

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT

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Chapter One

GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 1

- (1) This Act regulates the relations among the State, the municipalities, and the juristic and natural persons in respect of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in the Republic of Bulgaria.
- (2) "Biological diversity" means the variety of all living organisms in all forms of their natural organization, the natural communities and habitats thereof, of the ecosystems and the processes occurring therein.
- (3) Biological diversity is an integral part of national wealth, and the conservation thereof is a priority and obligation of central-government and municipal authorities and citizens.

Article 2

This Act shall have the following purposes:

1. conservation of natural habitat types representative of the Republic of Bulgaria and of Europe and habitats of endangered, rare and endemic plant and animal species within a National Ecological Network;
2. conservation of the protected plant and animal species of the flora and fauna of the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as of those as are subject to use and trade;
3. conservation of the genetic resources and the diversity of plant and animal species outside the natural surroundings thereof;
4. regulation of the introduction of non-native and the reintroduction of native plant and animal species into the wild;
5. regulation of trade in specimens of endangered species of wild flora and fauna;
6. conservation of centuries-old and remarkable trees.

Chapter Two

NATIONAL ECOLOGICAL NETWORK

Section I

General Dispositions

Article 3

- (1) The State shall develop a National Ecological Network which shall comprehend:
 1. special areas of conservation, which may incorporate protected areas;

2. protected areas outside special areas of conservation;
 3. buffer zones around protected areas.
- (2) CORINE Biotopes sites, Ramsar Convention sites and Important Bird Areas shall be incorporated into the National Ecological Network on a priority basis.

Article 4

The National Ecological Network shall have the following purposes:

1. long-term conservation of biological, geological and landscape diversity;
2. provision of sufficiently spacious and high-quality sites for wild animals to breed, feed and rest, including during the period of migration, moulting and wintering;
3. creation of conditions for genetic exchange between geographically separated populations and species;
4. participation of the Republic of Bulgaria in the European and world ecological networks;
5. containment of the adverse impact of human activities on protected areas.

Section II

Special Areas of Conservation

Article 5

The special areas of conservation referred to in Item 1 of Article 3 (1) herein shall be intended for maintenance or restoration, at a favourable conservation status, of the natural habitats therein incorporated, as well as of the species within their natural range.

Article 6

- (1) Special areas of conservation shall be designated for:
1. conservation of natural habitats listed in Annex 1 hereto;
 2. conservation of habitats of plant and animal species (excluding birds) listed in Annex 2 hereto;
 3. conservation of habitats of bird species listed in Annex 2 hereto;
 4. conservation of sites where considerable numbers of birds of species other than such listed in Annex 2 hereto assemble during the period of breeding, moulting, wintering or migration.
- (2) The natural habitat types in danger of disappearance, as listed in Annex 1 hereto, shall be conservation priority natural habitat types.
- (3) The plant and animal species in danger of extinction, as listed in Annex 2 hereto, shall be conservation priority species.

Article 7

- (1) The sites hosting any natural habitat types listed in Annex 1 hereto shall be subjected to assessment on the basis of the following criteria:
1. degree of representativity of the natural habitat type on the site concerned;

2. area of the site covered by the natural habitat type in relation to the total area covered by that natural habitat type within the boundaries of the Republic of Bulgaria;
 3. degree of conservation of the structure and functions of the natural habitat type concerned and restoration possibilities;
 4. global assessment of the value of the site for conservation of the natural habitat type concerned, on the basis of the value of the criteria referred to in Items 1, 2 and 3.
- (2) The sites hosting any habitats of species listed in Annex 1 hereto shall be subjected to assessment on the basis of the following criteria:
1. size and density of the population of the species present on the site in relation to the size and density of the populations of the same species present within the Republic of Bulgaria;
 2. degree of conservation of the features of the habitat which are important for the species concerned and restoration possibilities;
 3. degree of isolation of the population present on the site in relation to the natural range of the species;
 4. global assessment of the value of the site for conservation of the species concerned, on the basis of the value of the criteria referred to in Items 1, 2 and 3.
- (3) The sites hosting any habitats of bird species listed in Annex 2 hereto shall be subjected to assessment on the basis of the following criteria:
1. size and/or density of the population of the species during nesting, wintering or migration in relation to the size and/or density of the population of the same species present within Europe and within the Republic of Bulgaria;
 2. degree of representativity of the habitat of value for the species on the site concerned;
 3. global assessment of the value of the site for conservation of the species concerned, on the basis of the value of the criteria referred to in Items 1 and 2.

Section III

Designation and Modification of Special Areas of Conservation

Article 8

- (1) The Ministry of Environment and Water shall ensure the investigation, assessment and preparation of dossiers on the sites referred to in Article 7 herein which shall contain:
1. name;
 2. assigned use of the site;
 3. area distribution of forests, land tracts and aquatic areas;
 4. standard forms completed with data and evaluations;
 5. maps.

- (2) Proposals for designation of any sites subject to investigation under Paragraph (1) may furthermore be initiated by other state bodies, research and public organizations.

Article 9

- (1) Upon preparation of the dossiers referred to in Article 8 herein in respect of the sites by region, the Ministry of Environment and Water shall appoint a day and venue for conduct of the public discussion which shall be announced through the media of mass communication not later than thirty days before the date of the discussion.
- (2) Representatives of the ministries and central-government departments concerned, of the competent administrative regional administrations and municipalities, research and academic institutes, ecologist and public organizations shall be invited to attend the public discussions referred to in Paragraph (1).
- (3) Minutes shall be taken of the observations and proposals at the public discussions, and the said minutes shall be attached to the dossiers referred to in Article 8 herein.

