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Ukraine Desna River Floodplains



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1 - Summary

Summary

The Site is one of the most well-preserved areas of the Desna river. It is a complex river network with numerous meanders, lakes, swamps and meadows with abundant semiaquatic and floodplain meadow vegetation, and small areas of floodplain forests.

The Site meets several criteria of international importance: it represents a typical natural wetland habitat, rare species and protected habitats at an international level are found, it is a hotspot of biological diversity, it supports a representative amount of fish fauna and provides support to migratory bird species during their seasonal migration.

Of the 594 species of vascular plants that have been recorded in the wetlands territory, 11 are listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine and 4 are protected by the Bern Convention. The vertebrate species composition includes 319 species, of which 39 are fish species, 12 amphibians, 212 birds and 48 mammals. Among them, there are 77 rare species. The wetland is important for the conservation of water birds, up to 70 thousand individuals use the territory during migrations, and more than 1,5 thousand for nesting.

The wetland regulates flooding, contributes to freshwater purification, and regulates the local microclimate. People use the wetland for recreation and tourism and additionally, for research, environmental education, and school education.

The wetland is a part of the Desniansko-Starogutskyi National Natural Park.

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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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	Dosna River Floodalains
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Spanish) -	

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
	^(Update) The boundary has been delineated more accurately 🗹
	^(Update) The boundary has been extended
	^(Update) The boundary has been restricted
	(Update) B. Changes to Site area has decreased
	^(Update) The Site area has been calculated more accurately 🗹
	^(Update) The Site has been delineated more accurately 🗹
	^(Update) The Site area has increased because of a boundary extension
(l	^(Update) The Site area has decreased because of a boundary restriction
	^(Update) For secretariat only. This update is an extension

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?

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Former maps 0

Boundaries description

Desna River Floodplains is completely located within the Desnyansko-Starogutsky National Natural Park.

The wetland is located 45 km west of the town of Seredyno-Buda in the Sumy region and 17 km north of the town of Novgorod-Siverskyi in the Chernihiv region. The wetland is bordered on the North by the State border of Ukraine and the Russian Federation. On the north-east, the Site borders with the forest tracts of the state enterprise "Seredino-Budske forestry" "Novovasylivske dacha", passes to the south and consistently borders with the protected forest areas of local importance "Ostriv" and "Ochkinska dacha", "Merzlyk", "Radhospskiy forest". On the East - by the sandy terrace of the Desna river. On the West - along the border between Sumy and Cherginiv regions which partly runs along the fairway of the Desna river, and partly along the floodplain meadows and lakes of the left bank of the river. On the north-west the Site directly borders on the protected landscape of national importance "Muravyivsky". The southern border of the wetland lies between the Rogivka and Leskonogy villages, perpendicular to the floodplain.

A separate part of the Site on the South is a floodplain territory and located between the protected forest areas "State farm forest" and the border with Chernihiv region. The separated part of the Site is a separate section of the national park, and administratively located in Sumy region and is limited by the borders of Chernihiv region on almost all sides.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?	Seredyno-Budskiy District, Sumy region										
b) What is the nearest town or population centre?	Ochkyne village										
2.2.3 - For wetlands on national bound	daries only										
a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes O No O											
b) Is the site adjacent to another desig territory of a	b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party? Yes O No O										
2.2.4 - Area of the Site											
Official area, in hectares (ha):	4270										
Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries	4270.255										
2.2.5 - Biogeography											

Biogeographic regions	
Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	Continental

Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

According to the geobotanical zoning of Ukraine, the wetland belongs to the Shostka district of green moss pine forests, Chernihiv-Novgorod-Siverskyi (Eastern Polissya) region, Polissya subprovince, East-European broad-leaved forests province. According to zoogeographical zoning: Polissya district, European sub-region, Holarctic biogeographic region.

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	The wetland is a typical and, at the same time, one of the most environmentally preserved areas of the Desna river. It is a complex river network with numerous meanders, lakes and swamps. It is of major importance for biological water cleaning. Water of the Desna River is used by cities such as Kiev, Chernihiv, Novgorod-Siverskyi and Korop.
Other ecosystem services provided	The wetland provides a cattle forage; a large part of the wetland is used as hayfields and pastures near settlements. Local people are engaged in fishing, which makes a big share of their income. Some places of the wetland are used for recreation.
Other reasons	Wet meadows, typical for the Desna flood plain, are distinguished by high biodiversity and best represent peculiarities of the Eastern (Novgorod-Siverskyi) Polissya region.

Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

The flora of vascular plants comprises 594 species. The list of vertebrate animals comprises 319 species, including 1 species of cyclostomes, 39 fishes, 12 amphibians, 7 reptiles, 212 birds and 48 mammals. Water birds of the wetland are prevalent over other bird groups in terms of species number. Anas acuta, A. clypeata are rare species of ducks, regularly observed here nesting. Coastal biotopes are inhabited by numerous waders: Xenus cinereus, Philomachus pugnax, Limosa limosa, and Charadrius dubius. Mass flights of geese, ducks, waders, gulls, birds of prey can be observed here in migration season. A lot of them make their stopover to rest and feed. For example, in spring, huge flocks (hundreds to thousands individuals) of migrating geese, ducks, and waders stopover here.

