

# Ramsar Information Sheet

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# **Ukraine**

# Shagany-Alibei-Burnas Lakes System



Designation date 23 November 1995

Site number 763

Coordinates 45°46'24"N 29°57'38"E

Area 27 600,00 ha

# Color codes

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

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

# 1 - Summary

#### Summary

The wetland occupies an aquatic area of 13 pre-pontic estuaries, now brackish lagoons largely separated from the adjacent coastal area of the Black Sea. The Site is one of the most important biodiversity areas in the region. Within the wetland 260 bird species, 59 fish species, 772 plant species can be found. There are 5 plant species, 21 animal species which are listed on the IUCN Red List, and 30 ecological communities (habitats), which are protected through Resolution 4 of Berne Convention. 12 plant species and 55 animal species are listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine. The wetland supports more than 91 bird species and 24 fish species at the critical stage in their life cycles. Shallow estuary zones are used as forage areas for birds during spring and autumn migrations.

In certain periods the wetland territory supports about 20 thousand nesting couples. The total number of wetland local birds can reach 30-35 thousand individuals. The wetland supports 3,5-4,5% of the global population of red-breasted goose and 0,7-1% of population of Dalmatian pelican. The diversity of wetland fishe consists of 59 species. 16 species are target fishing species within estuaries. In the Black Sea and within the wetland the European sturgeon (Huso huso) and starry sturgeon (Acipenser stellatus) can be found. Tuzlivski Limans are the place of spawning for Gobiiformes (Neogobius fluviatilis, N. melanostomus, Zosterisessor ophiocephalus), European flounder (Platichthys flesus luscus) and other native fish species.

The wetland territory has great economic importance for fisheries and the development of whole region. It is a place of growth for fish species that are traditionally caught there. The terrestrial part of the wetland is a pasture that is used by the local population. Also, the wetland is widely used as beach leisure and a place for birdwatching. The wetland is the Emerald Network Site, Important Bird Areas and National Nature Park "Tuzlivski Limans".

# 2 - Data & location

# 2.1 - Formal data

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National Nature Park "Tuzlivski Limans"

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# National Ramsar Administrative Authority

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

To year 2018

#### 2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Shagany-Alibei-Burnas Lakes System
Unofficial name (optional)	

# 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 <b>◎</b> No O
<sup>(Update)</sup> The boundary has been delineated more accurately <b>☑</b>
$^{(Update)}$ The boundary has been extended $\square$
<sup>(Update)</sup> The boundary has been restricted □
(Update) B. Changes to Site area the area has increased
<sup>(Update)</sup> The Site area has been calculated more accurately <b>☑</b>
<sup>(Update)</sup> The Site has been delineated more accurately <b>☑</b>
(Update) The Site area has increased because of a boundary extension □
$^{ m (Update)}$ The Site area has decreased because of a boundary restriction $\Box$
<sup>(Update)</sup> 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

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Boundaries description

The wetland is located on the territory of Odessa region, in steppe zone of Ukraine, on the coast of the Black Sea in an interfluve area of the Danube and the Dniester River.

The Site boundary covers the coastal area of the lakes system, which is in a natural state or forested and limited by arable land and settlements. The wetland borders with Prymorske settlement on the West (west coast of the Shahany Liman), on the North – with villages Zhovty Yar and Dyvisiya (upper reaches of Limans Karachaus and Khadzhyder), on the East – with village Bazaryanka (east coast of the Burnas Liman). The southern boundary of the wetland is the bay-bar with the coastal aquatic area of the Black Sea with a width of up to 500-600 m and limited isobath of 6 m.

The borders of the wetland practically coincide with the boundaries of the National Nature Park "Tuzlivski Limans". Beyond the National Park there is a lane of marine area and the section of the Dzhantshey Liman.

The Site's boundary has been delineated more accurately in 2021 increasing the area by almost 8600 ha.

#### 2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?	Odessa Region
b) What is the nearest town or population	Prymorske village, Tuzly village

# 2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

- a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries?
- b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party?

#### 2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha): 27600

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries 27599.623

### 2.2.5 - Biogeography

#### Biogeographic regions

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

#### Other biogeographic regionalisation scheme

According to geobotanical zoning, the wetland is situated within the Bilhorod-Dnistrovskyi region of the Danube-Dniester district of grain and sagebrush-grain steppes and floodplains of Black Sea-Azov steppe subprovince of Pontic steppe province of the Steppe subregion (zone) of Eurasian steppe zone (National Atlas of Ukraine, 2009).

