

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 7 November 2013

adopting a second updated list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region

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(2013/736/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Steppic biogeographical region referred to in Article 1(c)(iii) of Directive 92/43/EEC comprises parts of the Union territory of Romania, as specified in the biogeographical map approved on 20 April 2005 by the Committee set up by Article 20 of that Directive, hereinafter the 'Habitats Committee'.

(2) It is necessary in the context of a process which was initiated in 1995 to make further progress in the actual establishment of the Natura 2000 network, which is an essential element of the protection of biodiversity in the Union.

(3) The initial list and the first updated list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region, within the meaning of Directive 92/43/EEC, were adopted by Commission Decision 2008/966/EC ⁽²⁾ and Commission Implementing Decision 2013/28/EU ⁽³⁾. On the basis of Articles 4(4) and 6(1) of Directive 92/43/EEC, the Member State concerned has to designate the sites included in the list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region as special areas of conservation as soon as possible and within six years at most, establishing conservation priorities and the necessary conservation measures.

(4) In the context of a dynamic adaptation of the Natura 2000 network, the lists of sites of Community importance are reviewed. An update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region is therefore necessary.

(5) On the one hand, the update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region is necessary in order to include additional sites that have been proposed since 2011 by Romania as sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 92/43/EEC. For those additional sites, the obligations resulting from Articles 4(4) and 6(1) of Directive 92/43/EEC should apply as soon as possible and within six years at most from the adoption of this Decision.

(6) On the other hand, the update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region is necessary in order to reflect any changes in site-related information submitted by Romania following the adoption of the initial and the first updated Union lists. In that sense, the updated list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region constitutes a consolidated version of the list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region. It should be stressed that, for any site included in this Decision, the obligations resulting from Articles 4(4) and 6(1) of Directive 92/43/EEC should apply as soon as possible and within six years at most from the adoption of the list of sites of Community importance in which the site was included for the first time.

(7) For the Steppic biogeographical region, lists of sites proposed as sites of Community importance within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 92/43/EEC were transmitted to the Commission between June 2007 and October 2012 in accordance with Article 4(1) of that Directive.

(8) The lists of proposed sites were accompanied by information on each site. Since 2012, that information was supplied in the format established by Commission Implementing Decision 2011/484/EU of 11 July 2011 concerning a site information format for Natura 2000 sites ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 344, 20.12.2008, p. 117.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 24, 26.1.2013, p. 643.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 198, 30.7.2011, p. 39.

- (9) That information includes the map of the site transmitted by the Member State concerned, name, location and extent of the site, and the data yielded by application of the criteria specified in Annex III to Directive 92/43/EEC.
- (10) On the basis of the draft list drawn up by the Commission in agreement with the Member State concerned, which also identifies sites hosting priority natural habitat types or priority species, an updated list of sites selected as sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region should be adopted.
- (11) Knowledge of the existence and distribution of the natural habitat types and species is constantly evolving as a result of the surveillance undertaken in accordance with Article 11 of Directive 92/43/EEC. Therefore, the evaluation and selection of sites at Union level was carried out using the best available information at the time.
- (12) The Member State concerned has not proposed sufficient sites to meet the requirements of Directive 92/43/EEC for certain habitat types and species. For those habitat types and species it can therefore not be concluded that the Natura 2000 network is complete. Taking into account the delay in receiving the information and reaching agreement with the Member State, it is necessary to adopt an updated list of sites which will need to be reviewed in accordance with Article 4 of Directive 92/43/EEC.
- (13) Given that knowledge of the existence and distribution of some of the natural habitat types listed in Annex I and some of the species listed in Annex II to Directive 92/43/EEC remains incomplete, it should not be

concluded that the network is either complete or incomplete. The list should be reviewed, if necessary, in accordance with Article 4 of Directive 92/43/EEC.

- (14) In the interests of clarity and transparency, Implementing Decision 2013/28/EU should be repealed.
- (15) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Habitats Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The second updated list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 4(2) of Directive 92/43/EEC is set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Implementing Decision 2013/28/EU is repealed.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2013.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Second updated list of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region

Each site of Community importance (SCI) is identified by the information supplied in the Natura 2000 format, including the corresponding map. This information has been transmitted by the competent national authorities in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 4(1) of Directive 92/43/EEC.

The table below gives the following information:

A: SCI code comprising nine characters, the first two being the ISO code for the Member State;

B: name of SCI;

C: * = presence on the SCI of at least one priority natural habitat type and/or species within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 92/43/EEC;

D: area of SCI in hectares or length of SCI in km;

E: geographical coordinates of SCI (latitude and longitude) in decimal degrees.

All the information given in the Union list below is based on the data proposed, transmitted and validated by Romania.

