



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

BG0000156

SITENAME

Shablenski ezeren kompleks

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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1.1 Type A	1.2 Site code BG0000156
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1.3 Site name

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1.4 First Compilation date 2005-10	1.5 Update date 2015-07
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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:	2007-12
National legal reference of SPA designation	Site classified as SPA by Council of Ministers Decision No. 802/04.12.2007 (promulgated SG 107/2007).

Explanation(s):	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 – 259/16.03.2010 (promulgated SG 28/2010).
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2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude

28.565

Latitude

43.5716666666667

2.2 Area [ha]:

3174.9317

2.3 Marine area [%]

20.3

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code
Region Name

BGZZ	Extra-Regio
BG33	Североизточен / Severoiztochen

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

 Marine (20.3
 Black Sea %)

 Black Sea (79.7
 %)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

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Species			Population in the site							Site assessment				
Group	Code	Scientific Name	S	NP	Type	Size		Unit	Cat.	Data quality	A B C D			
						Min	Max				Pop.			
								C R V P		Cons.	Isol.	Glob.		
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A402	Accipiter brevipes			r		1	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A086	Accipiter nisus			w		4	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A293	Acrocephalus melanopogon			c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A168	Actitis hypoleucos			c	1	5	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			c	2	10	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			w		2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A229	Alcedo atthis			p	1	2	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A054	Anas acuta			c	20	355	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A054	Anas acuta			w		13	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A056	Anas clypeata			r		1	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A056	Anas clypeata			w	4	37	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A056	Anas clypeata			c	6	565	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A052	Anas crecca			c	3	490	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A052	Anas crecca			w	13	373	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A050	Anas penelope			w	3	101	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A050	Anas penelope			c	2	175	i		G	A	A	C	A

B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos		c	30	1014	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos		p	2	5	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A053	Anas platyrhynchos		w	120	870	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A055	Anas querquedula		w		1	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A055	Anas querquedula		c	10	375	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A055	Anas querquedula		r		1	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A051	Anas strepera		c	15	162	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A051	Anas strepera		r		1	p		G	A	A	C	A
B	A051	Anas strepera		w	2	54	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A041	Anser albifrons		c		5840	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A041	Anser albifrons		w	7332	50000	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A043	Anser anser		w	2	370	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A043	Anser anser		c	1	29	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A042	Anser erythropus		w	15	50	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A042	Anser erythropus		c		1	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A039	Anser fabalis		w	1	6	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A514	Anthropoides virgo		c				P	DD	A	A	B	B
B	A255	Anthus campestris		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A255	Anthus campestris		r	10	20	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A090	Aquila clanga		w	1	2	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A090	Aquila clanga		c		1	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A089	Aquila pomarina		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A028	Ardea cinerea		w		6	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A028	Ardea cinerea		c	210	272	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A029	Ardea purpurea		r	1	3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A029	Ardea purpurea		c	70	250	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A024	Ardeola ralloides		c	15	70	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A024	Ardeola ralloides		r		2	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A169	Arenaria interpres		c				P	DD	C	A	C	A
B	A222	Asio flammeus		w	1	4	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A059	Aythya ferina		c	50	3100	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A059	Aythya ferina		w	2	130	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A061	Aythya fuligula		w	2	65	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A061	Aythya fuligula		c	4	1108	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A062	Aythya marila		c	5	229	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A062	Aythya marila		w		1	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A060	Aythya nyroca		c	3	88	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A060	Aythya nyroca		r	1	4	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A060	Aythya nyroca		w		23	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A021	Botaurus stellaris		w		1	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A021	Botaurus stellaris		p		2	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A021	Botaurus stellaris		c	5	10	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A396	Branta ruficollis		c		900	i		G	A	A	C	A

B	A396	Branta ruficollis		w	211	18445	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A067	Bucephala clangula		c	1	5	i		G	B	A	C	C
B	A067	Bucephala clangula		w		2	i		G	B	A	C	C
B	A133	Burhinus oedicnemus		r	2	4	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A133	Burhinus oedicnemus		c		3	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A087	Buteo buteo		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A087	Buteo buteo		w	2	50	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus		c		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A403	Buteo rufinus		w		2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla		r	3	6	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A144	Calidris alba		w		8	i		G	A	A	C	C
B	A144	Calidris alba		c	3	68	i		G	A	A	C	C
B	A149	Calidris alpina		w		47	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A149	Calidris alpina		c	10	200	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A143	Calidris canutus		w		1	i		G	A	A	B	C
B	A147	Calidris ferruginea		c	4	120	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A145	Calidris minuta		c	9	250	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A146	Calidris temminckii		c	10	10	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A224	Caprimulgus europaeus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A138	Charadrius alexandrinus		r	10	14	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A138	Charadrius alexandrinus		c	1	6	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A136	Charadrius dubius		r	6	10	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A136	Charadrius dubius		c	1	6	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A137	Charadrius hiaticula		c	8	17	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A196	Chlidonias hybridus		c	150	800	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A198	Chlidonias leucopterus		c	1	8	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A197	Chlidonias niger		c	140	2000	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia		c	6500	6500	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A031	Ciconia ciconia		r	2	3	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A030	Ciconia nigra		c		4	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A080	Circus gallicus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus		p	1	3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus		w	2	20	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus		c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A082	Circus cyaneus		c	1	113	i		G	A	A	C	B
B	A082	Circus cyaneus		w		90	i		G	A	A	C	B
B	A083	Circus macrourus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A084	Circus pygargus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A084	Circus pygargus		r		1	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A064	Clangula hyemalis		w		23	i		G	A	A	C	C
B	A231	Coracias garrulus		c				P	DD	C	A	C	C

B	A231	Coracias garrulus		r	1	3	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A122	Crex crex		r		2	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A122	Crex crex		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A037	Cygnus columbianus bewickii		c	1	14	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A037	Cygnus columbianus bewickii		w		6	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A038	Cygnus cygnus		w	1	136	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A038	Cygnus cygnus		c	50	400	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A036	Cygnus olor		w	25	638	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A036	Cygnus olor		c	4	168	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A238	Dendrocopos medius		c	1	3	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A429	Dendrocopos syriacus		p	4	10	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A027	Egretta alba		w		73	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A027	Egretta alba		c	30	100	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A026	Egretta garzetta		r		26	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A026	Egretta garzetta		c	100	500	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A026	Egretta garzetta		w		3	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana		r	1	5	p		G	C	B	C	C
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A511	Falco cherrug		r		1	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A511	Falco cherrug		c	1	3	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A511	Falco cherrug		w	1	2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A098	Falco columbarius		w		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A098	Falco columbarius		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A099	Falco subbuteo		r	1	3	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus		w		2	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A096	Falco tinnunculus		p	3	5	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A097	Falco vespertinus		c				P	DD	B	B	C	A
B	A097	Falco vespertinus		r	5	16	p		G	B	B	C	A
B	A321	Ficedula albicollis		c	10	10	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A320	Ficedula parva		c	300	300	i		G	B	A	C	C
B	A125	Fulica atra		w	289	6655	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A125	Fulica atra		p	5	15	p		G	B	A	C	B
B	A125	Fulica atra		c	1	1622	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A153	Gallinago gallinago		w		5	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A153	Gallinago gallinago		c	10	50	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A154	Gallinago media		c		1	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus		w	1	2	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A123	Gallinula chloropus		c	40	377	i		G	B	A	C	A

