



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 BG0000496
SITENAME Rilski manastir

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type C	1.2 Site code BG0000496	Back to top
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1.3 Site name

Rilski manastir

1.4 First Compilation date 2006-03	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
Address:	Sofia Kn. Maria Luiza Blvd. 22 1000 Sofia
Email:	natura2000@moew.government.bg

1.7 Site indication and designation / classification dates

Date site classified as SPA:	2011-05
National legal reference of SPA designation	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No.335/26.05.2011 (promulgated SG 41/2011)
Date site proposed as SCI:	2007-03
Date site confirmed as SCI:	2008-12
Date site designated as SAC:	2021-03
National legal reference of SAC designation:	Designation Order No. RD - 283/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 45 /2021) issued by the Minister of Environment and Water.
Explanation(s):	Adopted as pSCI by Council of Ministers Decision No. 122/02.03.2007 (promulgated SG 21/2007). Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 335/26.05.2011 (promulgated SG 41/2011). Issued designation order by the Minister of Environment and Water with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the SPA - Order No. RD - 886/25.11.2013 (promulgated SG 107/2013). Issued by the Minister of Environment and Water designation Order No. RD - 283/ 31.03.2021 (promulgated SG 45/2021) with prohibitions and restrictions on activities contradicting the conservation objectives of the SAC.

2. SITE LOCATION

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2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

Longitude

23.3647

Latitude

42.1242

2.2 Area [ha]:

25299.8005

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

BG41

Югозападен / Yugozapaden

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Alpine (100.0
%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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
3130B			74.77		G	A	B	B	B
3160B			1.97		G	A	B	B	B
3260B			7.08		G	A	C	B	B
4060B			1776.07		M	A	B	A	A
4070B			2166.93		M	A	B	A	A
4080B			3.8		G	B	A	B	B
6150B			1722.26		M	A	A	A	A
6170B			4.02		G	D			
6230B			4037.91		M	A	B	A	A
62D0B			1238.63		M	A	B	B	B
6430B			354.9527			B	B	B	B
6520B			26.47		G	A	C	B	B
7140B			8.76		G	B	C	B	B
8110B			441.22		M	A	B	A	A
8120B			5.44		G	C	C	B	B
8220B			585.89		M	A	B	A	A
9110B			53.41		G	A	C	A	A
9130B			2074.58		M	A	C	B	A
9170B			565.23763			B	C	A	B
9180B			13.34		G	D			

91BA			1362.97			A		B	A	A
91CA			1102.05838			A		C	A	A
91D0			4.23		G	C		C	A	B
91E0			17.13		G	B		C	A	B
9410			1379.25		M	A		C	B	B
95A0			650.52		M	A		B	A	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.
B	A085	Accipiter gentilis			p	6	6	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			p	7	7	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A223	Aegolius funereus			p	20	20	p		G	C	A	B	B
B	A079	Aegypius monachus			c				V	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A465	Alectoris graeca graeca			p	11	11	p		G	C	A	B	C
B	A091	Aquila chrysaetos			p	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A090	Aquila clanga			c				V	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A404	Aquila heliaca			c				V	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A089	Aquila pomarina			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
I	1093	Austropotamobius torrentium			p			i	C	G	C	A	C	A
M	1308	Barbastella barbastellus			p	63	120	i	C	M	C	B	C	B
A	1193	Bombina variegata			p	1	1	localities	V	P	C	A	C	A
B	A104	Bonasa bonasia			p	120	120	males			B	A	B	B
B	A087	Buteo buteo			p	16	16	p		G	C	A	C	C
M	1352	Canis lupus			p	5	6	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus			r	26	26	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A136	Charadrius dubius			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A030	Ciconia nigra			r	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A080	Circaetus gallicus			r	2	2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			w				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A122	Crex crex			r	26	26	males			C	A	C	B
I	1086	Cucujus cinnaberinus			p	1	1	localities	R	P	B	A	C	B
B	A239	Dendrocopos leucotos			p	17	17	p		G	C	A	B	B

