The areas northern part includes Sopot reservoir. About half of the mountain is covered by forests mainly broadleaved beech forests of *Fagus sylvatica* subsp. *moesiaca*. There are coniferous plantations at some places. The open areas occupy about 30% of the sites total area, the biggest share being covered by meadows and farmlands.

### 4.2 Quality and importance

The proximity of Vasilyovska Mountain to the Central Balkan National park, as well as the sparse and peripheral population, are prerequisites for its rich biodiversity and preserved habitats. The site includes the valuable wet meadows near Vasilyov, Lesidren and Golyama Zhelezna, as well as a big part of the Vit river course, which forms a kind of corridor for the birds in this part of the Balkan Mountain. Its western part

covers also a part of Lisets Mountain with its old beech forests and pastures trophic habitats for a number of bird species. Sopot reservoir in the sites northern part is an important roost and feeding place for a number of waterfowl and wetland birds during migration and in winter. It supports 108 breeding bird species, 13 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 41 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 1 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 13 in SPEC 2 and 27 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 26 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 23 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. Vasilyovska mountain is a site of global importance for the conservation of the globally threatened Corncrake *Crex crex*. It is one of the most important sites in Bulgaria on a European Union scale for this species as well as for the Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* and the Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria*. The area holds also representative populations of the Middle-spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos medius*, the Black Woodpecker *Dryocopus martius*, the European Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus* and the Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*.

#### 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	D02.09		i
M	B02.02		i
L	B02.01		o
M	G02		o
M	E03.01		i
L	F03.02.09		o
M	B		i
L	G01.04		i
L	K01.01		o
M	E01		o
L	F03.01		i
M	A03		o
L	F03.02.09		i
L	B02.03		o
L	G05		i
M	G02.08		i
L	G05		o
L	E02		i
L	F01		o
M	J02.05.02		i
M	F03.02.03		i
L	E04.01		o
L	D02.01		o
L	A04		o
L	F04.01		o
L	E05		i
L	F03.02		i
M	J02.10		o
M	J02.12		i
L	A07		o
L	E02.02		i
H	K01.03		o
M	A10		i
L	G02.03		i
L	E02.02		o
L	E03.03		i
L	D01.02		i
L	B02.03		i
L	D01.05		i
M	J02.10		i
M	J02.01		i

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
L	G02.03		i
L	D01.05		i
L	A09		o
L	G02.04		o
L	A05.01		o
L	D01.01		o
L	D01.01		i
L	A05.02		o
L	A05.01		i
L	G01.02		o
M	G02.10		o
L	G01.02		i
L	A01		i
L	E01.02		i
M	F02.03		i
L	E01.02		o
L	D01.05		o
L	G02.04		i
M	G02.10		i
M	F02.03		o
L	A03		i
L	A04		i
L	F02.03.01		o
L	A01		o
L	G02.03		o
L	A09		i
L	F02.03.01		i
L	A05.02		i
L	A04		o

L	F04		o
M	E01		i
L	A05.02		o
H	K01.03		i
M	J02.01		o
L	F03.02.01		o
L	A10.01		i
L	E02.01		o
L	D01.05		o
L	B03		o
L	J01		o
L	A05.01		i
L	A04		i
L	E05		o
L	A08		i
M	G02.10		i
L	B01.02		o
L	F04		i
M	C01.01.01		i
L	G01		i
M	C01.01		o
L	A04.03		o
L	F03.01		o
L	E02		o
L	B02.01		i
L	F03.02		o
L	F03.02.02		o
L	G02.03		o
L	B01.02		i
M	F03.02.03		o
M	G02		i
M	C01.01.01		o
M	G02.08		o
L	A04.03		i
L	B01		i
L	E03.02		i
M	E03		i
L	E02.01		i
L	G01.04		o
L	E04.01		i
L	F03.02.02		i
L	A03		i
M	J02.01.01		i
L	G01		o
L	F02.03.01		o
L	K01.01		i
M	B02.02		o
L	D02.01		i
M	B		o
L	A07		i
L	E03.03		o
L	F02.03.01		i
L	A05.02		i
L	E01.03		i
M	J02.01.01		o
L	B03		i
L	F01		i
M	E03.01		o

