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Subject: Cultivation of the Tarutino Steppe, Odessa Oblast
Date: 29 November 2016
Our ref.: RW/GvU/2016.032

Honorable Minister Ostap Semerak,

In addition to our letter of 14 November 2016 in which we expressed our concerns regarding the cultivation of the Tarutino Steppe and the nullification of EU funding concerned, please allow me to inform you about the following.

The Secretariat of the Bern Convention and the Council of Europe confirmed that the Tarutino Steppe is indeed formally registered in the Emerald Network as an international Area of Special Conservation under the Bern Convention.

The Emerald Network is an ecological network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest. Its implementation was launched by the Council of Europe as part of its work under the Bern Convention, with the adoption of Recommendation No. 16 (1989) of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention, signed and ratified by the Ukrainian Government.

The Emerald Network register includes the Tarutino Steppe with natural protection status as Local Landscape Zakaznik and Regional Landscape Park status under construction.

This means that the Ukraine Government formally recognizes its international obligations to save the Tarutino Steppe as being of international importance and their responsibility to safeguard the (Inter) national endangered species registered for the territory.

In the light of the threat of cultivation of the steppe ecosystem, which jeopardizes the natural heritage and ecosystem services for local people and economy, we respectfully call on you to stop the cultivation and increase the natural protection status of the Tarutino Steppe and surrounding steppe remains in Tarutino rayon, Odessa oblast, and unite them under the National Nature Park "Tuzlovski Lymany" (Tatarbunarskiy rayon Odessa oblast), which is, in our opinion, the best possible solution.

The area offers excellent opportunities for utilizing the ecosystem services connected to the steppe ecosystem. This will benefit sustainable conservation of the area and also directly contribute to the livelihood of local people.

For reasons of the Registration in the Emerald Network under the Bern Convention, a copy of this letter has been sent to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention and the Council of Europe. Copies have also been sent to the relevant regional and local administrations.

Thank you very much for willingness to take note of and address the concerns in my letter.

Yours sincerely,



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SDF



EMERALD - STANDARD DATA FORM

For proposed Emerald Sites (Areas of Special Conservation Interest, ASCI),
Candidate Emerald Sites and,
For Areas of Special Conservation Interest (ASCI = Emerald Sites)

SITE **UA0000137**
SITENAME **Tarutynskiy Steppe**

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type **1.2 Site code**

C UA0000137

1.3 Site name

Tarutynskiy Steppe

1.4 First Compilation date **1.5 Update date**

2011-06 -

1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation: Viktor Onyshchenko, Tetiana Solomakha, Sergiy Katysh, Oleg Dudkin, Olga Yaremchenko, Oleksandr Boltachev, Oksana Chervonenko, Igor Sirenko, Oleg Kokhan, Fedir Kurtiak

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2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude **Latitude**

46.271347 29.403938

2.2 Area [ha]: **2.3 Marine area [%]:**

6176.0000 0.0000

2.4 Sitelength [km]:

0.00

2.5 Administrative region code and name

NUTS level 2 code Region Name

UA51 Odesa Oblast

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)Steppic (100.00
%)**3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION****3.1 Habitat types present on the site and site evaluation for them:**[Back to top](#)

Resolution 4 Code	Habitat type NP	Cover [ha]	Cave [number]	Data quality	Site assessment			
					A B C D	A B C	Representativity	Relative Surface
E1.2		4420	0.00	P	A	C	B	C
F3.247	1	0.00	0.00	P	A	C	A	C
G1.7	1	0.00	0.00	P	B	C	C	C

- **NP:** in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Cover:** decimal values can be entered
- **Caves:** included in habitat types A1.44, A3, A4 and H1: enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not available.
- **Data quality:** G = "Good" (e.g. based on surveys); M = "Moderate" (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = Poor (e.g. rough estimation)

3.2 Species listed in Resolution 6 and site evaluation for them

Group	Species Code	Scientific Name	Population in the site					Unit Cat.	Data quality	Site assessment					
			S	NP	Type	Size				A B C D	A B C	Pop.	Con.	Iso.	Glo.
						Min	Max								
B	A255	Anthus campestris			r	30	0	p		C	B	C	C		
B	A255	Anthus campestris			c	100	0	i		C	B	C	C		
B	A222	Asio flammeus			r	1	5	p		C	B	C	C		
B	A222	Asio flammeus			c	5	0	i		C	B	C	C		
B	A396	Branta ruficollis			c	20	0	i		C	C	B	C		
B	A133	Burhinus oedicnemus			r	1	5	p		C	B	B	C		
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			c	5	0	i		B	B	B	C		
B	A403	Buteo rufinus			r	1	2	p		B	B	B	C		
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			c	100	0	i		C	B	B	C		
B	A243	Calandrella brachydactyla			r	10	0	p		C	B	B	C		
I	1078	Callimorpha quadripunctaria			p	0	0		C	D					
I	4028	Catopta thrips			p	0	0		R	D					
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			c	10	0	i		C	B	C	C		
B	A081	Circus aeruginosus			r	1	5	p		C	B	C	C		
B	A082	Circus cyaneus			w	10	0	i		C	B	C	C		

B	A083	Circus macrourus	c	1	5	i		D				
B	A083	Circus macrourus	w	1	5	i		D				
B	A084	Circus pygargus	c	1	5	i		D				
B	A231	Coracias garrulus	c	5	0	i		B	B	C	C	
B	A231	Coracias garrulus	r	10	0	p		B	B	C	C	
P	4067	Echium russicum	p	101	250	i	C	B	B	B	B	
B	A379	Emberiza hortulana	r	10	0	p		C	B	C	C	
B	A511	Falco cherrug	c	1	5	i		C	C	C	C	
B	A098	Falco columbarius	c	1	5	i		C	B	C	C	
B	A098	Falco columbarius	w	1	5	i		C	B	C	C	
B	A097	Falco vespertinus	c	5	0	i		C	C	C	C	
B	A097	Falco vespertinus	r	5	0	p		C	C	C	C	
B	A321	Ficedula albicollis	r	50	0	p		C	C	C	C	
B	A321	Ficedula albicollis	c	1000	0	i		C	C	C	C	
B	A127	Grus grus	c	1000	0	i		C	B	C	C	
B	A131	Himantopus himantopus	c	10	0	i		D				
B	A131	Himantopus himantopus	r	1	5	i		D				
B	A338	Lanius collurio	r	60	0	p		C	B	C	C	
B	A339	Lanius minor	r	10	0	p		C	B	C	C	
I	1060	Lycaena dispar	p	0	0		R	D				
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra	c	500	0	i		B	B	C	C	
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra	w	500	0	i		B	B	C	C	
B	A242	Melanocorypha calandra	r	300	0	p		B	B	C	C	
M	2633	Mustela eversmannii	p	0	0		R	C	B	C	B	
B	A129	Otis tarda	c	1	5	i		D				
B	A129	Otis tarda	w	1	5	i		D				
M	2608	Spermophilus suslicus	r	0	0		R	B	B	C	B	
B	A397	Tadorna ferruginea	r	1	5	p		B	B	A	C	

- **Group:** A =Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P =Plants, R = Reptiles
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Type:** p=permanent, r=reproducing, c=concentration, w=wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)
- **Unit:** i=Individuals, p=pairs or other units according to the standardised list of population units and codes, in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting under the Birds and Habitats Directives
- **Abundance categories (Cat.):** C=common, R= rare, V=very rare, P=present - to fill if data quality are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); DD = Data deficient (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna

Species	Group CODE	Scientific Name	Population in the site				Motivation																
			S	NP	Size		Unit	Cat.	Species appendix			Other categories											
					Min	Max			C	R	V	P	I	II	III	A	B	C	D				
I		Acherontia atropos (L., 1758)			0	0		V										X					
P		Astragalus dasyanthus			0	1000																X	
B		Buteo buteo			0	20																	X
I		Carabus hungaricus (Carabidae)			0	0		P															X
I		Carterus dama Rossi 1792			0	0		P															X
I		Cucullia argentina (Fabricius, 1787)			0	0		V															X
I		Cucullia magnifica (Freyer, 1840)			0	0		V															X
I		Dorcadion equestre (Laxmann, 1770)			0	0		R															X
I		Erythromma lindenii (Selys, 1840)			0	0		R															X
I		Euchloe ausonia (Hubner, 1804)			0	0		R															X
B		Falco tinnunculus			1	5																	X
I		Iphiclides podalirius (L., 1758)			0	0		C															X
I		Marumba quercus (Denis & Schiffermuller, 1775)			0	0		V															X
I		Papilio machaon (L., 1758)			0	0		C															X
I		Parazuphium chevrolati Castelnau 1833			0	0		P															X
I		Periphanes delphinii (L., 1758)			0	0		R															X
I		Proserpinus proserpina (Pallas, 1772)			0	0		R															X
I		Pseudophilotes bavius (Eversmann, 1832)			0	0		V															X
P		Pulsatilla nigricans			0	1000																	X
I		Saturnia pyri (Denis & Schiffermuller, 1775)			0	0		R															X
B		Saxicola rubetra			1	5																	X
P		Tulipa biebersteiniana			1000	0																	X