According to zoogeographical zoning of Ukraine, the wetland refers to the Danube-Dniester subarea of Azov-Black Sea area of Azov-Black Sea region of Pontic steppe province district of Mediterranean-Central Asian subregion, Palearctic region ((National Atlas of Ukraine, 2009).

# 3 - Why is the Site important?

#### 3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

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

The Site plays an important ecological role in water filtration due to marsh vegetation. Hydrological services provided Salsuginous watered estuaries Dzhantshey and Malyi Sasyk are the source of technical water for the population (other estuaries have salty water), and also are used as watering places for cattle.

> Shallow zones of estuaries create a huge territory, important first of all as the place with a favorable forage base for birds during spring and autumn migrations.

> Natural and artificial islands on the estuaries, pre-coastal cliffs are attractive as nesting places and habitats for many bird species.

Other ecosystem services provided

Forest tracts, steppe areas, sandy spits are habitats of mammals and many invertebrate animals. The wetland territory is of great economic importance for fisheries and the whole region development in general. Almost all water reservoirs are rich on benthos, which is a forage base for many fish species, which inhabit there. It is the place of graziery of mugils mullets that are traditionally caught there. Freshwater estuaries and low river reaches are important for livestock development, as they are watering places. Coastal areas are used as pasture.

The wetland mitigates the climate of the region during the arid summer period.

Other reasons

The site plays an important role in natural functioning and interaction of coastal ecosystems.

#### ☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

#### Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

The Tatarbunary district is the most arable in Odessa region and one of the few most arable in Ukraine - it accounts over 80% of plough land. That is why the wetland is important as a place of concentration and conservation of significant biodiversity.

On the Site territory grow 772 plant species, including 600 high vascular, 37 bryophytes, 25 algae-Justification macrophytes, 110 micro-algae, also 40 pileate funguses, 45 lichens and lichenophilic fungi, 40 parasitic fungi of high plants.

Within the wetland inhabit 59 fish species, 260 bird species, 29 species of mammals, 4 amphibian species, 7 reptile species and 115 species of insects.

there are 17 species of molluscs, 17 arachnid species, 13 crustaceous species.

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

#### ☑ Criterion 5 : >20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers 45000

Start year 2012

Source of data: Haydash O.M., Yakovlev M.V, 2015; ROM Bulletin, 2015; ROM Bulletin, 2017

#### ☑ Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

# ☑ Criterion 7 : Significant and representative fish

In general, the diversity of fish in the Site is 59 species. In particular in the aquatic area of the Black Sea is important for the European sturgeon (Huso huso), starry sturgeon (Acipenser stellatus), thinlip mullet (Liza Justification ramada) which have an important international and national conservation status. Estuaries are the place of graziery for gobies (Neogobius fluviatilis, N. melanostomus, Zosterisessor ophiocephalus etc.), European flounder (Platichthys flesus luscus) and other native fish species.

#### ☑ Criterion 8 : Fish spawning grounds, etc.

At breeding and migration periods there are noted 25 fish species.

Justification In particular, the wetland is important for the support of populations of 5 species of pontic mugils – Liza aurata, L.saliens, L. haematochelius, L.ramada, Mugil cephalus.

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	Astrodaucus littoralis	✓	<b>/</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Bupleurum tenuissimum	✓	<b>/</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Cephalanthera damasonium		<b></b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Cephalanthera longifolia		<b>2</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
RHODOPHYTA/ STYLONEMATOPHYCEAE	Chroodactylon ornatum		<b>/</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	
CHLOROPHYTA/ ULVOPHYCEAE	Cladophora vadorum		<b></b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine -Ra	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Crambe maritima	✓	<b>/</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Crocus hittiticus		<b>/</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine – NE	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Ornithogalum oreoides	✓	<b>✓</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Poacynum sarmatiense	<b></b> ✓	<b>2</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Stipa capillata		<b>/</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine – NE	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Stipa lessingiana		<b>/</b>		LC		Red Data Book of Ukraine – NE	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Stipa pulcherrima	✓	<b>2</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Stipa rubens		<b>2</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine – NE	
OCHROPHYTA/ XANTHOPHYCEAE	Vaucheria litorea		<b>/</b>				Red Data Book of Ukraine - LC	

Different vegetation types is represented within the Site: aquatic, marsh, meadow, psamophytic, halophyte, steppe, shrub and forest vegetation. Homogeneous forests are represented by typical for southern pre-pontic steppe species (Gleditsia triacanthos, Robinia pseudoacacia, Quercus robur etc.). Shrubs are represented by invasive groups (Amorpha fruticosa), saltcedar (Tamarix ramosissima). Among the aquatic vegetation, the main groupings are formed by pondweed (Stuckea pectinata). Marsh vegetation is represented by reed thickets (Phragmites australis). Halophyte vegetation consists of thickets of Halocnemum strobilaceum, groupings of halophytes- annuals (Salicornia prostrata, Suaeda prostrata, Bassia hirsuta).

