



Ramsar Information Sheet

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Ukraine Kugurlui Lake



Designation date	23 November 1995
Site number	760
Coordinates	45°18'02"N 28°39'32"E
Area	13 493,00 ha

Color codes

Fields back-shaded in light blue relate to data and information required only for RIS updates.

Note that some fields concerning aspects of Part 3, the Ecological Character Description of the RIS (tinted in purple), are not expected to be completed as part of a standard RIS, but are included for completeness so as to provide the requested consistency between the RIS and the format of a 'full' Ecological Character Description, as adopted in Resolution X.15 (2008). If a Contracting Party does have information available that is relevant to these fields (for example from a national format Ecological Character Description) it may, if it wishes to, include information in these additional fields.

1 - Summary

Summary

Lake Kugurlui relates to the western group of the Danube freshwater floodplain water bodies. It is located 10 km south-west of the village of Novosilske on the border between Reni and Izmil districts of Odesa Region of Ukraine. Lake Kugurlui is a shallow water body. It is represented by the southern part of Yalpug Liman with which it is connected by a wide canal. The surface area of Kugurlui greatly varies depending on the water content of the year.

In the north-eastern part Kugurlui joins to the Danube by a narrow but deep canal called Repida. The water flow in the canal is rather rapid during the spring flood, though sometimes a reverse water current from the Danube to Kugurlui is recorded as well.

In the Ukrainian Danube region, Kugurlui Lake ranks second according to the size (after the Danube Delta) as a wetland of international importance. Water level fluctuations of the lake often causes changes in the ecological capacity of the Site and the quality of habitats which are actively used by hydrophilous organisms, especially by waterbirds.

The Site supports 240 species of birds. 42 species of them have different protected statuses, including White Pelican, Pygmy Cormorant, Red-breasted Goose, White-eyed Pochard, White-tailed Eagle. Species diversity of birds and the abundance of particular species allow considering habitats of Lake Kugurlui as important for birds (IBA). The Site also is a habitat more than 40 species of mammals, 8 of which have a global protection status or are listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine.

Lake Kugurlui holds 133 species of flowering plants belonging to 91 genera, 49 families. Geophytes, hemicryptophytes and floating forms dominate. 7 species of plants are rare and protected. Communities of *Saliceta albae*, formations of *Trapa natans* and *Salvinia natans* are typical for the Site.

Local population uses Kugurlui for fish-breeding and fishing. The water is used for irrigation of agricultural fields and private land plots. The reed harvesting on the lake shores is used for local needs and for export.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

Responsible compiler

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National Ramsar Administrative Authority

Institution/agency	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine
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2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year	2012
To year	2018

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Kugurlui Lake
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2.1.4 - Changes to the boundaries and area of the Site since its designation or earlier update

(Update) A. Changes to Site boundary	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
(Update) The boundary has been delineated more accurately	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Update) The boundary has been extended	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Update) The boundary has been restricted	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Update) B. Changes to Site area	the area has increased
(Update) The Site area has been calculated more accurately	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Update) The Site has been delineated more accurately	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Update) The Site area has increased because of a boundary extension	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Update) The Site area has decreased because of a boundary restriction	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Update) For secretariat only. This update is an extension	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.1.5 - Changes to the ecological character of the Site

(Update) 6b i. Has the ecological character of the Ramsar Site (including applicable Criteria) changed since the previous RIS?	Not evaluated
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2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Former maps	0
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Boundaries description

The Site is located in Odesa Region, in the steppe zone of Ukraine, in the Danube downstream. The Site encompasses Lake Kugurlui. In the north-west, the Site borders on the settlement of Novosilske, in the north-east – on Matroska and Larzhanka, in the south - on agricultural lands.

The boundary overlaps with the Emerald Network Site Systema Dunaiskykh Ozer (UA0000142).

In 2021 the boundaries of the Site was delineated more accurately. The area was calculated based on the Land Cadastral Map of Ukraine using GIS tools.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?	Reni and Izmail districts of Odesa Region
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b) What is the nearest town or population centre?

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes No

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party? Yes No

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha):

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
Marine Ecoregions of the World (MEOW)	Black Sea
EU biogeographic regionalization	Steppic

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

According to geobotanical zoning, the Site is located within Reni-Kiliia region of the Danube-Dniester district of gramineous and wormwood-gramineous steppes and reedbeds of the Black Sea-Azov steppe sub-province of the Pontic steppe province of the Steppe-subregion (zone) of Eurasian steppe region (National Atlas of Ukraine, 2009).
 According to zoogeographical zoning of Ukraine, the Site belongs to the Danube-Dniester sub-area of the Azov-Black Sea area of the Azov-Black Sea region of the Pontic district of the steppe province of the Mediterranean-Central Asian sub-region of Palearctic region (National Atlas of Ukraine, 2009).