Article 10

- (1) Within six months after completion of the public discussions under Article 9 herein, the Ministry of Environment and Water shall compile a draft list of special areas of conservation which, together with the dossiers referred to in Article 8 herein, shall be presented for consideration at a meeting of the National Council of Biological Diversity.
- (2) The National Council of Biological Diversity shall recommend that the Minister of Environment and Water lay the list before the Council of Ministers for adoption.
- (3) Within six months after the meeting of the National Council on Biological Diversity, the Minister of Environment and Water shall lay the list referred to in Paragraph (1) before the Council of Ministers.
- (4) The decision of the Council of Ministers and the list shall be promulgated in the *State Gazette*.

Article 11

- (1) Sites included in the list referred to in Article 10 (4) herein shall be designated as special areas of conservation.
- (2) Special areas of conservation shall be designated and modified by the Minister of Environment and Water.

Article 12

- (1) The Minister of Environment and Water shall issue a designation order for the relevant special area of conservation.
- (2) Any order referred to in Paragraph (1) shall state:
 1. the grounds for issuance of the said order;
 2. the name and location of the special area of conservation;
 3. the assigned use of the special area of conservation;

4. the total area and a description of the forests, land tracts and aquatic areas incorporated into the special area of conservation.

Article 13

Designation of a special conservation area shall not alter the ownership of the land tracts, forests and aquatic areas therein.

Article 14

The Protected Areas Act shall apply to any protected areas falling within the boundaries of special conservation areas.

Article 15

The Cultural Assets and Museums Act shall apply to any cultural assets falling within the boundaries of special conservation areas.

Article 16

- (1) Special conservation areas may be modified by means of:
 1. increase of area;
 2. decrease of area;
 3. declassification
- (2) Articles 9 and 10 herein shall apply to any modification covered under Paragraph (1).
- (3) The Minister of Environment and Water shall issue an order in respect of any modification covered under Paragraph (1).
- (4) New special areas of conservation shall be designated according to the procedure established by Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12 herein.

Article 17

Any order referred to in Article 12 (1) and Article 16 (3) herein shall be promulgated in the *State Gazette*.

Article 18

The Ministry of Environment and Water and the regional inspectorates of environment and water shall keep registers in respect of the designated special areas of conservation and the modifications thereof.

Article 19

In the event of risk of damage to any sites included in the list referred to in Article 10 (4) herein prior to the designation thereof as special areas of conservation, the Minister of Environment and Water may issue an order, which shall be promulgated in the *State Gazette*, whereby the said Minister shall prohibit or restrict specific activities in the said sites for a period not exceeding two years, with the exception of sites allocated for national defence and to the armed forces.

Section IV
Buffer Zones

Article 20

- (1) Zones surrounding the strict nature reserves, the managed nature reserves and the wetlands, which have been designated as protected areas according to the procedure established by the Protected Areas Act and are unincorporated into the national parks, shall be designated as buffer zones.
- (2) Buffer zones shall be intended to contain the impact of human activities on the protected areas referred to in Paragraph (1).

Article 21

The regional inspectorates of environment and water shall prepare a dossier for designation of a buffer zone, which shall include:

1. a description of the land tracts, forests and aquatic areas incorporated into the buffer zone;
2. a map of the protected area and the proposed buffer zone surrounding the said area;
3. a proposal of the regime of the buffer zone.

Article 22

- (1) The directors of the regional inspectorates of environment and water shall appoint a commission consisting of representatives of the local executive authorities concerned, the municipalities, the non-governmental organizations and the owners of land tracts, forests and aquatic areas.
- (2) The commission referred to in Paragraph (1) shall draw up a memorandum containing a recommendation to the Minister of Environment and Water regarding the boundaries and the regimes of the buffer zone.
- (3) In the cases where buffer zones are designated simultaneously with the protected areas, the procedures provided for in the Protected Areas Act shall be applied.

Article 23

- (1) The memorandum referred to in Article 22 (2) herein and the dossier referred to in Article 21 herein, adjusted where necessary, shall be transmitted to the Ministry of Environment and Water.
- (2) The Minister of Environment and Water shall issue a designation order for the buffer zone after consultation with the central-government departments concerned.
- (3) The order referred to in Paragraph (2) shall prohibit or restrict specific activities or construction as might influence unfavourably the status and assigned use of the protected areas.
- (4) The order referred to in Paragraph (2) shall be promulgated in the *State Gazette*.

Article 24

Designation of a buffer zone shall not alter the ownership of the land tracts, forests and aquatic areas therein.

Article 25

- (1) Buffer zones may be modified by means of:
1. increase of area;
 2. decrease of area;
 3. changes in the regime of activities;
 4. declassification, in the event of declassification of the relevant protective area.
- (2) Any modification covered under Paragraph (1) shall follow the procedure established by Articles 21, 22 and 23 herein.

Article 26

The Ministry of Environment and Water and the regional inspectorates of environment and water shall keep registers in respect of the designated buffer zones and the modifications thereof.

Section V

Management Plans and Spatial-Development Plans and Projects

Article 27

Management plans shall be elaborated for:

1. the special areas of conservation referred to in Item 1 of Article 3 (1) herein;
2. the buffer zones referred to in Item 3 of Article 3 (1) herein, as an integral part of the management plans of the special areas of conservation concerned.

Article 28

The management plans referred to in Article 27 herein shall be commissioned and endorsed under the terms and according to the procedure established by Section II of Chapter Four of the Protected Areas Act depending on the protected area category. The provisions of Articles 58, 61 and 62 of the Protected Areas Act shall apply to any areas of special conservation which do not host any protected areas.

Article 29

- (1) The management plans referred to in Article 27 herein shall envisage measures intended to prevent the deterioration of conditions in the natural habitat types and in the habitats of species, as well as the endangerment and disturbance of the species for the protection whereof the relevant special areas of conservation have been designated.
- (2) The measures referred to in Paragraph (1) shall include:
1. prohibition or restriction of activities contrary to the requirements for conservation of the specific sites subject to protection;
 2. preventive action to avoid unforeseeable adverse events;

3. supporting, steering and regulating activities;
 4. restoration of natural habitats and habitats of species or of populations of plant and animal species;
 5. conduct of scientific research, education and monitoring.
- (3) In planning the measures covered under Paragraph (2), to the extent practicable, account shall be taken of:
1. the regional and local characteristics, except such concerning the conservation of biological diversity, as well as social requirements;
 2. the sustainable use of renewable resources.