With the international significance of the wetland 17 species of plants are associated. Into the IUCN Red List are included 5 species. In the wetland, all of these species are protected in the artificial forests, which were created on estuaries coasts more than 60 years ago as protective plantings.

On the Red Data Book of Ukraine are listed 12 species: 6 species in category "vulnerable" and 6 species in category "rare". Of these, 4 species are aloae.

Among species which need protection according to law, the most widespread are Ornithogalum montanum and Crocus reticulatus, which occur on estuaries coasts, and Trachomitum venetum (L.), which grows on the sandy bay-bar between estuaries and the Black Sea. Other species are rather rare and occur singly on estuaries coasts and sandy bay-bar in one or few places. The rarity of these species is due to anthropogenic pressure.

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

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion	cont	ecies ributes nder terion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	occurrence	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Fish, Mollusc	Fish, Mollusc and Crustacea											
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYG								CR			Red data book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYG	Chelon ramada				)			LC			Red data book of Ukraine - NT	The wetland is a feeding place for species during migrations.
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYG	Huso huso							CR			Red data book of Ukraine - EN	
Birds												
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas platyrhynchos				1000	2012-2018		LC				It nests very rarely. Up to 10000 individuals occur during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas strepera				100	2012-2018					Red data book of Ukraine - LC	During the concentration season concentrates itself up to 200 ind. Rare couples nest on the wetland territory.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aythya nyroca				15	2012- 2018		NT		V	Red data book of Ukraine - VU	During the concentration season concentrates itself up to 200 ind. Rare couples nest on the wetland territory.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Branta ruficollis				2000	2012-2018	4			<b>✓</b>	listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	The average numerosity during the registration was 100 ind. During periods of migrations and wintering the territory is used by up to 2000 ind. Pop: NORTHERN SIBERIA/BLACK SEA & CASPIAN
CHORDATA/ AVES	Bucephala clangula				150	2012- 2018		LC			Red data book of Ukraine - LC	During winter period, pre-pontic part is used by up to 400 ind.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Charadrius alexandrinus				50	2012-2018					listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	During the migration period occur up to 100 ind. Up to 30 couples nest on the wetland territory.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Charadrius hiaticula				50	2012- 2018		LC			Red data book of Ukraine - LC	Up to 150 ind. Occur during the migration period in pre-pontic part.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Chroicocephalus ridibundus				6000	2012-2018						Up to 15000 individuals occurs en masse during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Cygnus columbianus bewickii				60	2012-2018					Red data book of Ukraine - LC	During the period of wintering the wetland territory is used by up to 100 ind.