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

- Criterion 1: Representative, rare or unique natural or near-natural wetland types

Hydrological services provided

Due to its marsh vegetation, the Site plays an important ecological role in the filtration of water. The Site mitigates the climate of the region during the arid summer period. It is a source of clean water for the local population and important water source for domestic animals.
Regulation of water regime in Lake Yalpus is carried out via Lake Kugurlui, by supplying the water from the Danube.

Other ecosystem services provided

The reed is an important resource of the Site, used for economic needs by the local people. Lake Kugurlui provides habitats for game species of animals, the southern part of the Site is converted into a system of fishponds.

Other reasons

The Site supports valuable wetland vegetation and provides habitats for animals, especially birds, during important periods of their life cycles. Due to its biological and landscape diversity the Site is traditionally used for research, and as an area to implement international scientific projects on the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources of the region, as well as for educational and environmental awareness activities.

- Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

- Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

Justification

The Site is a crucial area of concentration and conservation of abundant biodiversity. 133 species of higher plants and 39 species of algae are found in the territory as well as about 240 species of birds, over 40 species of mammals, 44 species of fish, 11 species of amphibians, 5 species of reptiles. The most typical and numerous species of birds are representatives of Anseriformes (Anser albifrons - in some years up to 20,000 ind., on the average – 10,000 ind, Anser anser - 500); Gruiformes (Fulica atra – 12,000); Pelecaniformes (Phalacrocorax carbo – 3,000-5,000 ind.).

- Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions

- Criterion 5 : >20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers

21,000

Start year

2012

Source of data:

Unpublished original data

- Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

- Criterion 7 : Significant and representative fish

Justification

Lake Kugurlui supports 39 species of fish, among which *Leuciscus idus*, *Carassius carassius*, *Gymnocephalus schraetzer* are listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine, and 7 species are protected according to the Bern Convention (*Alosa immaculate*, *Aspius aspius*, *Pelecus cultratus*, *Rhodeus sericeus*, *Vimba vimba*).

3.2 - Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Plantae								
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Aldrovanda vesiculosa</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	EN	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	<i>Anacamptis palustris</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	<i>Cladium mariscus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	<i>Epipactis palustris</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	<i>Leucojum aestivum</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ POLYPODIOPSIDA	<i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ POLYPODIOPSIDA	<i>Salvinia natans</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NE	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Trapa natans</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NE	

Site is important in maintaining the geographic range of a plant species/community.

3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion				Species contributes under criterion				Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
		2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
Others																	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Acherontia atropos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Aromia moschata</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Bombus argillaceus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Bombus muscorum</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Calosoma sycophanta</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Discoelius zonalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	<i>Felis silvestris</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				CR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion				Species contributes under criterion				Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
		2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Hipparchia statilinus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Iphiclides podalirius</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	<i>Lutra lutra</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				NT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NE	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	<i>Mustela lutreola</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				CR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Palingenia longicauda</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Papilio machaon</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	<i>Plecotus austriacus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - rare	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Proserpinus proserpina</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				DD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Saturnia pyri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	<i>Stizoides tridentatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
Fish, Mollusc and Crustacea																	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Abramis brama</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Alosa immaculata</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention annex II	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Blicca bjoerkna</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Carassius carassius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Esox lucius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Gymnocephalus schraetser</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - annex III	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Leuciscus aspius</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention annex III	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Leuciscus idus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Pelecus cultratus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention annex II	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Rhodeus sericeus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - annex III	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Sander lucioperca</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Silurus glanis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Tinca tinca</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Vimba vimba</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention annex II	
Birds																	
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7500	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Anas strepera</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	250	2012-2018			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8000	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during migratory and wintering periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Anser anser</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	400	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Anser erythropus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	2012-2018		VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Ardea alba</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	400	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC, Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5500	2012-2018		VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	300	2012-2018		NT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	2012-2018		VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The species occurs here during migrations and wintering.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1500	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7000	2012-2018			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		occurs here during migration and wintering
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	isted in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20	2012-2018			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC Bern Convention - Annex II	
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	600	2012-2018	1	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods. Pop: Black Sea
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Fulica atra</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6000	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25			LC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	Two pairs nest here. The Site is important for support the species during the wintering.

