



# Ramsar Information Sheet

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## Belarus

### Dnieper River Floodplain



Designation date	29 May 2014
Site number	2244
Coordinates	51°38'17"N 30°36'31"E
Area	29 352,94 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

The wetland "Dnieper River Floodplain" is situated in the valley of the Dnieper River and represents one of the last floodplains of big rivers in Europe preserved in the natural state. The floodplain reaches a width of 8-10 km in some places and it is a flat plain, with widespread low ridges. The direction of the Dnieper river bed often changes, which causes the formation of distributaries and numerous large oxbows.

The wetland is an exceptionally important part of the natural hydrographic network of the Belorussian Polesie region. It is one of the most important breeding habitats of waterfowl in Belarus. The site's floodplain meadows serve as stopovers for many waterfowl during spring migration. The site is also important fish spawning, feeding and wintering ground.

## 2 - Data & location

### 2.1 - Formal data

#### 2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

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#### 2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year	2006
To year	2014

#### 2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Dnieper River Floodplain
Unofficial name (optional)	Пойма реки Днепр

## 2.2 - Site location

### 2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image  
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Boundaries description (optional)

The area of wetland "Dnieper River Floodplain" is a large natural system that narrowly stretches from north to south. The site's border in the east and south coincides with the state border of the Republic of Belarus which goes on the middle of the Dnieper River; in the west the border runs along the national roads Rechica – Loew - Bragin (P 125); and Kalinkovichy – Bragin – Komarin - State border of Ukraine. On the North the site adjoins the National Biological Reserve "Dnepro-Sozhskiy".

### 2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?	Bragin and Loew district/Gomel region
b) What is the nearest town or population centre?	Loew

### 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):	29352.94
Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries	29377.33

### 2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

RIS for Site no. 2244, Dnieper River Floodplain, Belarus

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
EU biogeographic regionalization	Continental

### 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

1. The site has significant importance for natural functioning of the river Dnieper basin.
2. The site keeps water during the dry season, providing it for water bodies.
3. The site maintains the level of groundwater.
3. The site participates in the formation of underground hydrological systems, which supply with water the surface wetland complexes.
4. The site plays an important role in maintaining high water quality in the region.

Other ecosystem services provided

The wetland performs other important functions:

- significant impact on the climate and geochemical processes in the biosphere;
- gas control (release of oxygen, carbon sequestration);
- abrasion and erosion control;
- the natural deposition of organic and inorganic pollutant;
- maintenance of biological diversity;
- protection of soil and water.

Other reasons

The site is a habitat for many rare and economically important species of plants and animals. The area of wetlands is a place for gathering berries and mushrooms by the local population, and is also suitable for recreational fishing and hunting.

- Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

- Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

Justification

The wetland supports populations of plant and animal species which are important for the conservation of biological diversity of the large floodplain systems of the Continental region. The site is a "hotspot" of biodiversity and is rich in species: more than 200 bird species were registered on the site, about 139 of them breed here. 12 plant and 78 animal species are listed in the National Red Data Book (19 species of invertebrates, 4 fish species, 3 species of herpetofauna, 51 bird species, 1 mammal species).

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

- Criterion 8 : Fish spawning grounds, etc.

Justification

The wetland supports the ecological processes that are critical for the formation of populations of commercially important freshwater fish (spawning, feeding grounds, wintering). Temporary flooded water bodies and shallow waters during the spring flood are one of the biggest spawning grounds for many fish species.



































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

Scientific name	Common name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
<i>Angelica palustris</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Clematis recta</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Dianthus armeria</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Equisetum telmateia</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - CR	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Genista germanica</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - NT	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Hypericum montanum</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Najas marina marina</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Peucedanum cervaria</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Salvinia natans</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - NT	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
<i>Trapa natans</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	The species contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion				Species contributes under criterion				Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
			2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Acipenser ruthenus</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - CR	Rare indigenous fish species
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Common Kingfisher	<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"/>		2006-2010		LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Northern Pintail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	on migration
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Anser erythropus</i>	Lesser White-fronted Goose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		2006-2010		VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - NT	on passage
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Lesser Spotted Eagle	<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"/>	7	2005-2007			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	breeding pairs, Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Great Egret	<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"/>	National Red List - VU	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Little Owl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Barbus barbus</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	Rare indigenous fish species