L	A10.01		o
L	E01.03		o
L	D01.02		o
L	B01		o
M	J02.05.02		o
L	A08		o
L	B02.04		i
L	J01		i
M	J02.12		o
L	B02.04		o
M	G02.10		o
M	C01.01		i
L	A05.01		o
L	F03.02.01		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

#### 4.4 Ownership (optional)

#### 4.5 Documentation

Initial proposal and description of the site made by Ivailo Nikolov - Balkani Wildlife Society, 67 Tsanko Tserkovski St., 2nd floor, apt.3, Sofia 1421, Tel. (+359 2) 963 14 70, Fax (+359 2) 963 31 93, e-mail: balkani@bluelink.net .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.;Michev, T., C. Petrov, L. Profirov, P. Iankov, S. Gavrailov. 1989. Razprostranenie I prirodozashtiten status na skalnia orel Aquila chrisaetos chrisaetos (L.), 1758 v Bulgaria. Izv. Muz. IU. Bulgaria, 15, 79-87.;MOSV. 2005. Arhiv na zastitenite teritorii v Balgaria. Baza danni (nepubl.);Petrov, .C 1997b. Beliat shturkel (Ciconia ciconia) v Bulgaria. Prirodozashtitna poredica, Kniga 2, BDZP, Plovdiv.;Petrov, C., P.Iankov, T. Michev, B. Milchev, L. Profirov. 1991. Razprostranenie, chislenost I merki za opazvane na chernia shturkel, Ciconia nigra (L.) v Bulgaria. Izv. Muz. IU. Bulgaria, T. 17, 25-32.; Simeonov, S., T. Michev. 1985. Suvremenno razprostranenie I chislenost na buhala (Bubo bubo(L.) v Bulgaria. Ekologia, 15, 60-65.;\*\*\*. 2005. District Development Strategy of Lovech District 2005 2015. Lovech. 94pp. (In Bulgarian);\*\*\*. 2004. Strategy of Tourism Development in Troyan Municipality for the period 2004 2007. Draft. (In Bulgarian);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., 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, SofiaKouzmanov, G., G. Stoyanov, R. Todorov. 1996. Sur la Biologie et la Protection de l'Aigle royal Aquila chrysaetos en Bulgarie. - In: Meyburg, B.-U. & R.D. Chancellor eds. 1994. Raptor Conservation Today, WWGBP/ The Pica Press, 505-515.; Michev, T., Tz. Petrov, L. Profirov. 1989. Status, breeding, distribution, numbers and conservation of the White Stork in BulgariaMOEW. 1998. CORINE Biotopes Database of the sites of European Importance for the biodiversity. Bulgaria, MOSV (nepubl.);Osieck, 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;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=BG0002109&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	99.909	BG03	0.017	BG06	0.074

### 5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	DRAGOVO PRISOE	+	0.003
BG06	KRIVATSITE	+	0.007
BG03	TOPLYA CAVE	+	0.002
BG06	LISETS	+	0.007
BG06	VALOGA	+	0.013
BG03	GLOZHENSKI WATERFALL	+	0.002
BG03	MOROVITSA CAVE	+	0.01
BG06	USOYNATA	+	0.037
BG03	KOMAN WATERFALL	/	
BG03	LYASTOVITSATA CAVE	+	0.001
BG06	ANOMIR	+	0.007
BG03	RUSHOVA CAVE	+	0.002

### 5.3 Site designation (optional)

The whole territory of Vasilyovksa Mountain is included in Central Balkan CORINE Site, which is designated in 1998 because of its European value for rare and threatened habitats, plant and animal species, including birds. However less than 1% of the site is under protection by the national nature conservation law. There are 7 protected areas and 5 nature monuments here designated for the protection of typical landscapes, waterfalls and caves. In 2005 Vasilyovska mountain 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 - Pleven; Danubean River Basin Directorate; Forestry Department - Borima, Etropole, Lesidren, Lukovit, Ribaritsa, Teteven, Troyan;
Address:	
Email:	

### 6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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).