Article 30

- (1) The spatial-development plans, the spatial-development projects for forests and the regional programmes elaborated according to the procedure established by other acts, shall conform to the measures covered under Article 29 herein.
- (2) To ensure the links between the special areas of conservation, the plans and projects referred to in Paragraph (1) shall include measures and activities for conservation of the features of the landscape which, by virtue of their linear and continuous structure or their function as stepping stones, are essential for the migration, dispersal and genetic exchange of plant and animal populations and species.
- (3) The principal features of the landscape referred to in Paragraph (2) are:
 1. rivers and river banks and water-logged old river beds;
 2. natural marshes, lakes, wet meadows and other wetlands;
 3. caves, rock edges, faces and dunes;
 4. cols and other natural landforms linking separate mountains;
 5. field boundary markings, forest shelter belts, dry meadows and pastures;
 6. flood plains and riverside vegetation;
 7. forests located at an altitude not exceeding 500 metres above sea level.

Article 31

- (1) The plans and projects referred to in Article 30 (1) herein and the building-development proposals, which are not directly connected with, or necessary to, the management of the special areas of conservation but are likely to have a significant negative impact thereon, either individually or in interaction with other plans and projects, shall be assessed as to the compatibility thereof with the purposes established in the orders referred to in Article 12 (1) herein. Any such plans and the programmes shall be subject to environmental assessment, and the building-development proposals included in Annexes 1 and 2 to the Environmental Protection Act shall be subject to environmental impact assessment, according to the procedure established by the said Act.
- (2) Any building-development proposals other than such referred to in Paragraph (1) may be subject to environmental impact assessment according to a procedure established by a regulation adopted by the Council of Ministers.

Article 32

A favourable opinion on the environmental assessment of plans and programmes and a favourable decision on the environmental impact assessment of development proposals shall be issued according to the procedure established by the Environmental Protection Act solely after ascertaining that the special area of conservation will not be adversely affected to a considerable extent.

Article 33

- (1) An exception to the provision of Article 32 herein shall be admissible solely by reasons of overriding public interest and in the absence of an alternative solution.
- (2) If the special area of conservation hosts a priority natural habitat type and/or a habitat of a priority species, the only considerations which may be raised for making the exception referred to in Paragraph (1) are those relating to human health or public safety, or to beneficial consequences for the environment.

Article 34

- (1) In the cases under Article 33 herein, the Ministry of Environment and Water shall take compensatory measures necessary to ensure that the coherence of the National Ecological Network is protected, regardless of the phase of implementation of the plan or project.
- (2) The measures referred to in Paragraph (1) shall consist in conservation or restoration of the same natural habitat type or habitat of the same plant or animal species:
 1. in another place within the deteriorated special area of conservation;
 2. in an extension of the same, or an extension of another special area of conservation;
 3. in a new special area of conservation.
- (3) The expenditures on implementation of the measures referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be assumed by the client of the plan or project.

Chapter Three

CONSERVATION OF PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES

Section I

General Dispositions

Article 35

The plant and animal species of wild flora and fauna of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be conserved in the natural surroundings thereof by means of:

1. conservation of the habitats thereof in the National Ecological Network;
2. placing the species under a regime of protection or of regulated use;
3. maintenance or restoration of the conditions in the habitats which correspond to the ecological requirements of the relevant species;
4. elaboration and application of action plans for species facing a varying degree of threat;

5. reintroduction into the wild of extinct species and repopulation of rare and endangered species;
6. control and regulation of non-native species which are or could be introduced, whether deliberately or accidentally, into the wild and which threaten native species.

Article 36

In addition to the measures covered under Article 35 herein, measures shall furthermore be applied for conservation of the plant and animal species of wild flora and fauna outside the natural surroundings thereof by raising specimens and storing genetic material under strictly controlled conditions.

Section II

Protected Plant and Animal Species

Article 37

The wild animal and plant species listed in Annex 3 hereto shall be designated as protected for the entire territory of Bulgaria.

Article 38

- (1) The following shall be prohibited in respect of the animal species listed in Annex 3 hereto:
 1. all forms of deliberate capture or killing of specimens by whatever devices, means, or methods;
 2. hunting and disturbance, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing, wintering and migration;
 3. destruction or taking of eggs, even where abandoned; destruction of, damage to, or removal of nests;
 4. damage to, or destruction of, breeding, resting or staging places;
 5. taking of found dead specimens;
 6. possession, movement, transport, export, trade and offering for sale or exchange of specimens taken in the wild;
 7. stuffing, possession, exhibition to the public, movement, transport, export, trade and offering for sale or exchange of stuffed specimens.
- (2) The prohibitions referred to in Items 1, 2, 6 and 7 of Paragraph (1) shall apply to all stages of life of the animals.

Article 39

- (1) Any person, who has found an injured or dead specimen, or who has unintentionally injured or killed a specimen of any animal species listed in Annex 3 hereto, shall be obligated, while complying with the provision of Item 5 of Article 38 (1) herein, to notify the nearest regional inspectorate of environment and water or state forestry unit.
- (2) At the discretion of the regional inspectorate of environment and water or the state forestry unit and depending on the condition thereof, any such specimen:

1. shall be returned to the wild in an appropriate region;
 2. shall be transmitted for treatment or care to a rescue centre or a zoo;
 3. shall be provided to a research or educational establishment or to a natural science museum for study or augmentation of teaching collections;
 4. shall be left where the said specimen was found or killed.
- (3) A memorandum shall be drawn up on the disposal of the specimen under Paragraph (2), and the said memorandum shall be transmitted to the Ministry of Environment and Water.

Article 40

- (1) The following shall be prohibited in respect of any plant species listed in Annex 3 hereto:
1. picking, collecting, cutting, uprooting or any other manner of destruction of specimens in their natural range in the wild;
 2. possession, movement, transport, export, trade and offering for sale or exchange of specimens taken in the wild.
- (2) The prohibitions covered under Paragraph (1) shall apply to all stages of life of the plants.

Section III

Regulated Use of Plant and Animal Species

Article 41

- (1) The wild animal and plant species listed in Annex 4 hereto shall be placed under a regime of protection and regulated use in the wild.
- (2) Depending on the status of the populations and the biological requirements of the individual species listed in Annex 4 hereto, the regimes and conditions of use shall comprehend:
1. regulations regarding access to certain regions;
 2. temporary or local prohibition of use of the species or exploitation of certain populations;
 3. time periods, rules and methods of use;
 4. establishment of a system of licences or of quotas for use of specimens;
 5. terms of purchase, sale, possession, offering for sale or transportation for the purpose of sale or export of specimens or parts thereof;
 6. terms for raising in captivity and breeding of animal and plant species under strictly controlled conditions.
- (3) The following shall be prohibited in respect of the bird species listed in Annex 4 hereto:
1. hunting and disturbance during the breeding and rearing season, as well as during the return of migratory birds to the rearing places;
 2. destruction or, damage to, or removal of nests;

3. destruction, as well as the taking and keeping of eggs, even where abandoned.

Article 42

- (1) The regimes and conditions under Article 41 (2) herein, applicable to fish and game species listed in Annex 4 hereto, shall be established by orders of the ministers of agriculture and forestry and of environment and water, and the said orders shall be promulgated in the *State Gazette*.
- (2) In respect of the rest of the animal and plant species listed in Annex 4 hereto, the regimes and conditions for conservation and use under Article 41 (2) herein shall be established by orders of the Minister of Environment and Water, and the said orders shall be promulgated in the *State Gazette*.

Article 43

The orders referred to in Article 42 herein shall be issued after discussion with the central-government departments, public organizations and branch organizations of users concerned and, in the cases of a regional or local prohibition of use, also with the competent regional governors and municipality mayors.

Section IV

Prohibited Methods, Devices and Means of Capture and Killing

Article 44

- (1) Upon capture or killing of specimens of any species listed in Annex 4 hereto, the use of any indiscriminate devices, means and methods listed in Annex 5 hereto shall be prohibited.
- (2) The prohibition under Paragraph (1) shall furthermore apply to any animal species listed in Annex 3 hereto and to any bird species referred to in Article 45 herein in the cases of exemption authorized according to the procedure established by Article 49 herein.

Section V

Conservation of Wild Birds

Article 45

All bird species other than such listed in Annexes 3 and 4 hereto, naturally occurring in the wild state within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, shall be subject to conservation and control with a view to the maintenance of the populations thereof at a favourable conservation status.

Article 46

The following shall be prohibited in respect of the birds referred to in Article 45 herein:

1. capture or killing of specimens by whatever devices, means, or methods;
2. keeping of specimens;
3. destruction of, damage to, or removal of nests;

4. destruction, as well as the taking and keeping of eggs, even where abandoned;
5. disturbance, particularly during the period of breeding and rearing.

Article 47

- (1) Keeping for commercial purposes, transporting for commercial purposes, offering for sale and sale of live or dead birds or any readily recognizable part or derivative of such birds shall be prohibited in respect of all wild bird species other than such listed in Annex 3 herein.
- (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the bird species specified in Annex 6 hereto, and the activities covered under Paragraph (1) may be carried out solely upon proof that the birds were lawfully killed, captured or acquired in another lawful manner.

Section VI

Exemptions

Article 48

- (1) Exemptions from the prohibitions imposed under Articles 38, 40, Article 41 (3), Articles 44, 46 and Article 47 (1) herein shall be admissible solely in the absence of an alternative solution and subject to the condition that the exemption is not detrimental to the populations of the affected species in the natural range thereof and the said populations are in a favourable conservation status.
- (2) Any exemption referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be granted in the following cases:
 1. to protect species of wild flora and fauna and for conservation of natural habitats;
 2. to prevent serious damage to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries, water, fisheries and other forms of property;
 3. in the interests of public health and safety, including air safety or by other reasons of overriding public interest;
 4. for the purposes of research and education upon introduction or reintroduction of species and for the breeding necessary to this end, including artificial propagation of plants.
- (3) In the cases covered under Paragraph (2), where any species listed in Annex 3 hereto are affected, exemptions shall be admissible solely in respect of a limited number of specimens.

Article 49

- (1) Any exemption referred to in Article 48 herein shall require written authorization from:
 1. the Minister of Environment and Water - in respect of any species listed in Annex 3 hereto;
 2. the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and the Head of the National Forestry Board - in respect of any fish and game species listed in Annex 4 hereto, after consultation with the Minister of Environment and Water;

3. the Minister of Environment and Water - in respect of the rest of the species listed in Annex 4 hereto and in respect of any birds referred to in Article 45 herein.
- (2) Any authorization referred to in Paragraph (1) shall specify the species, the number of specimens, the time and the place, the devices, means and methods, the manner of disposal of the specimen and other conditions whereunder the exemption is granted, as well as the authority or the person entrusted with the exercise of control over compliance with the said conditions.

Article 50

- (1) No authorization under Article 49 (1) herein shall be required for the export of specimens of any species covered under Article 70 herein.
- (2) In the cases under Paragraph (1), solely an export permit shall be issued according to the procedure established by Chapter Four herein.

Article 51

The terms and a procedure for the issuance of authorizations under Article 49 (1) herein shall be established by a regulation endorsed by the Ministers of Environment and Water and of Agriculture and Forestry.

Section VII

Action Plans for Plant and Animal Species

Article 52

Action plans for plant and animal species shall mandatorily be elaborated where it is ascertained that:

1. the species is endangered on an international scale and the conservation thereof requires measures within the entire natural range thereof;
2. the conservation status of the population of the species in the Republic of Bulgaria or in individual regions is not favourable;
3. a non-native species, which has been introduced into the wild, has an adverse impact on the conditions of the natural habitats or on the conservation status of native species of wild flora and fauna.

Article 53

Under the terms established by Article 52 herein, action plans shall be elaborated on a priority basis in respect of:

1. any priority species listed in Annex 2 hereto;
2. any protected plant and animal species listed in Annex 3 hereto;
3. any species subject to regulated use listed in Annex 4 hereto;
4. any species subject to reintroduction into the wild.

Article 54

The action plans shall comprehend:

1. a description of the biological characteristics and ecological requirements of the species;
2. an evaluation of the distribution and conservation status of the populations of the species, as well as of the conditions of the natural habitats thereof;
3. data on the threats and limiting factors;
4. measures for recovery, maintenance and other conservation measures in respect of the species, including *ex-situ* measures, as far as appropriate;
5. measures for recovery and maintenance of the habitats of the species covered by the plan;
6. measures to monitor and control compliance and the effect of public activities;
7. budget and time schedule for implementation of the activities.

Article 55

- (1) Preparation of action plans may be commissioned by:
 1. the Minister of Environment and Water;
 2. the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry or the heads of other state bodies concerned;
 3. non-governmental organizations.
- (2) The authorities and organizations covered under Items 2 and 3 of Paragraph (1) shall consult the Ministry of Environment on the terms of reference and the drafts of the action plans.

Article 56

- (1) The action plans shall be laid before the National Council of Biological Diversity for consideration.
- (2) The action plans shall be endorsed by the relevant competent authority referred to in Article 49 (1) following a favourable decision of the National Council of Biological Diversity.

Article 57

The terms and a procedure for elaboration of action plans for species shall be established by a regulation issued by the Ministers of Environment and Water and of Agriculture and Forestry.

Section VIII

***Ex-situ* Conservation of Plant and Animal Species**

Article 58

- (1) *Ex-situ* conservation of species shall include:
 1. raising and breeding of animals and plants under controlled conditions in vivariums, zoos or botanical gardens, arboretums, live specimen collections;
 2. creation of banks for seeds, pollen, gametes, embryos, tissue and cell cultures and other collections for conservation of plant and animal genetic resources under special conditions.

- (2) The actions covered under Paragraph (1) shall not include application of techniques and methods leading to genetic modification.

Article 59

Conservation covered under Article 58 (1) herein shall be applied on a priority basis to species and other taxa which are:

1. in immediate danger of extinction in the natural habitats thereof at local, national or international level;
2. of special economic interest;
3. wild ancestors of plant cultivars or primitive animal breeds;
4. suitable for use in reintroduction into the wild;
5. of specific interest to science - endemic, relict, etc.;
6. suitable to attract public interest to the problems of conservation of biological diversity.

Article 60

- (1) Conservation covered under Article 58 (1) herein may be implemented by research organizations, juristic and natural persons.
- (2) The organizations and persons referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be obligated:
1. to document the samples/species, as well as the origin thereof;
 2. to label and mark the samples/species, where possible;
 3. to gather and maintain information on specific characteristics of the status of the collections, as well as of the methods and techniques of the raising and maintenance thereof;
 4. to organize or participate in scientific and other research relevant to the conservation and raising of the species, including such associated with the reintroduction of wild species into the wild;
 5. to provide propagules of endangered species for restoration or reintroduction into the wild;
 6. to provide, on a negotiated basis, propagules of endangered species for the purpose of creation of plantations for cultivated breeding of plants and farms for the breeding of animals;
 7. to exchange information with other institutions of similar mission and purposes;
 8. to provide public access to the collections and provide information to the public relating to the species collected, the natural habitats thereof and conservation of biological diversity;
 9. to promote public education and awareness;
 10. to provide the information as shall be necessary for updating and keeping of the registers referred to in Article 63 herein.
- (3) In addition to the obligations covered under Paragraph (2), zoos shall be obligated to:

1. accommodate the animals under conditions which satisfy the biological, conservation and propagation requirements thereof;
2. provide species-specific enrichment of the enclosures;
3. maintain a high standard of animal husbandry with preventive and curative veterinary care and nutrition;
4. take the necessary measures to prevent the escape of animals in order to avoid possible ecological threats to indigenous species.

Article 61

- (1) The minimum requirements and conditions whereunder animals are raised in zoos shall be established by a regulation issued by the Minister of Environment and Water.
- (2) In case of application of the coercive measure referred to in Item 3 of Article 122 (1) herein, the Ministry of Environment and Water shall order the placement of the animals in other zoos or in sites ensuring the conditions established by the regulation referred to in Paragraph (1) and covered under Article 60 (2) and (3) herein.

Article 62

- (1) Zoos shall operate on the basis of a licence granted by the Ministry of Environment and Water, under terms and according to a procedure established by a regulation issued by the Minister of Environment and Water.
- (2) Any licence referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be granted solely upon compliance with the requirements of Article 60 (2) and (3) herein and the requirements of the regulation referred to in Article 61 (1) herein.
- (3) Should it be ascertained that any zoo operates without a licence or in violation of the requirements and conditions whereunder the licence was granted, the Minister of Environment and Water shall:
 1. prescribe measures and determine a time period not exceeding two years wherewithin the requirements must be complied with, and/or
 2. impose the coercive measure referred to in Item 3 of Article 122 (1) herein.
- (4) Upon non-compliance with the prescriptions within the time period determined under Item 3 of Paragraph (1), the Minister of Environment and Water shall impose the coercive measure referred to in Item 3 and/or Item 4 of Article 122 (1) herein.

Article 63

- (1) The Ministry of Environment and Water shall keep a register of the organizations and persons owning and maintaining collections of wild species of Bulgarian or alien flora and fauna.
- (2) The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry shall keep an official register of the organizations and persons owning and maintaining collections of wild tree and bush species or game species of Bulgarian or alien flora and fauna.

Article 64

The specialized organizations, which create and maintain "national collections," shall be designated by an act of the Council of Ministers where:

1. they implement and/or coordinate activities comprehended under national or international programmes associated with genetic resources;
2. the collections are intended for conservation and maintenance of significant taxonomic diversity of world flora and fauna, including wild relatives of cultivated plants or primitive breeds and/or constitute strategic resources because of the significant diversity of species, varieties, breeds, forms, lines, including such of local origin and/or indicator species in respect of international obligations assumed by the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 65

The terms and a procedure for augmentation, maintenance and servicing of collections, with the exception of such appertaining to natural persons, shall be established by acts issued by the heads of the organizations and the juristic persons referred to in Article 60 (1) herein.

Article 66

- (1) The State shall own the genetic resources of the natural flora and fauna of the Republic of Bulgaria.
- (2) Access to the resources shall be provided in compliance with the provisions of this Act and, where subject to patents and other intellectual property rights, such access shall be provided in compliance with the provisions of legislation specific to this sphere.
- (3) Genetic resources may be provided for use to other States on the basis of advance agreement in writing on the terms and manner of sharing the benefits arising from such transfer under mutually advantageous terms including:
 1. citation of the natural origin of the material;
 2. provision by the State user of results of research and technologies obtained from, related to, or derived from the said resources;
 3. recovery of part of the resources obtained in use of the material, as well as of derivatives or studies for commercial purposes;
 4. participation in joint scientific studies.
- (4) Gratuitous provision of genetic resources may be agreed where the said resources are intended for non-commercial purposes: scientific research, education, conservation of biological diversity, or public health.
- (5) Provision of materials for use to third parties shall require the written consent of the owner in compliance with the provisions of Paragraphs (2), (3) and (4).
- (6) The terms and a procedure for provision of access to genetic resources shall be established by a regulation adopted by the Council of Ministers.

Section IX

Introduction of Non-Native and Reintroduction of Native Animal and Plant Species into the Wild

Article 67

- (1) Introduction into the wild, as well as import for the purpose of breeding and raising of non-native animal and plant species, shall be admitted provided that this is not detrimental to any natural habitats in the natural range thereof or to any native species of wild flora and fauna or to any populations thereof.
- (2) The activities referred to in Paragraph (1) shall be authorized on the basis of an elaborated programme solely after a favourable conclusion of a scientific expert examination commissioned by the relevant competent authority covered under Paragraph (3) and after a favourable decision of the National Council of Biological Diversity.
- (3) The activities referred to in Paragraph (1) shall require written authorization granted by:
 1. the Head of the National Forestry Board - in respect of any tree, bush and game species;
 2. the Minister of Environment and Water - in respect of all other species.
- (4) The authorities covered under Paragraph (3) may issue an order, promulgated in the *State Gazette*, prohibiting the introduction into the wild of any non-native species which would threaten the natural habitats or native species of wild flora and fauna.

Article 68

- (1) Native animal and plant species shall be reintroduced into the wild in a manner that would contribute to a sustained restoration of the said species to a favourable conservation status.
- (2) The activities referred to in Paragraph (1) shall require written authorization granted by the relevant competent authority covered under Article 67 (3) herein in consultation with the central-government departments concerned and after having obtained the opinion of the general public in the region regarding a reintroduction of the species.

Article 69

The terms and a procedure for granting of authorizations under Article 67 (3) and Article 68 (2) herein and for obtaining the opinion of the general public shall be established by regulations issued, respectively, by the Minister of Environment and Water and by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

Chapter Four
TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FLORA AND FAUNA

Section I
General Dispositions

Article 70

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to specimens of any species included in the Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (*State Gazette* No. 6 of 1992), hereinafter referred to as "the Convention," which:

1. are in danger of extinction or are under a regime of protection and regulated use and are or could be subject to trade, as listed:
 - a) in Appendix I to Article III of the Convention;
 - b) in Annex 3 to this Act, indicated by the symbol (I);
 - c) in Annex 4 to this Act, indicated by the symbol (I);
2. need regulation of trade therein in order to avoid utilization incompatible with the survival thereof, as listed in Appendix II to Article IV of the Convention;
3. are identified as being subject to regulated trade within the jurisdiction of any Party to the Convention, as listed in Appendix III to Article V of the Convention.

Article 71

- (1) The Ministry of Environment and Water shall be the Management Authority in charge of application of the requirements of the Convention.
- (2) The Minister of Environment and Water shall issue a designation order for the places performing the functions of rescue centres under Item 1 of Article 104 (1) herein.
- (3) The operation of the rescue centres referred to in Paragraph (2) shall be regulated by rules endorsed by the Minister of Environment and Water.

Article 72

- (1) The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, with the specialized institutes, full-time research personnel and associate experts thereof, shall be the Scientific Authority for the purposes of application of the Convention.
- (2) Acting on a proposal by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, the Minister of Environment and Water shall issue an order listing the experts performing functions under Article 84 and Item 2 of Article 87 herein.
- (3) The list referred to in Paragraph (2) shall indicate the names, addresses and contact information, the competence and the area of practice of the experts.

Section II

Transboundary Movement from and to the Republic of Bulgaria

Article 73

- (1) Specimens of any species covered under Article 70 herein shall be imported and exported according to the requirements of the Convention, this Act, the Customs Act and the other special laws.
- (2) Live animals of any species covered under Article 70 herein shall be transported according to the guidelines for transportation of live animals, published by the Convention Secretariat, and in the case of air transport, also according to the Regulations established by Resolution 620, Appendix A of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Article 74

- (1) Upon issuance of permits under Item 1 of Article 70 herein, the specimens of any species referred to in Item 1 of Article 70 herein shall be treated as specimens of species referred to in Item 2 of Article 70 herein where the said specimens:
 1. have been bred in breeding facilities registered at the Convention Secretariat;
 2. are individually marked in a manner precluding misidentification.
- (2) The condition under Item 2 of Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any plants and in case the marking would damage the health of the specific specimen.

Article 75

- (1) Specimens of any species referred to in Item 1 of Article 70 herein shall be imported and any specimens of species covered under Article 70 herein shall be exported solely by a permit issued by the Minister of Environment and Water or persons authorized thereby, completed in a CITES model form as set forth in Annex 7 hereto.
- (2) No permit under Paragraph (1) shall be required for:
 1. transit or specimens;
 2. importation of specimens in the cases under Article 74 (1) herein.
- (3) Each consignment of specimens referred to in Item 1 of Paragraph (2) shall mandatorily be accompanied by an original of an export permit in a CITES model form, issued by the Management Authority in charge of application of the requirements of the Convention of the State of export.

Article 76

- (1) A separate permit under Article 75 (1) herein shall be issued for each consignment of specimens, and the said permit shall accompany the said consignment during the time of importation or exportation.
- (2) Any permit shall be valid for a period of six months reckoned from the date of issue thereof.
- (3) Any permit shall be treated as invalid:
 1. upon expiry of the period referred to in Paragraph (2);

2. after crossing of the border, unless validated by the customs authority according to Item 3 of Article 87 herein;
 3. upon ascertainment that the permit has been issued on the basis of misrepresentation of the conditions for importation and exportation by the applicant;
 4. when damaged;
 5. when destroyed;
 6. when lost or stolen.
- (4) The holder of any permit shall be obligated:
1. in the cases under Items 1, 2 and 4 of Paragraph (3), to return the original and all copies to the Ministry of Environment and Water within fifteen days;
 2. in the cases under Items 5 and 6 of Paragraph (3), to notify immediately the Ministry of Environment and Water.
- (5) In the cases under Items 3 and 6 of Paragraph (3), the Ministry of Environment and Water shall immediately notify the customs authorities, the Management Authority of the State of import and the Convention Secretariat, specifying the number, date and other identification features of the permit.

Article 77

- (1) The importer or exporter shall be obligated to present the permit referred to in Article 75 (1) herein to the customs authority upon crossing of the border.
- (2) Where the importer or exporter does not move the consignment in person, the permit must be attached to the shipping documents.

Article 78

- (1) In the cases of importation and exportation of any herbarium specimens or museum specimens intended for non-commercial donation or exchange between persons referred to in Article 96 (1) herein, the permit referred to in Article 75 (1) herein may be replaced by a label approved by the Convention Secretariat.
- (2) The terms and a procedure for the issuance of labels shall be established by order of the Minister of Environment and Water.

Article 79

The Minister of Environment and Water or the persons authorized thereby shall refuse the issuance of a permit referred to in Article 75 (1) herein where:

1. a fine or a pecuniary penalty has been imposed on the applicant, or a specimen has been confiscated therefrom according to the procedure established by this Act, for a period of two years reckoned from the effective date of the penalty decree;
2. the Scientific Authority has advised in writing that such transboundary movement will be detrimental to the survival of the species concerned in the wild;
3. the Scientific Authority has advised in writing that the applicant is not suitably equipped to house and care for the live specimen concerned;

4. the conditions under Article 73 (2) herein are breached;
5. specimens of any species referred to in Item 1 of Article 70 herein are imported and exported for the purpose of trade, for provision of services or other primarily commercial purposes, with the exception of:
 - a) any specimens referred to in Item 1 of Article 74 (1) herein;
 - b) any specimens imported or acquired in the Republic of Bulgaria prior to the entry into force of the Convention, as well as the offspring produced thereby, including the first-generation offspring raised in a controlled environment, subject to the condition that the said specimens have been imported or acquired according to the then effective regulatory framework;
 - c) the sale of live specimens for programmes associated with the restoration of species, for breeding or propagation purposes or for purposes of research or education, irrespective of whether the said specimens were taken from the wild or are first-generation specimens born and bred in captivity.

Article 80

Any applicant for a permit referred to in Article 75 (1) herein shall submit an application in writing to the Ministry of Environment and Water.

Article 81

- (1) Any application under Article 80 herein for an import permit for specimens of any species referred to in Item 1 of Article 70 herein shall state:
 1. the addresses of the recipient and the sender;
 2. the species, the conservation status, and the quantity of specimens;
 3. the expected date and time of border crossing and the border-crossing point;
 4. the conditions of transportation, applicable to import of live specimens.
- (2) The following shall be attached to any application referred to in Paragraph (1):
 1. a copy of an export permit, issued in advance by the Management Authority of the State of export;
 2. a court registration of a company;
 3. the address and description of the conditions whereunder the live specimens as imported will be housed and cared for.

Article 82

- (1) Any application referred to in Article 80 herein for an export permit for specimens of any species covered under Article 70 herein shall state:
 1. the addresses of the recipient and the sender;
 2. the species, the conservation status and the quantity of specimens;
 3. the expected date and time of border crossing and the border-crossing point;
 4. the conditions of transportation.
- (2) The following shall be attached to any application referred to in Paragraph (1):

1. a document certifying the origin of the specimen;
 2. a document of registration according to Article 91 herein;
 3. a copy of an identity document held by the applicant;
 4. a certificate of current status of the record on the company;
 5. in the cases of export of any specimens bred in captivity - a brief description of the species or crop, showing the origin of the individual specimens forming the foundation of the said species or crop, and the number of the genetic generation produced.
- (3) The requirements under Items 2 and 4 of Paragraph (2) shall not apply in the cases under Article 96 (1) herein.