B	A123	Gallinula chloropus		p	30	35	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A002	Gavia arctica		c	3	100	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A002	Gavia arctica		w		50	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A001	Gavia stellata		c		2	i		G	A	A	B	A
B	A189	Gelochelidon nilotica		c		25	i		G	B	A	B	B
B	A135	Glareola pratincola		r	4	10	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A135	Glareola pratincola		c	15	40	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A127	Grus grus		c	2	50	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A130	Haematopus ostralegus		c	1	14	i		G	B	A	B	B
B	A075	Haliaeetus albicilla		w		6	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A075	Haliaeetus albicilla		c		1	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A131	Himantopus himantopus		c	10	20	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A131	Himantopus himantopus		r	5	9	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A022	Ixobrychus minutus		c				C	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A022	Ixobrychus minutus		r	10	15	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A338	Lanius collurio		r	16	24	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A338	Lanius collurio		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A339	Lanius minor		c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A339	Lanius minor		r	16	24	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A184	Larus argentatus		c	1	2	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A459	Larus cachinnans		c	68	3000	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A459	Larus cachinnans		w	92	839	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A459	Larus cachinnans		r				P	DD	B	A	C	A
B	A182	Larus canus		w	54	3120	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A182	Larus canus		c	10	237	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A183	Larus fuscus		w		1	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A183	Larus fuscus		c	1	2	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A180	Larus genei		c	5	15	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A176	Larus melanocephalus		c	2	4000	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A177	Larus minutus		c	28	4900	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A177	Larus minutus		w		81	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A179	Larus ridibundus		r		8	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A179	Larus ridibundus		w		85	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A179	Larus ridibundus		c	8	330	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A150	Limicola falcinellus		c	1	8	i		G	A	A	C	C
B	A156	Limosa limosa		c	5	79	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A156	Limosa limosa		w		1	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A246	Lullula arborea		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A246	Lullula arborea		p	6	6	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A272	Luscinia svecica		c	2	5	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A152	Lymnocyptes minimus		w	1	2	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A066	Melanitta fusca		w		12	i		G	A	A	C	A

B	A066	Melanitta fusca		c		5	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra		p	30	60	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra		c				C	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra		w		60	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A068	Mergus albellus		c		2	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A068	Mergus albellus		w		13	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A070	Mergus merganser		c		14	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A069	Mergus serrator		c	5	44	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A069	Mergus serrator		w	4	19	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A230	Merops apiaster		r	20	20	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A230	Merops apiaster		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A073	Milvus migrans		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A058	Netta rufina		w	3	112	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A058	Netta rufina		c	2	30	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A160	Numenius arquata		w	1	6	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A160	Numenius arquata		c	1	4	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A158	Numenius phaeopus		c	2	2	i		G	D			
B	A023	Nycticorax nycticorax		c	1	250	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A533	Oenanthe pleschanka		r	2	5	p		G	C	A	B	C
B	A533	Oenanthe pleschanka		c				P	DD	C	A	B	C
B	A071	Oxyura leucocephala		c		12	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A071	Oxyura leucocephala		w		1	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A094	Pandion haliaetus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A020	Pelecanus crispus		w		25	i		G	C	B	C	C
B	A020	Pelecanus crispus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A019	Pelecanus onocrotalus		c	6000	6000	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A019	Pelecanus onocrotalus		w		12	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A072	Pernis apivorus		c				P	DD	C	B	C	C
B	A392	Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii		c	50	317	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A392	Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii		w		11	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A017	Phalacrocorax carbo		w	12	348	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A017	Phalacrocorax carbo		c	50	392	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus		c	5	392	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus		r		4	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A393	Phalacrocorax pygmeus		w	2	553	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A170	Phalaropus lobatus		c	2	13	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A151	Philomachus pugnax		w		3	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A151	Philomachus pugnax		c	18	2500	i		G	A	A	C	A