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion	cont u cri	ecies rributes nder terion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est	% occurrence 1) IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AVES	Glareola pratincola				100	2012- 2018	LC			Red data book of Ukraine - LC, Bern - II	Up to 50 couples nest on the wetland territory.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Grus grus				30	2012- 2018	LC			Red data book of Ukraine - LC	During the migration period occur up to 150 ind.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Haematopus ostralegus				30	2012-2018				Red data book of Ukraine - VU	During the migration, the bird numerosity reaches up to 225 ind. Up to 4-5 couples nest on the wetland territory.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Haliaeetus albicilla				5	2012- 2018	LC	V	V	Red data book of Ukraine - LC	Up to 10 ind. occur during winter period. During nesting period 1 couple is noted, but the nesting is not proved.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Himantopus himantopus				50	2012-2018				listed in the Red Data Book of Ukraine - VU	During the migration period occur up to 130 ind. About 10-20 couples nest on the wetland territory.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus				5000	2012- 2018				Red data book of Ukraine - EN	It nests very rarely. Up to 20000 individuals occurs en masse during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Limosa limosa		7		250	2012- 2018	NT				Up to 500 individuals occur at the same time during migration period.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Mergus serrator				29	2012- 2018	LC			Red data book of Ukraine - VU	During winter period, pre-pontic part of the delta is used by up to 80 ind.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Netta rufina				20	2012- 2018	LC			Red data book of Ukraine - LC	During the concentration season concentrates itself up to 200 ind. Rare couples nest on the wetland territory.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Numenius arquata		<b>.</b>		80	2012- 2018	NT			Red data book of Ukraine - EN	Up to 230 individuals occur at the same time during migration period.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Numenius phaeopus		<b>.</b>		50	2012- 2018	LC			Red data book of Ukraine - EN	Up to 150 individuals occur at the same time during migration period.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pelecanus crispus		7		60	2012-2018	NT	<b></b> ✓	<b>2</b>	Red data book of Ukraine - EN	The maximum simultaneous numerosity in period of seasonal relocations was about 230 individuals.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pelecanus onocrotalus				500	2012-2018	LC		Ø	Red data book of Ukraine - EN	The maximum numerosity in period of seasonal relocations is about 1500 individuals
CHORDATA/ AVES	Phalacrocorax pygmaeus				2	2012-2018				Red data book of Ukraine - EN	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Platalea leucorodia				15	2012-2018	LC			Red data book of Ukraine - VU	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Recurvirostra avosetta				600	2012-2018				Red data book of Ukraine - LC	Up to 300 couples nest on the wetland territory. During the migration period occur up to 800 ind.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tadorna ferruginea	2200			60	2012-2018	LC			Red data book of Ukraine - VU	Occurs during migration period. Numerosity can be up to 150 ind. simultaneously.
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tadorna tadorna				500	2012-2018	LC				It nests very rarely. Up to 12000 individuals occurs en masse during migrations
CHORDATA/ AVES	Tringa stagnatilis				2	2012- 2018	LC			Red data book of Ukraine - EN	During the migration period occur up to 15 ind.

<sup>1)</sup> Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

The wetland is important for birds as feeding and resting ground during the period of migration for great white pelican Pelecanus onocrotalus and Dalmatian pelican Pelecanus crispus. The territory is important for red-breasted goose Branta ruficollis. At present, its numerosity is up to 2000 ind. during the period of migrations, during the period of wintering the number is low. The wetland is important for nesting of Eurasian oystercatcher Haematopus ostralegus, Kentish plover Charadrius alexandrinus, black-winged stilt Himantopus himantopus, pied avocet Recurvirostra avosetta, collared pratincole Glareola pratincola, little tern Sterna albifrons. Nesting are the gadwall Anas strepera, ferruginous duck Aythya nyroca, red-crested pochard Netta rufina, Pallas's gull Larus ichthyaetus nest with a few breeding pairs.

Also, the territory is important for fish. It is the place of feeding of pontic fish stocks of 5 species of mugils and the place of spawning, feeding of gobies and flounders, which live and breed in the same water body.

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
A5.6: Sublittoral biogenic reefs	V	Sublittoral seabed areas formed by mobile bedrock of different granulometric composition, on which there are dense groupings of mussels (Mytilus galloprovincialis)	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
A5.5: Sublittoral mobile sedimets with groupings of macrophyts	Ø	Sublittoral seabed areas formed by mobile bedrock of different granulometric composition, on which there are groupings of algae-macrophyts or vascular plants (Zostera marina, Zostera noltii, Ruppia marina).	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
A2.6: Littoral sediments with domination of aquatic vascular plants	<b>2</b>	Littoral groupings of Zostera noltii, Ruppia marina.	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
A2.5 Coastal saline and salined reed thickets	V	Solonchaks with participation of annuals Salicornia, Suaeda and Salsola.	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
B1.3: Mobile maritime dunes	<b>V</b>	Raised sandy areas of the sea coast with relatively steep slopes without vegetation or with rarefied vegetation of the class Ammophiletea.	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
B1.4: Herbal groupings of stable maritime dunes.	Ø	Raised sandy areas of the sea coast with developed vegetation of the class Ammophiletea	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
B1.8. Wet and watery lowerings between dunes.	<b>2</b>	Formed by sand lowerings between dunes, often over flooded.	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
C1.3: Permanent standing eutrophic water bodies.	<b>2</b>	Standing water bodies with eutrophic water.	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
C1.5: Permanent standing saline and salsuginous water bodies.	<b>2</b>	Non-coastal salsuginous lakes, ponds or reservoirs	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
C1.6: Permanent standing water bodies.	Ø	Small temporal saline and salsuginous water bodies with Najas minor, Charion intermediae, Zannichellion pedicellatae, Potamogetonion	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
E1.2: Steppes and perennial calciphyte groupings.	Ø	True steppes on raised estuaries banks of the class Festuco-Brometea. Dominants: Botriochloa ischaemum, Festuca valesiaca s. I., Galatella spp., Poa angustifolia, Salvia spp., Stipa spp.	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention
E6.2: Continental mainland halophyte groupings.	Ø	Groupings of classes Festuco-Puccinellietea s. I., Salicornietea fruticosae. Groupings dominants: Artemisia santonica, Halocnemum strobilaceum, Puccinellia spp.	Resolution 4 of Bern Convention

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

# 4.1 - Ecological character

The Site is a complex of 13 estuaries, which have a common bed and common bay-bar between estuaries and the Black Sea. Of these, six estuaries are primary (based on sandy bay-bar, which borders with the Black Sea) and seven are secondary (separated from the primary estuaries by sandy bay-bars or spits). The sandy bay-bar is 41 km long and adjacent to a 600 meter wide marine corridor. Landwards there are 100-200 meter wide corridors of homogeneous forests, steppes, saline meadows, solonchak vegetation. The wetland functioning entirely depends on the connection with the Black Sea through channels. If there is no such connection the level of estuaries in summer decreases by 80-100 cm due to strong evaporation. It leads to 10% reduction of shallow waters area, which negatively effects the forage base for riparian birds.

The climate is moderate continental with short warm winters and long hot summers. Annual precipitation is 300-400 mm, evaporation - 800-900 mm. Sometimes in winter, the lakes are covered with ice, but usually not longer than a month.

The hydro chemical regime of the maritime part is almost marine, and in the upper reaches the effect of desalination from rivers disgorging into lakes is felt. The main factor determining the character of flora and fauna of the wetland is the salinity of water.

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

#### Marine or coastal wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
A: Permanent shallow marine waters		4	744	Representative
B: Marine subtidal aquatic beds (Underwater vegetation)		3	1116	Representative
E: Sand, shingle or pebble shores		3	1550	Representative
J: Coastal brackish / saline lagoons		1	23000	Representative

#### 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 >> N: Seasonal/ intermittent/ irregular rivers/ streams/ creeks		4	50	Representative
Saline, brackish or alkaline water > Lakes >> Q: Permanent saline/ brackish/ alkaline lakes		4	25	Representative
Saline, brackish or alkaline water > Lakes >> R: Seasonal/ intermittent saline/ brackish/ alkaline lakes and flats		4	100	Representative
Saline, brackish or alkaline water > Marshes & pools >> Sp: Permanent saline/ brackish/ alkaline marshes/ pools		4	100	Representative
Saline, brackish or alkaline water > Marshes & pools >> Ss: Seasonal/ intermittent saline/ brackish/ alkaline marshes/ pools		4	100	Representative

#### Human-made wetlands

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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	

#### Other non-wetland habita

Other Hon-weitarid Habitat				
Other non-wetland habitats within the site	Area (ha) if known			
Afforestation	725			
Steppe	70			

(ECD) Habitat connectivity

The Site has coherent structure with a high level of habitat connectivity. 13 estuaries have common bed. On the mainland land surface, they are surrounded by the strip with the width of 100-200 m, from the Black Sea - by the continuous sandy spit

## 4.3 - Biological components

# 4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Agrostis gigantea maeotica	Endem of Eastern Europe
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Artemisia trautvetterana	Endem of Eastern Europe
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Centaurea odessana	Endem of Eastern Europe
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Erysimum canum	North Pontic endem
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Linaria sepium	Endem of Eastern Europe
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Seseli tortuosum tortuosum	Pontic-Azov littoral endem

Invasive alien plant species

invasive alien plant species			
Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Ailanthus altissima	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Amorpha fruticosa	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Conium maculatum	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Elaeagnus angustifolia	Actual (minor impacts)	No change

#### 4.3.2 - Animal species

Invasive alien animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts	Changes at RIS update
CTENOPHORANUDA	Beroe abyssicola	Potential	increase
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Callinectes sapidus	Potential	unknown
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Canis aureus	Potential	No change
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Eriocheir sinensis	Potential	unknown
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Gambusia affinis	Potential	unknown
CTENOPHORATENTACULATA	Mnemiopsis leidyi	Potential	unknown
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Nyctereutes procyonoides	Actual (minor impacts)	No change
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Ondatra zibethicus	Potential	No change
MOLLUSCA/GASTROPODA	Rapana venosa	Actual (major impacts)	increase
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Rhithropanopeus harrisii	Potential	unknown

# 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)

The climate is temperate continental with short mild winter and long hot summer. Precipitation is 300-400 mm/year while evaporation is 800-900 mm. Sum of active temperatures is 3400°. Duration of sunshine is 2200-2400 hours/year. Average temperature of January is -1.8°C, July – +22.9°C. Sometimes the lakes are covered with ice, but not longer than for a month. Regular snow cover takes place not each year (up to 50% of winters). It is formed at the beginning of December. It lasts 20-50 days. The frost-free period continues 190-220 days. The vegetation period started from the end of March (or beginning of April) and continues till the second part of November (about 220-240 days).

#### 4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in metres)	0
metres)	

a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres)

RIS for Site no. 763, S	Shagany-Alibei-Burnas	Lakes System, Ukrai	ne
	Fr	ntire river basin	
		rt of river basin	
		_	
	·	rt of river basin	
		rt of river basin	
	More than	one river basin $\square$	
	No	ot in river basin $\square$	
		Coastal 🗹	
Please name the river basin	or basins. If the site lies in a	sub-basin, please also nam	e the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.
The wetland is situated	d along the Black Sea o	coast in the interfluve of	the Danube and the Dniester
4.4.3 - Soil			
		Mineral 🗹	
	(Update) Changes		Increase O Decrease O Unknown O
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		ble information $\square$	
Are soil types subject to	change as a result of changin ons (e.g., increased salinity or	ng hydrological	
Please provide further inform		aoramoanon):	
		oils are southern low-hi	ımus micellar carbonate chernozems. Relatively lower banks of estuaries in
western part of the we and also solonchaks a	tland on significant coa	stal area are character	ized by meadow-chernozemic, medow-marshy, alkalized meadow soils, sandy and clay-sandy soils. On the bottom of reservoirs are clay, sand and
silt.			
4.4.4 - Water regime			
Water permanence Presence?	Changes at RIS update		
Usually seasonal, ephemeral or intermittent water present	No change		
Usually permanent water present	No change		
procent	<u> </u>		
Source of water that maintain:  Presence?	s character of the site  Predominant water source	Changes at RIS update	
Marine water		No change	
Water inputs from		No change	
precipitation  Water inputs from surface	✓	No change	
water	<u>e</u>	140 change	
Water destination		1	
Presence?  Marine	Changes at RIS update		
Marine	No change		
Stability of water regime		1	
Presence? Water levels fluctuating	Changes at RIS update		
(including tidal)	No change		
Discount		-t	
			this box to explain sites with complex hydrology: on with low water capacity. Rivers network is not developed. Main flows take
			hadzhyder and Alkalia. They dry up in summer. Limans of Tuzlov Complex
maintain their water le	ver due to precipitation	s, infiltration over sand	bar and water from the sea. In the absence of connection with the Black
	cant evaporation in sun	nmer, the water level in	the estuaries decreases by 0.5-1 m, shallow secondary estuaries dry up
completely.			
4.4.5 - Sediment regime	9		
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Signific	cant erosion of sediments occ		
	<sup>(Update)</sup> Changes	at RIS update No change	Dincrease O Decrease O Unknown O
Significant accretion of	r deposition of sediments occ	curs on the site 🗹	
	(Update) Changes	at RIS update No change	Increase O Decrease O Unknown O
Significant transportation	n of sediments occurs on or t	hrough the site 🗹	
			Increase O Decrease O Unknown O
		_	
	Sediment re	gime unknown 🔲	

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Please provide further information on sediment (optional):

Estuaries coasts are formed by soft bedrocks – loess, therefore exposed to intense abrasion as a result of the activity of wind waves. That is why in estuaries a large amount of sediments is formed. There observed along coastal transition of sediments in estuaries, on the common sandy bay-bar between estuaries and the Black Sea and in maritime lane of the Black Sea.