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion				Species contributes under criterion				Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
		2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	2012-2018			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	2012-2018		NT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Microcarbo pygmeus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1500	2012-2018	1.6		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	Up to 300 pairs breed here. The Site is also important for support the species during summer forage migrations . Pop: BLACK SEA & MEDITERRANEAN
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Netta rufina</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1200	2012-2018	3.6	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods. Up to 300 pairs breed here. Pop: Black Sea & East Mediterranean
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				NT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	The Site is used as a summering ground.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	The Site is used as a summering ground.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	450	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	40	2012-2018		VU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	Approx. 5 pairs breed here.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	600	2012-2018	1.6	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	Feeds and rests here during migration Pop: Europe & Western Asia (bre)
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6000	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	350	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	700	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	40	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	150	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Porzana parva</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	2021-2018			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bern Convention - Annex II	The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	60	2021-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The Site supports species during breeding and migratory periods.

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion				Species contributes under criterion				Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
		2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20	2021-2018			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	2012-2018		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20	2012-2018		NT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

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3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Name of ecological community	Community qualifies under Criterion 2?	Description	Justification
C1.2. Permanent mesotrophic lakes, ponds and pools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community of <i>Salvinia natans</i> Community of <i>Aldrovanda vesiculosa</i> Community of Charophyta algae	Resolution 4 of the Bern Convention

Optional text box to provide further information

Main habitats: reedbeds (*Phragmites australis*) with areas of boggy, floodplain, open-water and halophytic communities of such species as *Agrostis gigantea*, *A. stolonifera*, *Alopecurus pratensis*, *Azolla caroliniana*, *A. filiculoides*, *Carex acuta*, *C. acutiformis* and *C. pseudocyperus*, *Elytrigia maeotica* and *E. repens*, *Limonium hypanicumi* and *L. meyeri*, *Nymphaea alba*, *Nymphoides peltata*, *Nuphar lutea*, *Phragmites australis*, *Potamogeton pectinatus* and *P. perfoliatus*, *Puccinellia distans*, *Salix alba* and *S. cinerea*, *Schoenoplectus lacustris*, *Typha angustifolia* and *T. Latifolia*, *Trapa natans*. Lakeshores are located in the Dnieper floodplain. A fourth of its area is occupied by beds of higher aquatic vegetation (consisting of *Phragmites australis*, *Typha angustifolia*, *Schoenoplectus lacustris*, *Butomus umbellatus*, etc.). Submerged vegetation (primarily *Potamogeton pectinatus* and *P. crispus*) covers over 10%, while emergent plants (*Trapa natans*, *Nuphar lutea*) – up to 20% of the water surface.

4 - What is the Site like? (Ecological character description)

4.1 - Ecological character

The area is a typical wetland represented by Lake Kugurlui and its vicinities. Fluctuations in the water level regime of this water body often lead to changes in the ecological capacity of the Site and the quality of its habitats which are actively used by hydrophilic organisms, primarily waterbirds. Since the water exchange of the lake with the Danube and adjacent water bodies is regulated, the size and depth of Kugurlui depend not only on the natural conditions, but also on the functioning of hydrotechnical facilities.

The climate is moderate continental with short, mild winters and long, hot summers. The annual precipitation is 350–400 mm, annual evaporation is 800–900 mm. In some years, the lake occasionally freezes, but not longer than for 1 month. The water level in the lake depends on the water level in the Danube.

The most typical habitats, adjacent to Kugurlui, are meadow-boggy and boggy areas as well as salt marshes. The soils are mostly loamy. The lake bottom is covered by a high amount of silt, easily forming a suspension in the water column, even by weak movements of adjacent waters. Kugurlui is used by the local people for fish breeding and fish catching. The water is used for irrigation of agricultural fields and private land plots. The scrub harvested on Kugurlui shores are used both for local needs and for export.