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

4.4 Ownership

Type	[%]
National/Federal	100
Public	
State/Province	0
Local/Municipal	0
Any Public	0
Joint or Co-Ownership	0
Private	0
Unknown	0
sum	100

4.5 Documentation

Наукове обґрунтування на створення регіонального ландшафтного парку "Тарутинський степ" План управління, Тарутинская степь (Tarutinskaya steppe management plan) EuropeAid/124907/C/SER/Multi/5; Заповідники і національні природні парки України. - Київ: Вища школа, 1999 - 230с.; Червона книга України. Тваринний світ/ за ред. І.А. Акімова - К.: Глобалконсалтинг, 2009.- 600 с. Червона книга України. Рослинний світ/ за ред. Я.П. Дідуха - К.: Глобалконсалтинг, 2009.- 900 с. Зелена книга України /під загальною редакцією члена-кореспондента НАН України Я.П. Дідуха -К.: Альтерпрес, 2009. - 448 с. Вініченко Т.С. Рослини України під охороною Бернської конвенції.- Київ: Хімджест, 2006. - 176 с. Фіторізноманіття національних природних парків України /Під ред. Т.Л. Андрієнко та В.А. Онищенко. - К.: Науковий світ, 2003. - 143 с. Фіторізноманіття Українського Полісся та його охорона / Під. заг. ред. Т.Л. Андрієнко. - К.: Фітосоціоцентр, 2006. - 316 с. Бляхарська Л.О., Буджак В.В., Виклюк М.І., Коржик В.П., Чорней І.І. та ін. Природно-заповідний фонд України: території та об'єкти загальнодержавного значення. - К.: ТОВ "Центр екологічної освіти та інформації", 2009. - 332 с. База даних з IBA (англ. - Important Bird Area - території, які важливі для збереження птахів), яка міститься в Українському товаристві охорони птахів Сіохин В.Д., Черничко І.І., Андрющенко Ю.А. и др. Численность и размещение гнездящихся околоводных птиц в водно-болотных угодьях Азово-Черноморского региона Украины // Под общей ред. Сіохина В.Д. - Мелитополь: Бранта, 2000. - 476 с. Безхребетні тварини України під охороною Бернської конвенції. - Київ, 1999. - 59 с.; Різун В.Б., Коновалова І.Б., Яницький Т.П. Рідкісні і зникаючі види комах України в ентомологічних колекціях Державного природознавчого музею. - Львів, 2000. - 72 с.; Bartenev A.F. The long-horned beetles species (Coleoptera, Cerambycidae) of the fauna of left part of Ukraine and Crimea. - Kharkov, 2009. - 404 pp. [in Russian]; Кантор Ю. И., Сысоев А. В., 2005. Каталог моллюсков России и сопредельных стран. - Москва: КМК.- 627с; Горб, Р. С. Павлюк, З. Д. Спурис Стрекозы (Odonata) Украины: фаунистический обзор; // Вестник зоологии.- 2000.- Отд. вып. № 15.- С. 3-155; Ridei N., Khrokalo L., Pavlusenko I. National Ecological Network of Ukraine and the state of research on odonatofauna in protected territories // Wiad. entomol. - 2007. - Vol. 26, N4. - P. 237-249; Khrokalo L. Annotated bibliography of the odonatologic papers of Ukraine // IDF-Report.- 2005.- Vol. 8. - P. 1-51.

5. SITE PROTECTION STATUS

5.1 Designation types at national and regional level:

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Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]	Code	Cover [%]
UA00	100.00				

5.3 Site designation (optional)

The Regional Landscape Park "Tarutynskyi step" is under creation

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.1 Body(ies) responsible for the site management:

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6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

- Yes Name: (Tarutinskaya steppe management plan) EuropeAid/124907/C/SER/Multi/5
Link: <http://>
- No, but in preparation
- No

6.3 Conservation measures (optional)

(Tarutinskaya steppe management plan) EuropeAid/124907/C/SER/Multi/5

7. MAP OF THE SITE

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Map delivered as PDF
in electronic format
(optional)

Yes No

SITE DISPLAY