4.4.6 - Water ph
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Alkaline (pH>7.4)	<b>☑</b>
(Update) Changes at RIS update	No change <b>②</b> Increase <b>○</b> Decrease <b>○</b> Unknown <b>○</b>
Unknown	
4.4.7 - Water salinity	
Mixohaline (brackish)/Mixosaline (0.5-30 g/l)	☑
<sup>(Update)</sup> Changes at RIS update	No change <b>⊙</b> Increase <b>O</b> Decrease <b>O</b> Unknown <b>O</b>
Unknown	
Please provide further information on salinity (optional):	
The waters of estuaries have a salinity of 4.78 ‰ to 27.22 intense evaporation, some areas of estuaries become sa	2 ‰. In the absence of constant connection with the Black Sea in summer due to lity.
1.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water  Eutrophic	
(Update) Changes at RIS update	No change <b>⊙</b> Increase <b>O</b> Decrease <b>O</b> Unknown <b>O</b>
Unknown	
1.4.9 - Features of the surrounding area which may affect t	he Site
Please describe whether, and if so how, the landscape and ecological characteristics in the area surrounding the Ramsar Site differ from the site itself:	i) broadly similar ○ ii) significantly different ◎
Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development	☑
Surrounding area has higher human population density	
Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use	
Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types	

# 4.5 - Ecosystem services

# 4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

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

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Erosion protection	Soil, sediment and nutrient retention	High
Pollution control and detoxification	Water purification/waste treatment or dilution	High
Climate regulation	Regulation of greenhouse gases, temperature, precipitation and other climactic processes	High

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Picnics, outings, touring	High
Recreation and tourism	Recreational hunting and fishing	High
Recreation and tourism	Water sports and activities	High
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	High
Spiritual and inspirational	Inspiration	High
Spiritual and inspirational	Contemporary cultural significance, including for arts and creative inspiration, and including existence values	High
Spiritual and inspirational	Aesthetic and sense of place values	High
Spiritual and inspirational	Cultural heritage (historical and archaeological)	High
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	High
Scientific and educational	Important knowledge systems, importance for research (scientific reference area or site)	High
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	High
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	High

Supporting Services

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
Soil formation	Sediment retention	High
Soil formation	Accumulation of organic matter	High
Nutrient cycling	Storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients	High
Nutrient cycling	Carbon storage/sequestration	Medium

#### Optional text box to provide further information

The wetland territory is of economic importance for the fishing industry. Freshwater estuaries and lower reaches of rivers are important for livestock development, as are places of watering and pasture. The maritime coast has recreational significance.

Within the site:	100 000
Outside the site:	100 000
lave studies or assessments been made of	the economic valuation of Yes O No O Unknown O
ecosystem services prov	ided by this Ramsar Site?
5.2 - Social and cultural values	

	i) the site provides a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland
	ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland
1	iii) the ecological character of the wetland depends on its interaction

#### Description if applicable

The ecological character of the wetland depends on the use of fields adjacent to the wetland by farmers. On fields are intensively cultivated cultures with the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides etc., which are scooted away into estuaries. State of aquatic biological resources depends on the community actions to maintain the connection between estuaries and the Black Sea, and rational use of biological resources.

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

# 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

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Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal government	✓	✓
Local authority, municipality, (sub)district, etc.	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Private ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Other types of private/individual owner(s)		<b></b>

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

The wetland territory is situated within the National Nature Park "Tuzlivski Limans", which has documents that approve the right to permanent use of part of the territory (2002 ha), the rest of the territory, which refers to the Park for protection, is state property. On the adjacent territory, there is state-owned and (mostly) private-owned land.

#### 5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any	National Nature Park "Tuzlivski Limans"
agency or organization responsible for	
managing the site:	
Provide the name and/or title of the person	
or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Vykhrystyuk Iryna
or people with responsibility for the wettand.	
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	street Partizanska 2,
Postal address:	Tatarbunari,
r ostal address.	
	Odesa region
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	M5_E7AoexJRVaguym99j7eWTbHlV8hrosHo9iHE
F-mail address:	nnn tuzlim0101@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
Housing and urban areas	Medium impact	High impact		No change	<b>/</b>	No change
Tourism and recreation areas	Medium impact	High impact	<b>V</b>	increase	<b>&gt;</b>	increase

#### Water regulation

water regulation						
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Salinisation	High impact	High impact	✓	No change	✓	No change
Water abstraction	Medium impact	High impact		No change	✓	No change
Canalisation and river regulation	High impact	High impact	<b>/</b>	No change	<b>V</b>	No change
Dredging	High impact	High 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	High impact	High impact	<b>2</b>	No change	<b>/</b>	No change
Annual and perennial non-timber crops	High impact	High impact	<b>/</b>	No change	<b>/</b>	No change