The main vegetation is reed-beds with areas of marshland, meadows, open water and halophyte communities. Aquatic vegetation is widely represented and divides on free-floating, rooted to the bottom and submerged plants. Water vegetation covers more than 10% of water surface. Marsh (air-aquatic) vegetation is represented by phytocenosis with high, middle and short grass species. Marshes with high grass species are formed with dominating *Phragmites australis*, *Typha angustifolia*, *Scirpus lacustris*. Small grass air-aquatic associations are wide-spread in the lower part of lake, but they do not cover large areas. Meadow vegetation also does not cover large areas due to land melioration along rivers whose banks were covered by the vegetation earlier. Meadow vegetation is formed on elevated places of the shore. Halophyte vegetation is a part of coastal vegetation and is genetically connected to marsh and meadow associations. It is represented by halophyte and meadow-halophyte species that grow on saline soils. Solonetz-saline vegetation within the wetland belongs to Thero-Salicornietalia class. Meadow-halophyte vegetation is the most spread among other vegetation within the shore line. Forest vegetation around the lake is represented by willow-poplar forests (*Salix alba*, *S. fragilis*, *Populus alba*) along banks of water streams and the main river-bed of Danube River and Kugurlui Lake. Steppe vegetation could be found on slopes and sliding shores. It is heavily transformed due to grazing and is preserved better at the places where animals cannot reach it. The most preserved areas are feather-grass – fescue steppe (*Stipa lessingiana*, *S. capillata* and *Festuca valesiaca*) and fescue steppe (*F. valesiaca*). Fragments of steppe associations with *Agropyron pectinatum*, *Koeleria cristata* could be found often. The most spread associations include dominating *Botryochloa ischaemum*, which cover all the eroded slopes around the lake.

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4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Inland wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		1	6500	Representative
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/pools		3		
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Ts: Seasonal/intermittent freshwater marshes/pools on inorganic soils		3		

Human-made wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type
1: Aquaculture ponds			
9: Canals and drainage channels or ditches			

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Invasive alien plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Ambrosia polystachya</i>	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Actual (major impacts)	increase
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Grindelia squarrosa</i>	Actual (major impacts)	increase

4.3.2 - Animal species

Invasive alien animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	<i>Canis aureus</i>	Actual (minor impacts)	increase
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Lepomis auritus</i>	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>	Actual (minor impacts)	No change

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
D: Moist Mid-Latitude climate with cold winters	Dfb: Humid continental (Humid with severe winter, no dry season, warm summer)

Climate is temperate and continental with long, hot and often arid summer and short, mild winter with little snow and often thaws. Average temperature in summer is +22.8°C, in winter -5 – -10°C. A standard depth of ground freeze is 0.8 m.

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in metres)

a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres)

- Entire river basin
- Upper part of river basin
- Middle part of river basin
- Lower part of river basin
- More than one river basin
- Not in river basin
- Coastal

Please name the river basin or basins. If the site lies in a sub-basin, please also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.

The Danube River Basin

4.4.3 - Soil

Mineral

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change Increase Decrease Unknown

Organic

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change Increase Decrease Unknown

No available information

Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)? Yes No

Please provide further information on the soil (optional)

The soils in habitats adjacent to Lake Kugurlui are mostly loamy. The lake bottom is covered by a high amount of silt, easily forming a suspension in water, even by weak movements of adjacent waters. The upper part (up to 2.5 m) is represented by layers of silted light and heavy sandy loams and dusty sands. Lower layers are represented by loam silts in fluid consistency with limestone and organic residues.

4.4.4 - Water regime

Water permanence

Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Usually permanent water present	No change

Source of water that maintains character of the site

Presence?	Predominant water source	Changes at RIS update
Water inputs from surface water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Water inputs from precipitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change
Water inputs from groundwater	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change

Water destination

Presence?	Changes at RIS update
To downstream catchment	No change

Stability of water regime

Presence?	Changes at RIS update
Water levels largely stable	No change

Please add any comments on the water regime and its determinants (if relevant). Use this box to explain sites with complex hydrology:

Lake Kugurlui lies in the Danube River floodplain and is hydrologically linked to it. It has also connection with Lakes Kartal and Yalpus. Total catchment area is 4430 km². Water level depends on the water level of the Danube River.

4.4.5 - Sediment regime

Significant accretion or deposition of sediments occurs on the site

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change Increase Decrease Unknown

Sediment regime unknown

Please provide further information on sediment (optional):

Amounts of organic substances in the water vary from 14.05 to 18.06 mg/l.

4.4.6 - Water pH

Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4)

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change Increase Decrease Unknown

Unknown

Please provide further information on pH (optional):

Studies on hydrochemical water indices, carried out in 2000-2001, have shown that pH ranged between 6.75 -8.85 (Denga, Medinets, 2002).

4.4.7 - Water salinity

Fresh (<0.5 g/l)

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change Increase Decrease Unknown

Unknown

Please provide further information on salinity (optional):

Water is fresh or lightly salted. Mineralization is 0.7–1.7 g/l.

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Mesotrophic

(Update) Changes at RIS update No change Increase Decrease Unknown

Unknown

Please provide further information on dissolved or suspended nutrients (optional):

The content of phosphorus in the bottom deposits varies within 426-725 mg/kg, the content of total nitrogen - 34.8-50.2 mg/kg. The concentration of organic substances in the bottom sediments is 47.5-49.3 mg/kg.