B	A034	Platalea leucorodia		c	50	150	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A032	Plegadis falcinellus		c	7	108	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A140	Pluvialis apricaria		w		8	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A140	Pluvialis apricaria		c		1	i		G	C	A	C	B
B	A141	Pluvialis squatarola		w		3	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A141	Pluvialis squatarola		c	1	5	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A007	Podiceps auritus		c		1	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A005	Podiceps cristatus		w	7	99	i		G	B	B	C	B
B	A005	Podiceps cristatus		c	4	184	i		G	B	B	C	B
B	A006	Podiceps grisegena		c		1	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A006	Podiceps grisegena		w		1	i		G	C	B	C	B
B	A008	Podiceps nigricollis		c	6	162	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A008	Podiceps nigricollis		w	14	60	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A120	Porzana parva		c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A120	Porzana parva		r	1	1	p		G	C	A	C	B
B	A119	Porzana porzana		c				P	DD	C	A	C	B
B	A121	Porzana pusilla		c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A464	Puffinus yelkouan		c		18	i		G	C	A	B	A
B	A464	Puffinus yelkouan		w	1	27	i		G	C	A	B	A
B	A118	Rallus aquaticus		c		5	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A118	Rallus aquaticus		p	10	15	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A118	Rallus aquaticus		w		3	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A132	Recurvirostra avosetta		r	2	7	p		G	C	A	C	A
B	A132	Recurvirostra avosetta		c	5	15	i		G	C	A	C	A
B	A249	Riparia riparia		r	50	150	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A249	Riparia riparia		c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A063	Somateria mollissima		c		1	i		G	A	A	B	C
B	A063	Somateria mollissima		w		6	i		G	A	A	B	C
B	A195	Sterna albifrons		r	6	8	p		G	B	A	C	A
B	A195	Sterna albifrons		c	50	150	i		G	B	A	C	A
B	A190	Sterna caspia		c	20	35	i		G	A	A	C	A
B	A193	Sterna hirundo		c	50	150	i		G	C	A	C	C
B	A193	Sterna hirundo		r	2	8	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A191	Sterna sandvicensis		c	100	300	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria		r	4	6	p		G	C	A	C	C
B	A307	Sylvia nisoria		c				P	DD	C	A	C	C
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis		c	3	58	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A004	Tachybaptus ruficollis		w	3	32	i		G	B	A	C	B
B	A397	Tadorna ferruginea		w		2	i		G	A	A	C	A

B	A233						P					X	
B	A271	Luscinia megarhynchos		45	45							X	
B	A383	Miliaria calandra		140	140							X	
B	A278	Oenanthe hispanica					P					X	
B	A214	Otus scops		2	2							X	
B	A329	Parus caeruleus					P					X	
B	A235	Picus viridis		3	3							X	
B	A317	Regulus regulus					P					X	
B	A276	Saxicola torquata		2	2							X	
B	A210	Streptopelia turtur		8	8							X	
B	A311	Sylvia atricapilla		7	7							X	
B	A283	Turdus merula		7	7							X	
B	A285	Turdus philomelos		1	1							X	
B	A284	Turdus pilaris		240	240							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
N04	1.0
N23	3.0
N07	5.0
N09	10.0
N15	
N12	47.0
N01	20.0
N03	1.0
N08	2.0
N16	1.0
N21	3.0
N06	4.0
N20	3.0
Total Habitat Cover	NaN

Other Site Characteristics

The complex includes the lakes of Shabla and Ezerets and the Shabla Tuzla, located over Sarmatian limestones in northeastern Bulgaria, 5 km north-east of the town of Shabla. The name Shabla Lake unites two closely located coastal firth lakes ? Shabla and Ezerets ? connected through an artificial canal. On the eastt the lake is separated from the sea by a 30--50 m sand strip. The lake is on the territory of a governmental residence property. The Shabla Tuzla is a semi-saline lagoon, located at 1.5 km south-east of Shabla Lake and separated from the sea by high dunes. The banks of the lagoon are overgrown with huge reedbeds, mainly of reed Phragmites australis with the participation of reed mace Typha angustifolia, Typha latifolia, Carex riparia, etc. They form the main habitat in the complex. The open water areas are also considerable. The lake is fed exceptionally by underground waters. In the area of the governmental residence buildings there are artificial park-like plantations of Eleagnus angustifolia, Syringa vulgaris, Ligustrum vulgare, Cotinus coggygria, Crataegus monogyna. To the north of Shabla Lake there are small artificial plantations of Robinia pseudoacacia and Fraxinus americana, and to the south of

it ? poplar cultures. The open water area prevails in the Shabla Tuzla and the hygrophite vegetation occupies a comparatively narrow strip along its bank. The sand dunes and beach, covered with psamophyte vegetation, provide another important habitat.