A	B	C	D		E	
SCI code	Name of SCI	*	Area of SCI (ha)	Length of SCI (km)	Geographical coordinates of SCI	
					Longitude	Latitude
ROSCI0005	Balta Albă — Amara — Jirlău — Lacul Sărat Căineni	*	6 300,3		27,3162	45,2895
ROSCI0006	Balta Mică a Brăilei		20 872,1		27,9063	44,9453
ROSCI0012	Brațul Măcin	*	10 235,4		28,0441	44,7694
ROSCI0022	Canaralele Dunării	*	25 942,9		27,6895	44,2004
ROSCI0053	Dealul Alah Bair	*	193,5		28,2188	44,5011
ROSCI0060	Dealurile Agighiolului	*	1 433,3		28,8303	45,0416
ROSCI0065	Delta Dunării	*	453 076,1		29,1987	45,0520
ROSCI0067	Deniz Tepe	*	413,7		28,6881	45,0028
ROSCI0071	Dumbrăveni — Valea Urluia — Lacul Vederosa	*	17 974,7		27,8794	44,1481
ROSCI0072	Dunele de nisip de la Hanul Conachi	*	241,7		27,5794	45,5710
ROSCI0083	Fântânița Murfatlar	*	577,5		28,3863	44,1543
ROSCI0103	Lunca Buzăului	*	6 986,5		27,0008	45,0760
ROSCI0105	Lunca Joasă a Prutului	*	5 806,5		28,1375	45,5729
ROSCI0114	Mlaștina Hergheliei — Obanul Mare și Peștera Movilei	*	232,2		28,5706	43,8334
ROSCI0123	Munții Măcinului	*	16 893,9		28,3030	45,1559
ROSCI0131	Oltenița — Mostiștea — Chiciu		11 348,7		26,9685	44,1432
ROSCI0133	Pădurea Bădeana	*	60,6		27,5724	46,1563
ROSCI0134	Pădurea Balta — Munteni		86		27,4647	45,9487
ROSCI0139	Pădurea Breana — Roșcani	*	156,8		27,9948	45,9266
ROSCI0149	Pădurea Eseschioi — Lacul Bugeac	*	2 967,4		27,4377	44,0816

A	B	C	D		E	
ROSCI0151	Pădurea Gârboavele	*	219,1		27,9979	45,5769
ROSCI0157	Pădurea Hagieni — Cotul Văii	*	3 620,1		28,4279	43,7424
ROSCI0162	Lunca Siretului Inferior	*	25 080,7		27,4880	45,6184
ROSCI0163	Pădurea Mogoș — Mățele	*	64,9		27,9487	45,7219
ROSCI0165	Pădurea Pogănești	*	180,9		28,0257	45,9760
ROSCI0169	Pădurea Seaca — Movileni	*	50,9		27,5333	46,2883
ROSCI0172	Pădurea și Valea Canaraua Feti — Iortmac	*	13 631,8		27,6248	44,1106
ROSCI0175	Pădurea Tălășmani		53,4		27,8410	46,1222
ROSCI0178	Pădurea Torcești		129,9		27,4904	45,6806
ROSCI0191	Peștera Limanu		12,4		28,5230	43,8070
ROSCI0201	Podișul Nord Dobrogean	*	84 799,2		28,4894	44,7663
ROSCI0213	Râul Prut		10 540,6		28,1746	46,2907
ROSCI0215	Recifii Jurasici Cheia	*	5 686,2		28,4395	44,4556
ROSCI0259	Valea Călmățuiului	*	17 922,9		27,2022	44,9806
ROSCI0278	Bordușani — Borcea	*	5 809,7		27,8872	44,6529
ROSCI0286	Colinele Elanului	*	755,3		28,1271	46,4004
ROSCI0290	Coridorul Ialomiței	*	26 726,8		26,8848	44,6021
ROSCI0305	Ianca — Plopu — Sărat — Comăneasca	*	3 222,4		27,7175	45,2274
ROSCI0307	Lacul Sărat — Brăila	*	376,7		27,8849	45,1968
ROSCI0308	Lacul și Pădurea Cernica		3 267,3		26,3030	44,4498
ROSCI0309	Lacurile din jurul Măscurei		1 159,7		27,5398	46,3888
ROSCI0315	Lunca Chineja		944,9		27,9960	45,7825
ROSCI0319	Mlaștina de la Fetești		2 019,8		27,8034	44,3403
ROSCI0335	Pădurea Dobrina — Huși	*	8 518,3		27,9757	46,5905
ROSCI0343	Pădurile din Silvestepa Mostiștei	*	2 119,8		26,7393	44,2279
ROSCI0353	Peștera — Deleni		2 508,1		28,0509	44,0748
ROSCI0360	Râul Bârlad între Zorleni și Gura Gârbăvoșului		2 569,4		27,6697	46,2068
ROSCI0389	Sărăturile de la Gura Ialomiței — Mihai Bravu	*	3 449,4		27,7542	44,7559
ROSCI0398	Straja-Cumpăna		1 117		28,5054	44,0919