Transportation and service corridors

affecting site Shipping lanes  iological resource use Factors adversely affecting site Hunting and collecting terrestrial animals	Low impact	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
iological resource use Factors adversely affecting site Hunting and collecting		High impact	<b>2</b>	No chang		No change
Factors adversely affecting site Hunting and collecting	2011 1111		62		- (2)	
affecting site Hunting and collecting						
	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
	Low impact	High impact	✓	No chang	e 🗹	No change
Logging and wood harvesting	Low impact	High impact	<b>/</b>	No chang	e 📝	No change
Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources	High impact	High impact	<b>v</b>	No chang	e 🗸	No change
uman intrusions and disturba	ance					
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Recreational and tourism activities	Medium impact	High impact	<b>2</b>	No chang	e 📝	No change
(Para)military activities	Low impact	High impact		No chang	e 🗸	No change
atural austam madifications						
Factors adversely	Actual threat	Potential threa	t Within the site	Changes	s In the surrounding area	Changes
affecting site ire and fire suppression	Low impact	High impact	✓ Within the Site	No change		No change
Dams and water management/use	High impact	High impact	<b>V</b>	No chang		No change
managementuse						
vasive and other problematic	species and genes					
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	Changes	In the surrounding area	Changes
Invasive non-native/ alien species	Medium impact	High impact	✓	No chang	e 🗹	No change
Factors adversely				•		
affecting site Agricultural and forestry	Actual threat	Potential threat		Changes		Changes
effluents	High impact	High impact	<b>2</b>	No chang		No change
Household sewage, urban waste water	Low impact	High impact		No chang	e 📝	No change
Garbage and solid waste	Low impact	High impact		No chang	e 🗸	No change
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eological events Factors adversely	Actual threat	Potential threa	t Within the site	Change	s In the surrounding area	Changes
	Low impact	High impact	<b>✓</b>	No chang		No change
affecting site			65		5-	
affecting site Avalanches/landslides imate change and severe we	eather					
affecting site  Avalanches/landslides	Actual threat	Potential threat		Changes		Changes
Avalanches/landslides  limate change and severe we Factors adversely		Potential threat	Within the site	Changes No chang		Changes No change

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Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Important Bird Area	Jansheijs'ke lake (UA086)	http://datazone.birdlife.org/sit e/factsheet/2072	partly
Important Bird Area	Shagany-Alibej-Burnas lake-system (UA087)	http://datazone.birdlife.org/sit e/factsheet/shagany-alibej-burna s- lake-system-iba-ukraine/text	partly

# 5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

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

# 5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

#### Legal protection

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	Measures	Status
	Legal protection	Implemented

#### Habitat

Measures	Status
Hydrology management/restoration	Partially implemented
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Partially implemented
Land conversion controls	Partially implemented
Re-vegetation	Proposed

#### **Species**

Measures	Status	
Threatened/rare species management programmes	Proposed	
Reintroductions	Proposed	
Control of invasive alien plants	Proposed	
Control of invasive alien animals	Proposed	

# Human Activities

Measures	Status
Management of water abstraction/takes	Partially implemented
Regulation/management of was tes	Partially implemented
Livestock management/exclusion (excluding fisheries)	Partially implemented
Fisheries management/regulation	Implemented
Harvest controls/poaching enforcement	Implemented
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Partially implemented
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented
Research	Implemented

# 5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? In preparation  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$ 

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:

National Nature Park "Tuzlivski Limans" has some infrastructure and regularly conducts environmental education classes and excursions and systematic work with the local population and visitors.

### 5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No, but restoration is needed

#### Further information

The Administration of the National Park repeatedly, with the help of local residents and volunteers, attempted to restore water exchange between the Black Sea and estuaries through the creation of straits in the sandy bay-bar.

# 5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

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

# 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)

<no file available>

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

<no file available>

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

<no file available>

iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

<no file available>

v. site management plan

<no file available>

vi. other published literature

<no ille available>

<no data available>

#### 6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site



A sand spit of Tuzliv ski Limans ( Ivan Rusev, 12-05-



Birds in the estuaries ( Ivan Rusev, 10-10-2017 )



Birds in the estuaries ( Ivan Rusey, 15-08-2018 )



Tuzly Limans. Autumn ( Ivan Rusev, 10-10-2017 )



Birds in the estuaries (Ivan Rusev, 12-08-2013)



Birds in the estuaries ( Ivai Rusev, 01-12-2018 )



Burnas (Ivan Rusev, 29-05



Eco-educational center ( Ivan Rusev, 24-08-2019



Birds in the estuaries ( Ivan Rusev, 26-08-2021 )

### 6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

<1 file(s) uploaded>

Date of Designation 1995-11-23