4.2 Quality and importance

The territory of the Shabla Lake complex supports 260 bird species, 70 of which are listed in the Red Data Book for Bulgaria (1985). Of the birds occurring there 111 species are of European conservation concern (SPEC) (BirdLife International, 2004), 13 of them being listed in category SPEC 1 as globally threatened, 26 in SPEC 2 and 72 in SPEC 3 as species threatened in Europe. The area provides suitable habitats for 90 species, included in Annex 2 of the Biodiversity Act, which need special conservation measures, of which 86 are listed also in Annex I of the Birds Directive. The complex is of strategic importance for the Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis* in winter, as, together with Durankulak Lake, it holds almost the entire global population of this species. Great concentrations of the White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons* and single individuals of the Lesser White-fronted Goose *A. erythropus* are also recorded in this season. This fact defines the site as one of the most important wintering grounds of the above mentioned goose species in the world. The lake is one of the sites with considerable concentrations of Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus* and Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* in winter. The lake complex is an important migration station for the storks *Ciconiiformes*, geese *Anseriformes*, waders and plovers *Charadriiformes*. In the autumn and winter season a number of globally threatened species can be observed in the area ? Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*, Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*, Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus*, Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca*, White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* and Greater spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*. Two globally threatened species breed in the complex ? the Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* and the Corncrake *Crex crex*. A number of other rare and threatened bird species, like the Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* and the Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* breed in considerable numbers. The lake complex is one of the most important sites in the country for the Kentish Plover, the Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*, the Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*, the Little Tern *Sterna albifrons* and the Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus*.

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	G01		i
L	D01.01		i
H	A09		i
L	C01.01		i
H	F03.01		i
M	J02.01.01		i
M	A01		o
M	J02.10		i
M	E03.03		b
M	A05.01		i
M	B01.02		i
L	A01		i
H	K02.03		i
M	K01.01		i
M	A08		o
M	F02.03		i
M	L09		b
H	I03.01		i
M	C01.01.02		i
M	C02		o
H	J02.03		i
L	A08		i
H	H05		o
H	G04.01		o
L	B02.02		i
M	K04.05		i
M	F02.03.01		i
M	A07		o
M	L10		i
H	F02.01.02		i
H	K02.02		i
M	G05		i
M	K05.01		i
H	E03.04		b
M	H05		i
M	G02.10		i
H	E03.01		b

Positive Impacts			
Rank	Activities, management [code]	Pollution (optional) [code]	inside/outside [i o b]
L	J02.02		i

M	J01		i
H	J01		o
L	A07		i
M	A04		i
L	A03		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

4.5 Documentation

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Link(s): <http://natura2000.moew.government.bg/Home/ProtectedSite?code=BG0000156&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 [%]
BG06	16.0	BG00	84.0		

5.2 Relation of the described site with other sites:

designated at national or regional level:

Type code	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
BG06	SHABLA LAKE	+	16.0

designated at international level:

Type	Site name	Type	Cover [%]
Other	Shablensko ezero	+	13.0
	IBA	=	100.0

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The Shabla Lake itself was designated as protected area in 1979 for the protection of the game and fish fauna and threatened species of waterfowl. It covers about 16% of the territory of the Complex. A management plan of the protected area has been prepared in the framework of the Bulgarian-Swiss Biodiversity Conservation Programme in the period 1995-1997 and updated in 1999-2000. It is now in a procedure of adoption by the Ministry of Environment and Waters. Since 1995 the lake has been designated as Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention. In 1989 the area was designated as Important Bird Area by BirdLife International. In 1998 it became CORINE Site because of its European value for rare and threatened habitats, plant and animal species, including birds.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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Organisation:	Regional Inspectorate of Environment and Water -Varna;Black Sea River Basin Directorate; Forestry Department - Balchik;
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)

There is management plan for the Shablensko ezero protected site since 2004.

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).