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

Criterion 5 : >20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers	120000
Start year	2012
Source of data:	Galushchenko, 2013; Galushchenko & Galushchenko, 2014; Galushchenko & Galushchenko, 2016; Galushchenko & Galushchenko, 2017

Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

Criterion 7 : Significant and representative fish

The Site is crucial for the conservation of fish biodiversity of the Desna River. Approximately 40 fish species from different ecological groups are recorded within its boundaries. The hydrological characteristics of the Desna River create conditions to preserve rheophilic fish species, such as Barbus barbus borysthenicus, Alburnoides bipunctatus rossicus, Gobio gobio, Gymnocephalus acerinus, Pelecus Justification cultratus, Vimba vimba, Aspius aspius, etc.

The Site is also valuable for the conservation of limnophilous species as well as fish living in oxbow lakes and boggy areas. It is primarily important for Eudonthomyzon mariae, Carassius carassius, Misgurnus fossilis, Lota lota, Cobitis taenia, and some others.

Criterion 8 : Fish spawning grounds, etc.

Justification

This Site is one of few spawning and wintering grounds for rare and threatened fish species in the Dnieper Basin. Absence of dykes and availability of optimal hydrological conditions make it valuable for the spawning of many rare fish species such as Acipenser ruthenus, Pelecus cultratus, Vimba vimba, Aspius aspius. Numerous floodplain lakes, small streams and boggy areas serve as spawning grounds for Eudonthomyzon mariae, Carassius carassius, Tinca tinca, Misgurnus fossilis, etc. Besides, the availability of wintering pits contributes to the conservation of such fish species as Cyprinus carpio, Silurus glanis, Abramis brama.

The Site plays an important role in the fattening, wintering and spawning of commercial species and those used in amateur fishing, in particular Esox luceus, Rutilus rutilus, Scardinius erythrophthalmus, Tinca tinca, Abramis brama, Cyprinus carpio, Silurus glanis, Leuciscus idus, etc.

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	Aldrovanda vesiculosa	V	V		EN		listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT, Appendix I of Bern convention.	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ PSILOTOPSIDA	Botrychium multifidum	V	V				listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT, Appendix I of Bern convention.	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Dactylorhiza fuchsii	Iorhiza fuchsii					listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - DD	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Dactylorhiza incarnata	X	V				listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Epipactis helleborine		V				listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - DD	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Iris sibirica	V	×				listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Nymphoides peltata	V	×		LC		listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Salix myrtilloides	V	×				listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Salix starkeana	V	×				listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ POLYPODIOPSIDA	Salvinia natans	V	X		LC		listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - DD, Appendix I of Bern convention.	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Trapa natans	×	Ø		LC		listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - DD, Appendix I of Bern convention.	

In the wetland territory, there are 11 priority species of vascular plants. All of them are listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine, four in Appendix I of the Bern Convention. For example, Trapa natans and Nymphoides peltata in favorable conditions dominate in vegetation and form rather dense monodominant beds. Although Salvinia natans is a quite common species, its abundance still depends on the weather conditions of the year. In the years with a cold summer, when the Desna river is water-rich, Salvinia natans is scarse. In the years when water warms up, Salvinia natans can dominate in slow-current parts in communities of free-floating water plants. Botrychium multifidum is known to occur in one locality, where it is occasionally observed.

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	Species contributes under criterion 3 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Others											
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Coronella austriaca	ØOOO	Rooc		2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Eptesicus serotinus serotinus	ØOOO	Rooc		2000-2016					Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Mustela erminea	eooo	ØOOC		2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NE, Appendix II of Bern Convention	

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	Species contributes under criterion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ MAMIMALIA	Mustela lutreola	ØOOO	Rooo		2000-2018		CR			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Myotis daubentonii	ØOOO	ØOOO				LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Nyctalus noctula noctula	ØDDD	ØOOO		2000-2016					Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Pipistrellus pipistrellus	ØDDD			2000-2016		LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Plecotus auritus auritus	ØDDD	2000		2000-2016					Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Vespertilio murinus	ØDDD			2000-2016		LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
Fish, Mollusc and Cru	stacea										
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Abramis brama		2002				LC				
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Acipenser ruthenus		e de e		2012-2018		VU			Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	Breeding and migratory species.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Alburnoides bipunctatus	Ø000	e de la compañía de		2012-2018					Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	Breeding and migratory species
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Anguilla anguilla		2020		2012-2018		CR				
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Barbus borysthenicus				2012-2018					listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	Breeding and migratory species
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Carassius carassius	Ø000	I I I I		2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	Breeding and migratory species
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Cyprinus carpio	Ø000	VOVV				VU				The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Esox lucius		VOVV				LC				The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ CEPHALASPIDOMORPH	Eudontomyzon mariae	Øooo	VOVV				LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Gymnocephalus acerina	ØOOO	Roko		2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	Breeding and migratory species.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Leuciscus aspius		e de e				LC				The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Leuciscus idus		e e e				LC				The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Leuciscus Ieuciscus	ØOOO	e de e		2000-2016		LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Lota lota	ØOOO	2020		2000-2016		LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Misgurnus fossilis		I I I				LC				The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Pelecus cultratus				2012-2018		LC				
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Rhynchocypris percnurus	Ø000	Ø død		2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	Breeding and migratory species
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Rutilus rutilus		I I I I				LC				The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Scardinius erythrophthalmus						LC				The species breeding within the Site.

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CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Silurus glanis			1			LC				The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Tinca tinca		Z – Z 6	I			LC				The species breeding within the Site.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	Vimba vimba			1			LC				
Birds											
CHORDATA/ AVES	Actitis hypoleucos			50	2012-2018		LC				
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas acuta			800	2012-2018		LC				The area is especially important for the species in migration periods (especially in spring). It is a rare breeding species, 1-2 pairs irregularly breed within the Site.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas clypeata		27D	300	2012-2018						The area is important for the species in migration periods (especially in spring). It is rather rare breeding species, 5-10 pairs breed within the Site. Flocks of summering birds up to 30 ind. are also recorded in summer.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas crecca		ØOOC	200	2012-2018		LC				The area is important for the species in spring migration periods. 5-10 pairs irregularly breed within the Site. Flocks of summering individuals are irregularly recorded.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas penelope		220	20000	2012-2018	4.54					The Site is important as a migratory bird stopover (especially in the spring season).
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas platyrhynchos		220	10000	2000-2016		LC				
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas querquedula		200	600	2012-2018						The area is important in migration periods (especially in spring). It is a common breeding species in the Desna floodplain, 100- 150 pairs breed. Flocks of summering birds up to 30 ind. are also recorded at water bodies.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser albifrons		220	70000	2012-2018	28	LC				The Site is important as a migratory bird stopover, especially in the spring season.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser anser		220	1000	2012-2018	1.3	LC				The area is important as a migratory bird stopover, especially in the spring season. Several breeding pairs are recorded.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser erythropus	ØØ 🗆 🗆		30	2012-2018		W		V	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The area is important as a migratory bird stopover.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anser fabalis		220	7000	2012-2018	13.5	LC				The Site is important as a migratory bird stopover. The migration is pronounced in the spring season, whereas in autumn only insignificant number of migratory birds are recorded.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aquila clanga	ØØ00	200	10	2012-2018					listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT, IUCN Red List - VU, Appendix II of Bern Convention	It is a rare migratory and breeding species. 1 pair irregularly breeds in the site (not annually)
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aquila pomarina	ØØ 🗆 🗆	eoo	20	2012-2018					listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT, IUCN Red List - LC, Appendix II of Bern Convention	The data in the table are given for the migration period. It is a rare breeding species. 1-2 pairs breed in the site within the Desniansko-Starohutskyi National Nature Park.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya ferina	ØØ 🗆	220	500	2012-2018		VU				The area is important for the species in the migration period (especially in spring). 5-10 pairs breed within the Site. Flocks of summering birds up to 200 ind. are recorded.

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CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya fuligula			500	2012-2018		LC				The area is important for the species in the migration period (especially in spring). It is a rare breeding species; 1-5 pairs breed in the site. Flocks of summering birds up to 20 ind. are also recorded.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Bucephala clangula			800	2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT	The area is important as a migratory bird stopover, the spring migration is more pronounced.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Buteo buteo	Ø700	ØØOO	1000	2012-2016		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	The area is important during migrations.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Buteo lagopus	Ø200		200	2012-2016		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	The area is important during migrations.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Charadrius dubius	vooo	ØOOO	40	2012-2018		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Charadrius hiaticula		eoo	20	2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT	Mgratory species, for the first time recorded during the migration in 2014. In the breeding period and summering individuals are recorded.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chlidonias hybrida	ØOOO	ØOOO	70	2012-2018		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chlidonias Ieucopterus	ØOOO	ØOOO	150	2012-2018		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chlidonias niger	ØOOO	ØOOO	150	2012-2018		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chroicocephalus ridibundus			3000	2012-2018						
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ciconia nigra		ØOOO	50	2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circaetus gallicus		ØOOO	20	2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT	The data in the table are given for the migration period. It is very rare breeding species, 1-2 pairs breed in the Site.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus aeruginosus		Øddd	110	2000-2016		LC				The Site is more important for the species during migration, especially in the autumn. A small nesting species, nests on the Site up to 15 pairs.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus cyaneus		Øooo	100	2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	The area is important as a migratory bird stopover, the spring migration is more pronounced. It is very rare breeding species. 1 pair occasionally breeds within the site.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Circus pygargus	ggoo	vooo	10	201-2018		LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The data in the table are given for the migration period. It is a rare breeding species. 1-2 pairs breed in the site within the Desniansko-Starohutskyi National Nature Park.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Columba oenas	9900	ØOOO	10	2012-2018		LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	Occurs during migrations, not numerous breeding species. Breeds in the pine forests adjacent to the Site.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Crex crex	Rooo	ØOOO	140	2012-2018		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Cygnus olor		ØOOO	30	2012-2018		LC				
CHORDATA/ AVES	Gallinago gallinago		Rooo	150	2012-2018		LC				The area is important for the species in the migration and breeding periods. It is a common breeding species.

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CHORDATA/ AVES	Gallinago media					8	2012-2018		NT			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	The area is important for the species in the migration and breeding periods. It is a relatively rare breeding species, up to 10 pairs breed in some wet years.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Grus grus	ZZZ		ØC		1000	2012-2018	1	LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT	Breeding and migratory species
CHORDATA/ AVES	Haematopus ostralegus	Ø00				20	2012-2018		NT			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The area is important for the species during migratory and breeding seasons. It is a rare breeding species, 3-4 pairs breed, in some wet years the number is higher
CHORDATA/ AVES	Haliaeetus albicilla					40	2012-2018		LC	×	×	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC, Appendix II of Bem Convention	The area is especially important for the species during migrations.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Hieraaetus pennatus					6	2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT, Appendix II of Bem Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Hydrocoloeus minutus					10	2012-2018		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Limosa limosa			ØC		2500	2012-2018	2.6	NT				The area is important as a stopover during spring migrations.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Milvus migrans					350	2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU, Appendix I of Bern Convention	The area is important as a migratory bird stopover, the spring migration is more pronounced. In the breeding period 3-4 pairs breed within the site.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Numenius arquata		DØ			10	2012-2018		NT			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - EN	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pandion haliaetus					10	2012-2018		LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - CR, Appendix I of Bern Convention	The area is important as a migratory bird stopover, the autumn migration is more pronounced.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pernis apivorus					40	2000-2016		LC				The area is more important for the species during migration. Rare nesting species, 1-2 pairs nest within the area.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Philomachus pugnax			ØC		2500	2012-2018						The area is important for the species in the migration period. It is a rare breeding species, in the breeding period 2-3 pairs are recorded.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Porzana parva					10	2012-2018					listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Porzana porzana					50	2012-2018		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Sterna hirundo					250	2012-2018		LC			listed in Appendix II of Bern Convention	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Sternula albifrons					20	2012-2018		LC			listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - NT	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa glareola					500	2012-2018		LC				The area is important for the species in the migration period. In summer, flocks of summering birds are irregularly recorded.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa nebularia					80	2012-2018		LC				
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa ochropus					200	2012-2018		LC				The area is especially important for the species during migrations. It is not numerous breeding species, up to 10 pairs breed in some wet years, in other years – 3-4 pairs.

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CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa stagnatilis			10	2012-2018		LC			Red Data Book of Ukraine - CR	The area is very important for the species in the migration period. It is very rare breeding species, 1-2 pairs breed, in some wet years the number is higher.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa totanus			500	2012-2018		LC				The area is important for the species in the migration and breeding periods. It is not numerous breeding species, in some wet years up to 30-50 pairs are recorded, flocks of summering birds occur as well.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Xenus cinereus			15	2012-2018		LC				The area is important for the species in the migration and breeding periods. It is not numerous breeding species, up to 10 pairs breed in some wet years.

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

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
C2.34 Eutrophic vegetation of slow-flowing rivers	V	Typical biotopes in river side channel	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C3.51 Euro-Siberian dwarf annual amphibious swards	Ø	Semiaquatic communities along the Desna and Svyga beds	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
D5.2 Beds of large sedges normally without free-standing water	Ø	Most part of marshes at the Desna river floodplain	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C2.1 : Springs, spring brooks and geysers	Ø	Small springs near the fluvial terrace riser	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.222 Floating Hydrocharis morsus-ranae rafts	Ø	Include rare community 137. Community of formation Trapeta natantis. Happens often	Green Book of Ukraine, Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://m.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.223 Floating Stratiotes aloides rafts	V	Typical biotope of old lakes in the Desna floodplain	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7

Name of ecological community	Community qualifies under Criterion 2?	Description	Justification
C1.225 Floating Salvinia natans mats	Ø	Include rare community 159 Community of formation Salvinieta natantis. Happens often	Green Book of Ukraine, Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.32 Free-floating vegetation of eutrophic waterbodies	Ø	Typical biotope of old lakes in the Desna floodplain	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.33 Rooted submerged vegetation of eutrophic waterbodies	Ø	Include rare community of formation Nymphoideta peltatae, Happens often	Green Book of Ukraine, Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.3413 Hottonia palustris beds in shallow water	Ø	Often occurs in water bodies in forests and drainage channels	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C2.1A Mesotrophic vegetation of spring brooks	Ø	Development depends on the level of flood	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C2.28 Eutrophic vegetation of fast-flowing streams	Ø	In some part of river channel of Sviga	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C2.33 Mesotrophic vegetation of slow-flowing rivers	Ø	Riverbeds of Desna, Znobivka, Swga	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
E3.4 Moist or wet eutrophic and mesotrophic grassland	Ø	Meadows of low and middle flood plain of the Desna river	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
F9.1 : Riverine scrub	Ø	Shrub thickets on high banks of the riverbed and large meander lakes	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
G1.11 Riverine Salix woodland	Ø	Floodplain forests. All. Salicion cinereae Th. Mull. et Gors ex Pass. 1961 ; Salix cinerea, Solanum dulcamara, Stachys palustris	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
G1.7 Thermophilous deciduous woodland	Ø	Forests on high hills	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7

Name of ecological community	Community qualifies under Criterion 2?	Description	Justification
G1.44 Ravine and slope woodland	Ø	Forests on hills	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.3 : Permanent eutrophic lakes, ponds and pools	Ø	Most of floodplain lakes with Nuphar lutea, Nymphae candida, Numphoides peltata, Trapa natans communities	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.224 Floating Utricularia australis and Utricularia vulgaris colonies	Ø	All. Utricularion vulgaris Pass. 1978; Lemna minor, Utricularia vulgaris	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.6 : Temporary lakes, ponds and pools	Ø	Temporary floodplain lakes	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C1.3411 Ranunculus communities in shallow water	Ø	Often occurs in the lateral beds of the gums and lakes	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
C2.1B Eutrophic vegetation of spring brooks	Ø	Typical biotopes. Development depends on the level of flood	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
E2.2 Low and medium altitude hay meadows	Ø	Meadows of high and middle flood plain of the Desna river	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
E3.5 Moist or wet oligotrophic grassland	V	Bogs near terraces without trees and shrubs, small areas of grasslands along the Desna river fluvial terrace	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
G1.21 Riverine Fraxinus - Alnus woodland, wet at high but not at low water	V	Fraxino-Alnetum W.Mat. 1952; Alnus glutinosa, Caltha palustris, Frangula alnus, Fraxinus excelsior, Calium palustre, Lycopus europaeus, Lysimachia vulgaris, Ranunculus repens, Solanum dulcamara	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7
G1.22 Mxed Quercus - Ulmus - Fraxinus woodland of great rivers	Ø	Forests which are not flooded with spring flood water; mixed pine and oak forests. Ficario-Ulmetum minoris Knapp 1942 em. J.Mat 1976 Alnus gluitinosa, Carpinus betulus, Fraxinus excelsior, Quercus robur, Ulmus carpinifolia, Ulmus laevis	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7

Name of ecological community	Community qualifies under Criterion 2?	Description	Justification
G1.B3 Boreal and boreonemoral Alnus woods	V	Forest dispose along terraces	Listed in Annex I of the Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Bern Convention on endangered natural habitat types https://rm.coe.int/16807469e7

Optional text box to provide further information

Communities dominated by Glyceria maxima and Schoenoplectus lacustris are prevalent over the lakes, while those with Butomus umbellatus and Sagittaria sagittifolia prevail along river beds and arms. Among the aquatic higher plant associations, those dominated by Potamogeton perfoliatus, Nuphar lutea and Nymphoides peltata have been detected in the course of the Desna river. Usually, the riverbed is surrounded by thickets of Salix triandra and S. viminalis. Among the willow thickets there are groves formed by aspen, oak and ash. The tops of natural levees are covered by associations of Calamagrostis epigeios, Agrostis vinealis, Carex praecox, Festuca rubra. In the central part of the floodplain, a vegetation complex consists of reservoirs (meanders, lakes), marshes in topographic lowlands, and surrounding willow thickets. The largest area in the floodplain part is covered by a meadow vegetation, dominated by Festuca rubra, Agrostis gigantea, Alopecurus pratensis, Deschampsia caespitosa, and Carex vulpina. Hyper-humid ecotopes are occupied by marshy meadows, dominated by Beckmania eruciformis, Carex acuta, Glyceria fluitans, Phalaroides arundinacea. The flood plain relief near the terrace comprises wide plain lands, lands with a slightly rolling topography, wide lowlands and very deep depressions. Depressions create conditions suitable for sedge communities, as well as alder groves to develop. Native meadows, dominated mainly by Alopecurus pratensis and Phalaris arundinacea are widespread on plain areas. From the East, the wetland is surrounded by large areas of pine forests.

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

4.1 - Ecological character

The wetland is typical and, at the same time, one of the most well-preserved areas of the Desna River. It is a complex river network with numerous meanders, lakes, swamps and meadows. Within the wetland, the river bed is meandering, with a large number of channels, and sometimes is split into arms. Rivers Sudost, Znobivka, and Svyga also flow within the wetland. The river is filled from mixed water sources. It contributes to maintaining the balance of the Desna River flow due to its numerous lakes and wetlands, as well as its left tributaries Znobivka and Svyga. The wetland is of major importance for water purification.

The water level within the wetland is highly dependent on the Desna River. Its riverbed is unregulated and it has a natural regimen with a spring flood and a minimum water level in late summer-early fall. The river bed does not freeze every winter. Floodplain water reservoirs do freeze, but not to the bottom. The regimen of the Desna tributaries – Znobivka and Svyga is substantially influenced by artificial lakes situated outside of the wetland.

The meadows are mainly moderately moist, and, to a lesser extent, wet. Areas covered by grasslands are constantly shrinking, due to the wettest areas being overgrowing with willow shrubs, and the moderately moist ones with forest. This is a result of ceasing haymaking activities. Forests within the wetland consist of alder, aspen, oak and ash trees. Forests are distributed as small plots and increase the recreational capacity of the wetland. There are also pine forests on high sandy hills.

Lakes and arms of the Desna river are extremely diverse in depth and flow rate, which contributes to the nesting of various aquatic birds, and also creates conditions for tourism and recreation development. Up to 7 thousand tourists visit the Site during warm periods of the year. Agriculture is the main land use (haymaking and cattle/poultry grazing). Local people are engaged in fishing, which makes a significant share of their income. Forestry, environmental activities and scientific research have less impact on natural systems. Part of the territory is included in the regulated recreation zone of the Desniansko-Starogutskyi National Nature Park.

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 > Flowing water >> M Permanent rivers/ streams/ creeks		2	203	Representative
Fresh water > Flowing water >> N: Seasonal/ intermittent/ irregular rivers/ streams/ creeks		4	0.4	Representative
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		2	258	Representative
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> P: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater lakes		3	97	Representative
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		1	547	Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Ts: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater marshes/ pools on inorganic soils		4	0.3	Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non- forested peatlands		3	85	Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> W: Shrub- dominated wetlands		2	205	Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Xf: Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands		2	195	Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> Xp: Permanent Forested peatlands		2	261	Representative
Fresh water > Flowing water >> Y: Permanent Freshwater springs; oases		4	0.3	Representative

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

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Carex hartmanii	Rare species, protected in Sumy region
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Circaea alpina	The species on the Southern border of its range, protected in Sumy region.
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Corynephorus canescens	Corynephorus canescens (L.) Beauv. The species on the Eastern border of its range, typical for sandy soils
TRACHEOPHYTA/PINOPSIDA	Juniperus communis	The species on the Southern border of its range, protected in Sumy region.
TRACHEOPHYTA/POLYPODIOPSIDA	Matteuccia struthiopteris	Relict species, protected in Sumy region.
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Nymphaea candida	Nymphaea candida J. et C. Presl The dominant in communities, listed in the Green Book of Ukraine, protected by the Bern Convention
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Verbascum nigrum	Rare species, protected in Sumy region.

Invasive alien plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Acer negundo	Actual (major impacts)	increase
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Acorus calamus	Actual (minor impacts)	decrease
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Amelanchier canadensis	Actual (minor impacts)	increase
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Anethum graveolens	Potential	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Barbarea vulgaris	Potential	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Berteroa incana	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Bidens frondosa	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Bromus tectorum	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Capsella bursa-pastoris	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Carduus acanthoides	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Chondrilla juncea	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Cichorium intybus	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Corispermum hyssopifolium	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Cynoglossum officinale	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Descurainia sophia	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Echinocystis lobata	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Erigeron canadensis	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Erysimum cheiranthoides	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Fallopia convolvulus	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Galinsoga parviflora	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Geranium pusillum	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Impatiens parviflora	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Juncus tenuis	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Lepidium densiflorum	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Lepidium draba	Potential	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Lepidium ruderale	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Malva neglecta	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Raphanus raphanistrum	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Sambucus racemosa	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Saponaria officinalis	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Setaria helvola	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Setaria viridis	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Stenactis annua	Actual (major impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Torilis japonica	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Xanthium albinum	Actual (major impacts)	No change

4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/AVES	Rallus aquaticus				Bern-3 Breeding, migration
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Chondrostoma nasus				rare

Invasive alien animal species Changes at RIS update Scientific name Phylum Impacts Potential Neovison vison CHORDATA/MAMMALIA increase Actual (minor impacts) Nyctereutes procyonoides CHORDATA/MAMMALIA No change Ondatra zibethicus Potential CHORDATA/MAMMALIA decrease Perccottus glenii Potential CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII No change Potential Pseudorasbora parva **CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII** No change

Optional text box to provide further information

American Mink (Neovison vison) and Mukrat (Ondatra zibethicus) occur within the site but have not yet caused a significant impact.

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

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

Climate is temperate-continental. Average annual air temperature is +5.4 °C. The warmest month is July with an average temperature +18.6°C; the coldest month is January with an average temperature -8.0°C. The frost-free period lasts for 140 days. Stable snow cover typically lasts for 110 days.

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting



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 wetland covers the part of the Desna left-bank flood plain within the middle of its basin. The Desna River is a tributary of the Dnieper River. Within the wetland borders, Desna takes left tributaries of Znobivka and Svyga.

4.4.3 - Soil

Mineral 🗹	D
(Update) Changes at RIS update N	lo change
Organic 🗹	2
^(Update) Changes at RIS update N	lo change
No available information	
Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)?	ies O No 🖲
Please provide further information on the soil (optional)	
Sod-podzol sandy and loamy sand soils formed on fluviogla	acial sands and clayey sands prevail within the site.

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

Predominant water source	Changes at RIS update	
×	No change	
Changes at RIS update		
No change		
Changes at RIS update		
No change		
	Predominant water source	

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

The water level within the wetland is highly dependent on the water content in the Desna river. Its riverbed is unregulated and it has a natural regimen with a spring flood and a minimum water level in late summer-early fall. The river bed does not freeze every winter. Floodplain water reservoirs do, but do not freeze down to the bottom. The regimen of the Desna tributaries – Znobivka and Svyga is substantially influenced by artificial lakes situated outside of the wetland.

4.4.5 - Sediment regime

Significant accretion or deposition of sediments occurs on the site $\ensuremath{\mathbb{Z}}$

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

Sediment regime unknown

Please provide further information on sediment (optional):

Sediments within the wetland are the result of clay particles deposition in the middle part of the floodplain, as well as sand particles redeposition both by floods, and throughout the year due to river bad evolution.

(ECD) Water turbidity and colour 20-50 g/m3

4.4.6 - Water pH

Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4)

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

Unknown 🗖

4.4.7 - Water salinity

Fresh (<0.5 g/l) 🗹

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

Unknown 🗖

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Eutrophic 🗹

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

Unknown 🗖

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 i) broadly similar O ii) significantly different I site itself:

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

Please describe other ways in which the surrounding area is different:

The wetland is bordered on the north by the Biosphere Reserve "Neruso-Desnianske Polissya", located in the neighboring Russian Federation, on the west, south and east by the Ukrainian Biosphere Reserve "Desnianskyi". Main influences coming from adjacent lands are following: forest cutting and planting, hunting, fishing, recreation, plowing, haymaking and grazing. There is a large wood-processing plant in the city of Bila Beryozka (Russia), which discharges its waste waters into the Desna River.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

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

Regulating Services

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Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	High	
Pollution control and detoxification	Water purification/waste treatment or dilution	Medium	
Climate regulation	Local climate regulation/buffering of change	Medium	
Climate regulation	Regulation of greenhouse gases, temperature, precipitation and other climactic processes	Medium	
Biological control of pests and disease	Support of predators of agricultural pests (e.g., birds feeding on locusts)	Medium	

Cultural Services

	Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
	Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	Low
Recreation and tourism		Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium
Recreation and tourism		Recreational hunting and fishing	Low
	Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	High
Scientific and educational Scientific and educational		Important knowledge systems, importance for research (scientific reference area or site)	High
		Educational activities and opportunities	High

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganizms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High	
Nutrient cycling	Carbon storage/sequestration	High	
Pollination	Support for pollinators	Medium	

Within the site: 1000

Outside the site: 100,000

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site?

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 D 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

<no data available>

4.6 - Ecological processes

<no data available>

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
Public land (unspecified)	×	×
National/Federal government	×	×
Provincial/region/state government	×	×
Local authority, municipality, (sub)district, etc.	Ø	Ø
Other public ownership	×	×

Private ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area	
Other types of private/individual owner(s)	V	V	
Cooperative/collective (e.g., farmers cooperative)	V	V	

Other

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Unspecified mixed ownership		×

Provide further information on the land tenure / ownership regime (optional):

The Site is part of the territory of the Desniansko-Starogutskyi National Natural Park. Most of the wetland lands belong to the state and have been transferred to the use and protection of the National Park. Other types of ownership and use are mostly located near settlements.

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for managing the site:	Desniansko-Starogutskyi National Natural Park
Provide the name and/or title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Kubakov Sergiy, acting director
Postal address:	Novgorod-Siverska Str., Seredyno-Buda town, Sumska Oblast, 41000, Ukraine
E-mail address:	nppdesstar@gmail.com

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
Tourism and recreation areas	Medium impact	Medium impact	×	No change	×	No change
Housing and urban areas	Low impact	Low impact		No change	×	No change

Water regulation						
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Canalisation and river regulation	Low impact	Low impact		No change	×	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	Medium impact	Low impact	×	No change	X	No change
Annual and perennial non-timber crops	Low impact	Low impact		No change	×	No change
Wood and pulp plantations	Low impact	Low impact		No change	×	No change

Energy production and mining

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Mining and quarrying	Low impact	Low impact		No change	×	No change

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Roads and railroads	Low impact	Low impact	×	No change		No change

Biological resource use						
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Logging and wood harvesting					×	
Hunting and collecting terrestrial animals	Low impact	Medium impact		No change	×	No change
Gathering terrestrial plants	Medium impact	Medium impact	V	No change	×	No change
Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources	High impact	High impact	Ø	No change	Ø	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			я.		×.	

Vatural 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	Low impact	×	No change	×	No change		
Dams and water management/use	Low impact	Low impact	×	No change	×	No change		
Vegetation clearance/ land conversion	Low impact	Medium impact	×	No change	Ø	No change		

Invasive and other probler	natic species and genes					
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Problematic native species	Low impact	Low impact		No change	×.	No change
Invasive non-native/ alien species	Medium impact	Medium impact	Ø	No change	Ø	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	Low impact	×	No change	×	No change
Excess heat, sound, light	Low impact	Low impact	×	No change	×	No change
Garbage and solid waste	Medium impact	Medium impact	×	No change	×	No change
Agricultural and forestry effluents	Medium impact	Medium impact	×	No change	×	No change
Industrial and military effluents	Low impact	Low impact	Ø	No change	Ø	No change

Climate change and severe weather

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Habitat shifting and alteration	Medium impact	Medium impact	V	No change	V	No change
Temperature extremes	Low impact	Low impact	×	No change	×	No change
Storms and flooding	Medium impact	Medium impact	X	No change	V	No change
Droughts	Low impact	Low impact	X	No change	X	No change

Please describe any other threats (optional):

In the past, the human economic activities' influence on the wetland was significantly higher. The drainage land reclamation was carried out and artificial lands were established at the tributaries of the Desna River, flowing into it within the wetland. All this resulted in pollution and silting of some water bodies. Haymaking and grazing used to be much more intense. In particular, 5-6 summer cattle grazing stations were regularly established each year, which negatively influenced the vegetation and wildlife. Now their number has reduced to 2, working only on the right bank. At present, hunting and sportive fishing is carried out at the most parts of the territory, hay harvesting volumes have decreased, and only some plots near settlements are subject to overgrazing. Tree cutting and planting, hunting, fishing, recreation, land ploughing, haymaking and cattle grazing are carried out on adjacent lands.

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

Global legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
UNESCO Biosphere Reserve	Desnianskyi	http://www.unesco.org/new/en/nat ural- sciences/environment/ecolog ical- sciences/biosphere-reserves /europe- north-america/ukraine/de snianskyi/	whole

Regional (international) legal designations					
	Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site	
	Other international designation	Emerald network site UA0000031 Desniansko Starohutskyi National Nature Park	https://www.coe.int/en/web/bern- convention/emerald-network	whole	
	National legal designations				

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
National Natural Park	Desniansko-Starogutskyi National Natural Park	http://www.nppds.inf.ua/	whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

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Ib Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection

- Il 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	Implemented	

Habitat

Measures	Status
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Proposed
Catchment management initiatives/controls	Partially implemented
Improvement of water quality	Proposed
Hydrology management/restoration	Proposed
Re-vegetation	Proposed
Soil management	Proposed
Land conversion controls	Proposed
Faunal corridors/passage	Proposed

Species

Measures	Status
Threatened/rare species management programmes	Partially implemented
Reintroductions	Proposed

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented
Research	Implemented
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented
Harvest controls/poaching enforcement	Implemented
Fisheries management/regulation	Implemented

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?

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

Please indicate if a Ramsar centre, other educational or visitor facility, or an educational or visitor programme is associated with the site:

The National Park conducts environmental education activities, excursions and public awareness activities. The park is known for a special summer science training camp for children.

URL of site-related webpage (if relevant): http://www.nppds.inf.ua/

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? Yes, there is a plan

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Plant species	Implemented
Animal species (please specify)	Implemented
Plant community	Implemented
Soil quality	Implemented
Animal community	Implemented
Birds	Implemented

Researchers at the park constantly monitor the state of vegetation, migration and nesting of birds and the number of mammals. From time to time studies of ichthyofauna and invertebrates are conducted.

Sand dunes overgrowing dynamics at the Uborok natural site, as well as plant mass resources in the flood plain meadows of the Desna River are monitored.

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

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

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

- iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports
- <no file available> v. site management plan

vi. other published literature

<no data available>

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:





Mgratory geese. (Sergiy Galuschenko, 07-04-2015)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter <1 file(s) uploaded>

Date of Designation 2003-11-17