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			2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Eurasian Bittern	<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"/>	15	2006-2010		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	males, on breeding. Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	Eurasian Eagle-Owl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	2006-2010		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	breeding pairs. Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Common Ringed Plover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	on migration
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Chondrostoma nasus</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	Rare indigenous fish species
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Black Stork	<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"/>	National Red List - VU	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natioanal Red List - EN	migration
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Northern Harrier	<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"/>	National Red List - VU	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	European Roller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				NT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - CR	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Crex crex</i>	Corn Crake	<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	2003-2004		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	males, on breeding
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Otolan Bunting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	<i>Emys orbicularis</i>		<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common Kestrel;Eurasian Kestrel	<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"/>	National Red List - VU	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	Red-footed Falcon	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - CR	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Gallinago media</i>	Great Snipe	<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	2002		NT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	males. Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Arctic Loon;Black-throated Loon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	on passage
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Grus grus</i>	Common Crane	<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"/>	4	2007		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	breeding pairs. Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<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	2006-2010		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	breeding pairs. Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	White-tailed Eagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	2003-2004		LC 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	breeding pairs
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Little Bittern	<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	2003-2004		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	breeding pairs. Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Lanius minor</i>	Lesser Grey Shrike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Black-tailed Godwit	<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"/>				NT 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	on breeding
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	<i>Lucanus cervus</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - CR	

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CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i> 	Jack Snipe	<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"/>	National Red List - VU	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Mergellus albellus</i> 	Smew	<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"/>		2006-2010		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	on passage
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Mergus merganser</i> 	Common Merganser	<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"/>	3	2007		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Mergus serrator</i> 	Red-breasted Merganser	<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"/>	National Red List - EN	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Merops apiaster</i> 	European Bee-eater	<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"/>	National Red List - VU	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Milvus migrans</i> 	Black Kite	<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	2006-2010		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	breeding pairs. Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Numenius arquata</i> 	Eurasian Curlew	<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"/>	National Red List - VU	on passage
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i> 	Whimbrel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	migration
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i> 	Osprey,Western Osprey	<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"/>	National Red List - EN	on passage
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i> 	Ruff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5000				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - CR	on passage
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> 	European Golden Plover;European Golden-Plover	<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"/>	National Red List - VU	
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Stemula albigifrons</i> 	Little Tern	<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"/>	50	2003-2004		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	Contributes to the high biodiversity value of the site
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Tringa nebularia</i> 	Common Greenshank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	on passage
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> 	Marsh Sandpiper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - CR	migration
CHORDATA/AMPHIBIA	<i>Triturus cristatus</i> 		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - EN	
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Vimba vimba</i> 		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	Rare indigenous fish species
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Xenus cinereus</i> 	Terek Sandpiper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	2006-2010		LC 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - VU	breeding
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	<i>Xylocopa valga</i> 		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Red List - CR	

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

<no data available>



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

### 4.1 - Ecological character

The wetland "Dnieper River Floodplain" is a large natural complex, which stretches from north to south and is characterized by relatively low disturbance of the natural vegetation. Natural and slightly disturbed ecosystems occupy 97.4% of the site's area. Grassland plant communities dominate (73.4% of the area). Forested land occupy 19% of the territory: coniferous (pine) forests are predominant; there are also native deciduous swamp alder woods, small-leaved derivatives forests (birch) and fragments of deciduous (oak) forests. Grass-sedge marshes with willows in combination with reed and sedge areas occupy 6.4% of the area. Aquatic ecosystems are represented by the Dnieper river, drainage canals, oxbow lakes and temporary ponds.

The wetland is exceptionally important part of the natural hydrographic network of the Belorussian Polesie. It is one of the most important breeding habitats of waterfowl in Belarus. The site's floodplain meadows serve as stopovers for many waterfowl during spring migration. The site is also important fish spawning, feeding and wintering ground.

### 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	1966	
Fresh water > Flowing water >> N: Seasonal/ intermittent/ irregular rivers/ streams/ creeks		0	29	
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> O: Permanent freshwater lakes		0	29	
Fresh water > Lakes and pools >> P: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater lakes		0	29	
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Tp: Permanent freshwater marshes/ pools		0	117	
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Ts: Seasonal/ intermittent freshwater marshes/ pools on inorganic soils		1	21515	Representative
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> U: Permanent Non-forested peatlands		3	1849	
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> W: Shrub-dominated wetlands		0	176	
Fresh water > Marshes on inorganic soils >> Xf: Freshwater, tree-dominated wetlands		4	998	
Fresh water > Marshes on peat soils >> Xp: Permanent Forested peatlands		0	910	

#### Human-made wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
2: Ponds		0	29	
4: Seasonally flooded agricultural land		0	176	
9: Canals and drainage channels or ditches		0	29	

### 4.3 - Biological components

#### 4.3.1 - Plant species

##### Other noteworthy plant species

Scientific name	Common name	Position in range / endemism / other
<i>Iris sibirica</i>		
<i>Salvia pratensis</i>		At the northern edge of the range

#### 4.3.2 - Animal species

##### Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/AVES	Anas querquedula	Garganey	300	2003-2004		breeding
CHORDATA/AVES	Anser albifrons	Greater White-fronted Goose				on passage
CHORDATA/AVES	Anser anser	Greylag Goose				migration
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Catocala promissa					
CHORDATA/AVES	Chlidonias hybrida	Whiskered Tern				breeding
CHORDATA/AVES	Chlidonias leucopterus	White-winged Tern	5000	2003-2004		on passage
CHORDATA/AVES	Chlidonias niger	Black Tern		2006-2010		150 pairs on breeding and 1500 ind on passage
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Coronella austriaca					
CHORDATA/AVES	Falco columbarius	Merlin				
CHORDATA/AVES	Falco subbuteo	Eurasian Hobby;Northern Hobby				
CHORDATA/AVES	Galerida cristata	Crested Lark				
CHORDATA/AVES	Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night Heron;Black-crowned Night-Heron		2003-2004		
CHORDATA/AVES	Porzana porzana	Spotted Crane	300	2003-2004		breeding

#### 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)

##### 4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in metres)

a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres)

Middle part of river basin

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.

##### 4.4.3 - Soil

Mineral

Organic

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)

##### 4.4.4 - Water regime

Water permanence

Presence?
Usually permanent water present
Usually seasonal, ephemeral or intermittent water present

Source of water that maintains character of the site

Presence?	Predominant water source
Water inputs from rainfall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water inputs from surface water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Water destination

Presence?
To downstream catchment

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Stability of water regime

<b>Presence?</b>
Water levels fluctuating (including tidal)

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

Floodplain is flooded for a period of 1-2.5 months.

4.4.5 - Sediment regime

Sediment regime unknown

4.4.6 - Water pH

Alkaline (pH>7.4)

4.4.7 - Water salinity

Fresh (<0.5 g/l)

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Eutrophic

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  ii) significantly different  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 majority of swamps and swampy areas in the catchment of the Dnieper are drained.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Wetland non-food products	Livestock fodder	Medium

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	High
Erosion protection	Soil, sediment and nutrient retention	Medium
Pollution control and detoxification	Water purification/waste treatment or dilution	Medium
Climate regulation	Local climate regulation/buffering of change	Medium

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	Low
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	Low
Spiritual and inspirational	Cultural heritage (historical and archaeological)	Medium
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	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

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

<no data available>

#### 4.6 - Ecological processes

(ECD) Vegetational productivity, pollination, regeneration processes, succession, role of fire, etc.

Open mires and meadows are overgrowing with shrubs as a result of cessation of traditional use - mowing.

(ECD) Notable aspects concerning migration

The site's floodplain meadows are important stopover places for many waterfowl during spring migration (especially for geese and ruffs).

## 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"/>

#### 5.1.2 - Management authority

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

Loev Regional Executive Committee

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

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 Loev 247095  
 Belarus

E-mail address:

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### 5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

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

Agriculture and aquaculture

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Livestock farming and ranching	Medium impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Natural system modifications

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Fire and fire suppression	Medium impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unspecified/others	Medium impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Household sewage, urban waste water	High impact	High impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural and forestry effluents	Medium impact	Medium impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please describe any other threats (optional):

- Radioactive contamination of land and water (because of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant).
- Spring burning of vegetation in the floodplain, especially when there is no flood, has very negative impact on habitats.
- Overgrowing of mires and open meadows with shrubs as a result of cessation of mowing.

#### 5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	Dniepr floodplain Lojeŭ-Žary	<a href="http://iba.ptushki.org/en/iba/40/full">http://iba.ptushki.org/en/iba/40/full</a>	partly

#### 5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

&lt;no data available&gt;

#### 5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

Measures	Status
Legal protection	Proposed

Habitat

Measures	Status
Improvement of water quality	Partially implemented

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site?

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

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

Crafts Center at Uborok village, Museum of the Battle on the Dnieper (Loev town), a river port "Gomel" offers organization walks boat along the rivers Dnieper and Sozh by two water excursion routes. Significant number of objects protected by the state as a historical and cultural heritage, including monuments of history, archeology and architecture, Neanderthals and Dregovichy settlements, primitive people sites is located on the territory of the planned wetland "Dnieper River Floodplain" and in its immediate surroundings. Some of them can now to be seen as the objects of exhibition for tourism, but most of them in need of special events: restoration, reconstruction, conservation, etc.

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan?

<no data available>

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Plant species	Implemented
Birds	Implemented

Monitoring of the status of populations of the following species is conducted annually by the Scientific and Practical Center of Bioresources of NASB: Anser erythropus, Haliaeetus albicilla, Crex crex, Gallinago media.

## 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:



The floodplain of the Dnieper River in Spring ( Kozulin A.V., 24-04-2000 )

#### 6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

##### Designation letter

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Date of Designation