B	A238	Dendrocopos medius			p	19	19	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A236	Dryocopus martius			p	17	17	p		G	C	A	C	B
R	1220	Emys orbicularis			p			localities	P	DD	C	C	C	C
I	1065	Euphydryas aurinia			p	50467	100480	i	C	M	C	A	B	A
I	6199	Euplagia quadripunctaria			p	7	30	i	V	P	C	B	C	B
B	A101	Falco biarmicus			c				V	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A511	Falco cherrug			c				V	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A103	Falco peregrinus			p	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo			r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus			p	3	3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A320	Ficedula parva			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A217	Glaucidium passerinum			p	13	13	p		G	C	A	B	B
B	A092	Hieraetus pennatus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A338	Lanius collurio			r	426	426	p		G	C	A	C	C
I	1083	Lucanus cervus			p				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A246	Lullula arborea			r	74	74	p		G	C	A	C	C
M	1355	Lutra lutra			p	14	14	i		G	C	B	C	B
I	1089	Morimus funereus			p	102636	119216	i	R	M	C	A	C	B
M	1323	Myotis bechsteinii			p	6	14	i	V	M	D			
M	1321	Myotis emarginatus			p	6	10	i	V	G	D			
M	1324	Myotis myotis			p				P	DD	D			
I	1084	Osmoderma eremita			p	35614	69751	i	V	M	C	A	C	B
I	4053	Paracaloptenus caloptenoides			p	2	2	localities	R	M	C	A	C	A
B	A072	Pernis apivorus			r	1	1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A241	Picoides tridactylus			p	3	3	p		G	C	A	B	B
B	A234	Picus canus			p	14	14	p		G	C	A	C	C
I	4042	Polyommatus eroides			p	2889	5777	i	C	M	C	A	B	A
M	1304	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum			p	6	10	i	V	G	C	C	C	C
M	1303	Rhinolophus hipposideros			p	51	100	i	C	G	B	B	C	C
I	1087	Rosalia alpina			p	15265	27801	i	R	M	C	B	C	B
M	1371	Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica			p	65	90	i		M	C	B	C	A
R	1217	Testudo hermanni			p			localities	P	DD	C	C	C	C
B	A108	Tetrao urogallus			p	19	19	males			C	A	B	C
P	4116	Tozzia carpathica			p				P	DD	C	B	C	C
A	1171	Triturus karelinii			p			localities	P	DD	C	C	C	C
M	1354	Ursus arctos			p	9	9	i		G	C	A	C	A

- **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
R		Ablepharus kitaibelii						V					X	
P		Anthemis sancti-johannis						R			X			
I		Apatura iris						P						X
I		Brenthis hecate						P						X
A		Bufo viridis						R					X	
I		Calosoma sycophanta						P			X			
I		Carabus intricatus						C					X	
I		Carterocephalus palaemon						P					X	
M		Chionomys nivalis										X		
I		Coenonympha rhodopensis						C				X		
I		Colias caucasica						P			X			
R		Coluber caspius						V					X	
R		Coronella austriaca						C					X	
P		Dactylorhiza cordigera						C					X	
P		Dactylorhiza saccifera						C					X	
R		Elaphe longissima									X			
P		Epipactis exilis						V					X	
P		Epipactis leptochila						V					X	
P		Epipogium aphyllum						V					X	
I		Erebia gorge						C				X		
I		Erebia medusa						C						X
I		Erebia melas						P						X
I		Erebia oeme						P				X		
I		Erebia orientalis						P				X		
I		Erebia pronoe						P				X		
I		Erebia rhodopensis						P				X		
I		Euphydryas cynthia						P				X		
I		Formica rufa						C					X	
P		Fritillaria gussichiae				30	i					X		
I		Glaucopsyche alexis						P						X
A		Hyla arborea						R					X	
R		Lacerta agilis						C					X	
R		Lacerta viridis						R					X	
I		Limenitis populi						P					X	
I		Maculinea arion						C					X	
I		Melitaea aurelia						P					X	

N22	1.0
N20	1.0
N11	32.0
Total Habitat Cover	100

Other Site Characteristics

The Nature Park includes the middle and high parts of West Rila mountain situated above 800 m. asl altitude. They characterise with well expressed alpine relief where during the period of the development of the earth's crust in its high parts - above 2200-2500 m altitude 28 circus lakes have been created. The territory of the Riski manastir Nature Park is one of the richest of water resources parts in Bulgaria.

4.2 Quality and importance

1. 94.8% of the forests in the Park are natural ones. The average age of the forests in the Park is 99 years while the average for the country is 45.2. Rilski manastir NP preserves 39% of the high plants species in Bulgaria and 30% of the bird species. The Park is shelter to 52 world endangered plant and animal species. From the plant species 6 are local, 27 Bulgarian and 90 are Balkan endemic species. 3. 203 species of medicinal plants are found on the territory of the Park and 38 species eatable mushrooms. 4. The Park is with the richest habitats diversity in Bulgaria and Europe. On small territory such as Rilski manastir NP are found 85 habitat types as 22 of them are endangered in European scale and they require specific protection measures according to the Habitats Directive of EU. 5. On the Park territory is the most significant group architecte, artistic, historical monument of the culture - The Rila Monastery.

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	K02.03		i
M	B02.02		o
M	E03.01		i
M	D01.02		i
M	A04		i
M	L04		i
M	F04		o
M	F04		i
H	E01		i
L	B01.02		o
M	A05.01		o
L	K01.01		i
H	F03.01		o
H	I01		i
L	K01.03		i
H	H06.01		i
M	D01.01		i
L	D02.01		i
M	E01		o

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside /outside [i o b]
M	D01.01		i
M	E01		o
H	E01		i
L	K02.03		i
M	A05.01		o
L	D02.01		i
M	A04		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 eng. Vangel Avramov - Director of Rilski manastir Nature Park Directorate, dppriiski_manastir@nug.bg; St. Beshkov - NMNH, Sofia; Initially listed document - Management Plan of Riski Manastir NP Data revised by a team of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (<http://www.bas.bg>). Data on birds provided by Institute for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research, BAS and Dr. P. Shurulinkov, NMNHS. New data provided by project "Mapping and assessment of the conservation status of the natural habitats and species - Phase 1" (see link).

Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000496&siteType=HabitatDirective>

<http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000496&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 [%]
BG05	100.0	BG01	14.0	BG00	

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG01	Rilomanastirska gora	+	14.084910855741741
BG05	Rilski manastir	=	100.0

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The Park is designated aiming to preserve valuable plants and animal communities as well as to preserve the rich diversity and the beauty of the places suitable for tourism. To preserve at the same time the nature and cultural values of the Park territory.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water: Pernik; Rilski manastir Nature Park Directorate
Address:	
Email:	

6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Name: Management Plan for Rilski manastir Nature Park, adopted by Council of Ministers Decision No. 121/12.03.2010 (promulgated SG 23/2010). Link: https://www.moew.government.bg/wp-content/uploads/filebase/Nature/Protected_areas/Planove_za_upravlennie/Rila_Monastery_Bul.pdf
<input type="checkbox"/> No, but in preparation	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

The Management Plan of Rilski manastir NP 2004-2013 is adopted with Decision of Ministerial Council of Bulgaria No 651/19 August 2004. The plan contains five main parts: Description and evaluation of the site - general information for Rilski manastir NP, characteristic of the abiotic factors, biological characteristics, cultural and socioeconomic characteristics, evaluation of the importance of Rilski manastir NP; Ideal objectives and restrictions - longterm goals, threats and restrictions, effect of the threats and the restrictions on the longterm goals; Zoning, regimes and norms - zones, regimes and norms; Work/operational plan - priorities of the MP, programmes and projects; Monitoring of the implementation of the MP and evaluation criteria.

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).