4.4.9 - Features of the surrounding area which may affect the Site

Please describe whether, and if so how, the landscape and ecological characteristics in the area surrounding the Ramsar Site differ from the site itself: i) broadly similar ii) significantly different

Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development

Surrounding area has higher human population density

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Food for humans	Sustenance for humans (e.g., fish, molluscs, grains)	High
Fresh water	Drinking water for humans and/or livestock	Medium
Fresh water	Water for irrigated agriculture	Low
Wetland non-food products	Livestock fodder	Low
Wetland non-food products	Reeds and fibre	Medium

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Storage and delivery of water as part of water supply systems for agriculture and industry	Medium
Erosion protection	Soil, sediment and nutrient retention	Low
Climate regulation	Local climate regulation/buffering of change	Medium
Hazard reduction	Flood control, flood storage	Medium

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	Medium
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	Medium
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	Medium

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganisms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High
Nutrient cycling	Storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients	High

Within the site:

Outside the site:

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site? Yes No Unknown

4.5.2 - Social and cultural values

i) the site provides a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland

ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland

iii) the ecological character of the wetland depends on its interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples

iv) relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological character of the wetland

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4.6 - Ecological processes

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5 - How is the Site managed? (Conservation and management)

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

Public ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Local authority, municipality, (sub)district, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Private ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Other types of private/individual owner(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for managing the site:

Department Of Ecology And Natural Resources Of The Odessa Regional State Administration

Provide the name and/or title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:

Bulanovich Pavlo, head of the Department Of Ecology And Natural Resources Of The Odessa Regional State Administration

Postal address:

83, Kanatna Str., Odesa, 65, 107, Ukraine

E-mail address:

ecolog@odessa.gov.ua

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

5.2.1 - Factors (actual or likely) adversely affecting the Site's ecological character

Human settlements (non agricultural)

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Housing and urban areas	Low impact	Medium impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Tourism and recreation areas	Low impact	Low impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Water regulation

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Water abstraction	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Canalisation and river regulation	Medium impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Water releases	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Agriculture and aquaculture

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Livestock farming and ranching	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Annual and perennial non-timber crops	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Biological resource use

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Hunting and collecting terrestrial animals	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Gathering terrestrial plants	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Logging and wood harvesting	Low impact	Low impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources	Medium impact	High impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Human intrusions and disturbance

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Recreational and tourism activities	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Natural system modifications

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Fire and fire suppression	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Dams and water management/use	Medium impact	High impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Invasive and other problematic species and genes

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Invasive non-native/ alien species	Low impact	High impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Household sewage, urban waste water	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Agricultural and forestry effluents	Medium impact	High impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Garbage and solid waste	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Climate change and severe weather

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Temperature extremes	Low impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Habitat shifting and alteration	Low impact	Medium impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change
Storms and flooding	Low impact	High impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

Regional (international) legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Other international designation	Emerald Network Site Systema Dunaiskykh Ozer (UA0000142)	https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=d1804eb1f77546b8a282cd6dff1aa202	partly

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	Kugurluj and Kartal lakes	http://datazone.birdlife.org/site/factsheet/kugurluj-and-kartal-lakes-iba-ukraine	partly

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

- Ia Strict Nature Reserve
- Ib Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
- II National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
- III Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
- IV Habitat/Species Management Area: protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention
- V Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation
- VI Managed Resource Protected Area: protected area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems

5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

Measures	Status
Legal protection	Proposed

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Management of water abstraction/takes	Proposed
Regulation/management of wastes	Proposed

Other:

The site is going to be included in the Danube Biosphere Reserve.

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? No

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site? Yes No

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning processes with another Contracting Party? Yes No

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No need identified

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Water quality	Proposed
Water regime monitoring	Implemented
Birds	Proposed
Animal species (please specify)	Proposed
Plant species	Proposed

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

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6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3)

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ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

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iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

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iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

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v. site management plan

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vi. other published literature

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6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Kugurlui Lake (Maxim Yakovlev, 16-05-2015)



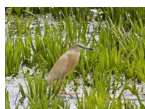
Larus ridibundus on the nest (Maxim Yakovlev, 16-05-2015)



Lake Kugurlui in the point of its connection with Lake Kartal (D.A.Kivhanov, 15-06-2016)



Cygnus olor (D.A.Kivhanov, 22-08-2015)



Ardeola ralloides (D.A.Kivhanov, 15-07-2015)



Lake Kugurlui in the point of its connection with Lake Kartal (D.A.Kivhanov, 15-06-2016)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation