

PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE THE AREA OF
THE NERETVA RIVER DELTA
 INTO THE LIST OF MARSHLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Key to the marshland habitat types:

04 - river mouths into the sea, deltas
 07 - beaches
 08 - sand dunes (riparian)
 12 - salt-water marshes
 12 - muddy ground
 19 - wet grasslands

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

2.1. Quantitative Criteria

Ornithological investigations performed within this area had been predominantly of qualitative nature, so we do not have data on numerousness of particular species. All what is known is that this area is most significant during winter periods, when here dwells a considerable number of the *Fulica atra* specimens, then all 5 species of European grebe, almost all species of European ducks and a particularly large number of the Charadriiformes representatives.

2.2. Other criteria

2.2.1. Ecological Value

2.2.1.1. On the European scale, the area is a rarity

2.2.1.2. Totally 299 bird species have been observed within the area

2.2.1.3. The area is an autochthonous swampy delta

2.2.2. Scientific Value

Only a few scientific papers have been published about this area. The most recent published ornithological paper is dated 25 years ago

2.2.3. Economic Importance

Agriculture, hunting, fishing

2.2.4. Recreational Importance - ./.

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