

PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE THE AREA OF  
KOPAČKI RIT  
INTO THE LIST OF MARSHLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Key to the marshland habitat types:	16 - river (slow - stream)
	17- fresh-water lakes within the interior, fish-ponds
	18 - fresh-water marshlands within the interior
	21 - forests

## 2. SELECTION CRITERIA

### 2.1 Quantitative Criteria

- 2.1.1. Throughout Autumn and Winter some 10 000 - 50 000 specimens of the *Anser fabalis* abide here, as well as a maximum of 50 000 specimens of *Anas platyrhynchos* (criteria are 1 000 to 10 000).
- 2.1.2. Same as under 2.1.1.
- 2.1.3. In Kopački rit nest numerous endangered bird species:  
World Red Book
- |   |
|---|
| - <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> - 15-50 pairs              |
| <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i> - 15-20 pairs           |
| <i>Crex crex</i> ?                                  |
| - <i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i> - 1,200 pairs |
| <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> - 1-5                     |
| <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i> - 100 or more             |
| <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> - 400                  |
| <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> - 10-100                   |
| <i>Egretta garzetta</i> - 30-200                    |
| <i>Egretta alba</i> - 5-10                          |
| <i>Yardea purpurea</i> - 10-200                     |
| <i>Ciconia nigra</i> - 30                           |
| <i>Aythya nyroca</i> - 100-200                      |
| <i>Milvus migrans</i> - 50                          |
| <i>Falco cherrug</i> - 4-5                          |
| <i>Sterna hirundo</i> - 10-30                       |
| <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> - 100                     |
| <i>Chlidonias niger</i> - 50-100                    |
| <i>Alcedo atthis</i> - 10-20                        |
| <i>Riparia riparia</i> - 100-500                    |
- Species endangered in Europe  
(according to the ICBP List)
- 2.1.4. Nesting: *Nycticorax nycticorax* - 400 pairs (criterion - 200)  
*Ardeola ralloides* - 10-100 (criterion - 40)  
*Egretta garzetta* - 30-200 (criterion - 130)  
*Egretta alba* - 5-10 (criterion - 5)  
*Ardea purpurea* - 10-200 (criterion - 65)

### 2.2. Other Criteria

- 2.2.1 Ecological Value  
2.2.1.1. On the European scale, the area presents a rarity.

- 2.2.1.2. 267 bird species have been observed within the Kopački rit area, out of which 134 species are nesting birds.
- 2.2.1.3. The whole area is autochthonous, apart from fish-ponds, which are of anthropogeneous origin.

2.2.2. Scientific Value

On Kopački rit has been published a quite considerable number of scientific and expert papers, from as early as the beginning of the late century to the present time.

2.2.3. Economic Importance

Fish rearing, hunting, tourism ( bird-watching and hunting)

2.2.4. Recreational Importance

Bird-watching

Literature: Mikuska, J. (1988)

1. Preliminary Inventory of Important Bird Areas in Yugoslavia. Report. ICBP. Cambridge, 1988 (Data for Kopački rit provided by Prof. dr. J. Mikuska).
2. Specijalni zoološki rezervat "Kopački rit". Lovno-šumsko gazdinstvo "Jelen". Bilje, 1977.