

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 16 November 2012

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

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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 of sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region, within the meaning of Directive 92/43/EEC, was adopted by Commission Decision 2008/966/EC ⁽²⁾. 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 2010 by Romania as

sites of Community importance for the Steppic biogeographical region within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 92/43/EEC. For these 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 Union list. 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 2011, in accordance with Article 4(1) of that Directive.
- (8) The lists of proposed sites were accompanied by information on each site, supplied in the format established by Commission Decision 97/266/EC of 18 December 1996 concerning a site information format for proposed Natura 2000 sites ⁽³⁾.
- (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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 344, 20.12.2008, p. 117.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 107, 24.4.1997, p. 1.

- (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 done using the best available information at present.
- (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 on the existence and distribution of some of the natural habitat types of Annex I and species of 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, Decision 2008/966/EC 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 first 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

Decision 2008/966/EC is repealed.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 November 2012.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

First 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	
			Area of SCI (ha)	Length of SCI (km)	Longitude	Latitude
SCI code	Name of SCI	*				
ROSCI0005	Balta Albă - Amara — Jirlău — Lacul Sărat Căineni	*	6 300,3		27,2847	45,2300
ROSCI0006	Balta Mică a Brăilei		20 872,1		27,9086	44,9978
ROSCI0012	Brațul Măcin	*	10 235,4		28,1311	45,0081
ROSCI0022	Canaralele Dunării	*	25 943		28,0781	44,4100
ROSCI0053	Dealul Alah Bair	*	193,5		28,2181	44,5022
ROSCI0060	Dealurile Agighiolului	*	1 433,3		28,8136	45,0447
ROSCI0065	Delta Dunării	*	454 037,3		28,9203	44,9003
ROSCI0067	Deniz Tepe	*	41 3,7		28,6889	45,0033
ROSCI0071	Dumbrăveni — Valea Urluia — Lacul Vederoasa	*	17 971		27,9800	43,9694
ROSCI0072	Dunele de nisip de la Hanul Conachi	*	241,7		27,5772	45,5706
ROSCI0083	Fântânița Murfatlar	*	577,5		28,3856	44,1572
ROSCI0103	Lunca Buzăului	*	6 986,5		26,8722	45,1519
ROSCI0105	Lunca Joasă a Prutului	*	5 806		28,1483	45,7653
ROSCI0114	Mlaștina Hergheliei — Obanul Mare și Peștera Movilei	*	232,2		28,5717	43,8344
ROSCI0123	Munții Măcinului	*	16 893,9		28,3308	45,1469
ROSCI0131	Oltenița — Mostiștea — Chiciu		11 348,7		26,9117	44,2194
ROSCI0133	Pădurea Bădeana	*	60,6		27,5717	46,1572
ROSCI0134	Pădurea Balta — Munteni		86		27,4656	45,9497
ROSCI0139	Pădurea Breana — Roșcani	*	156,8		27,9956	45,9269
ROSCI0149	Pădurea Eseschioi — Lacul Bugeac	*	2 965,7		27,4350	44,0789
ROSCI0151	Pădurea Gârboavele	*	219,1		27,9989	45,5767

A	B	C	D		E	
ROSCI0157	Pădurea Hagieni — Cotul Văii	*	3 617,7		28,4500	43,7889
ROSCI0162	Lunca Siretului Inferior	*	25 080,7		27,3425	45,7728
ROSCI0163	Pădurea Mogoș - Mățele	*	64,9		27,9481	45,7222
ROSCI0165	Pădurea Pogănești	*	180,9		28,0261	45,9753
ROSCI0169	Pădurea Seaca — Movileni	*	50,9		27,5333	46,2883
ROSCI0172	Pădurea și Valea Canaraua Fetii — Iortmac	*	13 630,9		27,6158	44,1050
ROSCI0175	Pădurea Tălășmani		53,4		27,8406	46,1217
ROSCI0178	Pădurea Torcești		129,9		27,4908	45,6811
ROSCI0191	Peștera Limanu		12,4		28,5242	43,8069
ROSCI0201	Podișul Nord Dobrogean	*	84 811,5		28,5019	44,9703
ROSCI0213	Râul Prut		10 540		27,7850	47,2136
ROSCI0215	Recifii Jurasici Cheia	*	5 686,2		28,4417	44,4853
ROSCI0259	Valea Călmățuiului	*	17 922,9		27,0450	45,0067
ROSCI0278	Bordușani — Borcea	*	5 809,7		27,9231	44,5764
ROSCI0286	Colinele Elanului	*	755,3		27,9761	46,3389
ROSCI0290	Coridorul Ialomiței	*	26 726,8		26,4756	44,7211
ROSCI0305	Ianca — Plopu — Sărat — Comăneasca	*	3 222,4		27,6481	45,2258
ROSCI0307	Lacul Sărat — Brăila	*	376,7		27,8817	45,1944
ROSCI0308	Lacul și Pădurea Cernica		3 267,3		26,2956	44,4433
ROSCI0309	Lacurile din jurul Măscurei		1 159,7		27,3964	46,3481
ROSCI0315	Lunca Chineja		944,9		27,9600	45,8006
ROSCI0319	Mlaștina de la Fetești		2 019,8		27,8039	44,3431
ROSCI0335	Pădurea Dobrina — Huși	*	8 518,3		27,9717	46,5808
ROSCI0343	Pădurile din Silvestepa Mostiștei	*	2 119,8		26,7294	44,2431
ROSCI0353	Peștera — Deleni		2 508,1		28,0267	44,1100
ROSCI0360	Râul Bârlad între Zorleni și Gura Gărbăvoșului		2 569,4		27,6700	46,2108
ROSCI0389	Sărăturile de la Gura Ialomiței — Mihai Bravu	*	3 449,4		27,7622	44,7514
ROSCI0398	Straja-Cumpăna		1 117		28,5106	44,0936