Article 83

- (1) Within three days after receipt of an application for the issuance of an import or export permit for specimens of species referred to in Item 1 of Article 70 herein, the Minister of Environment and Water shall request advice from the Scientific Authority referred to in Article 72 herein.
- (2) In the case of an application for export of specimens of any species referred to in Items 2 and 3 of Article 70 herein, the advice referred to in Paragraph (1) may be requested at the discretion of the Minister of Environment and Water.

Article 84

- (1) The Scientific Authority shall present advice to the Ministry of Environment and Water within fifteen days after receipt of the request referred to in Article 83 (1) herein.
- (2) Should an on site examination be necessary, the said examination shall be conducted by an expert of the list referred to in Article 72 (2) herein.

Article 85

In compliance with all terms established by the Convention and this Act, a permit referred to in Article 75 (1) herein shall be issued within five working days after receipt of an application referred to in Article 80 herein or after presentation of the advice referred to in Article 84 herein.

Section III

Customs Supervision and Control

Article 86

The customs authorities shall exercise customs supervision and control upon importation and exportation of specimens of species covered under Article 70 herein to and from the customs territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 87

The customs authorities, acting in conformity with customs legislation:

1. shall check whether the consignment is accompanied by a permit referred to in Article 75 (1) and (3) herein;
2. shall require from the border veterinary and phytosanitary service to establish, within one hour, whether the specimens correspond to the particulars stated

in the permit; in case such an identification is not performed, the customs authorities shall approach a competent expert on the list referred to in Article 72 (2) herein for identification and valuation of the specimen, and the said expert shall be obligated to report to the border-crossing point within six hours after call-out;

3. validate the original and the two attached copies of the import or export permit referred to in Article 75 (1) herein, entering the actual quantity of specimens as imported or exported, and retain and preserve copy No. 3, intended for the customs authorities;
4. upon importation, retain the original of the permit referred to in Article 75 (1) herein and the original permit issued by the Management Authority in charge of application of the Convention of the State of export;
5. within five days transmit to the Ministry of Environment and Water the permits referred to in Item 4, in the case of importation, and in the case of exportation, the said permits and a copy of the validated export permit referred to in Article 75 (1) herein.

Article 88

Upon ascertainment of any violation of the requirements of this Act or in case where any such violation is suspected, the customs authorities shall impound the specimens and the corporeal movables which have served for commission of the violation, and shall immediately notify the Ministry of Environment and Water or the competent regional inspectorate of environment and water, which shall ensure the placement of the specimen in suitable conditions at rescue centres.

Article 89

The competent regional inspectorates of environment and water and rescue centres shall offer the customs authorities full cooperation for clarification of the cases under Article 88 herein and for making a decision thereon.

Section IV

Registration

Article 90

- (1) All specimens of any species referred to in Items 1 and 2 of Article 70 herein, with the exception of food products derived therefrom and of the species constituting a subject matter of the Hunting and Gamekeeping Act, shall be subject to registration.
- (2) Specimens of any species referred to in Items 1 and 2 of Article 70 herein, in respect of which import permits have been issued after the entry of this Act into force, shall be registered by the regional inspectorates of environment and water on their own initiative, without the owner having to make any representations according to the procedure established by Article 92 herein.
- (3) Within five days after issuance of an import permit, the Ministry of Environment and Water shall transmit the documentation necessary for registration under Paragraph (2) to the competent regional inspectorate of environment and water.

Article 91

Registration shall be effected by means of a document issued by the regional inspectorate of environment and water exercising competence over the permanent address of the owner of the specimen, where the said owner shall be a natural person, or over the registered office or the address of the place of management, as the case may be, where the said owner shall be a juristic person.

Article 92

- (1) For the purpose of registration under Article 91 herein, within fifteen days after acquisition of the specimen, the owner shall submit an application to the regional inspectorate of environment and water, stating therein:
 1. name and Standard Public Registry Personal Number, applicable to natural persons, and designation, registered office and BULSTAT Code, applicable to juristic persons;
 2. particulars of the species: type and status (living, dead, part of a specimen or derivative);
 3. address of the place where the specimen shall be housed and cared for: applicable to acquisition of a live specimen;
 4. manner of acquisition: imported, purchased, exchanged, donated, born in captivity, found.
- (2) The following shall be attached to any application referred to in Paragraph (1):
 1. an original document of registration, issued by the regional inspectorate of environment and water: applicable to purchase of a specimen previously registered under Article 91 herein;
 2. a document of origin;
 3. manner of marking of the specimen;
 4. an original permit or another document certifying the capture or killing of the specimen in the wild, as prescribed by a regulatory act and proving the lawfulness of acquisition of the specimen.

Article 93

The regional inspectorates of environment and water shall issue the document of registration referred to in Article 91 herein within five days after receipt of the documentation referred to in Article 90 (3) herein or of the application referred to in Article 92 herein.

Article 94

- (1) The owner of any registered specimen shall be obligated to notify the regional inspectorate of environment and water in writing within fifteen days in the event of:
 1. change of ownership relating to the specimen: sale, change of address of the place where a live specimen is housed and cared for, or death, theft or loss;
 2. destruction, damage, loss or theft of the document of registration of the specimen.
- (2) The regional inspectorates of environment and water:

1. shall record any changes covered under Paragraph (1) in the register referred to in Article 95 herein;
2. shall issue a new document of registration in the cases under Item 2 of Paragraph (1);
3. shall notify the Ministry of Environment and Water of the cases of theft or loss of a specimen or of a document of registration.

Article 95

The regional inspectorates of environment and water shall keep a register of the specimens referred to in Article 90 herein.

Article 96

- (1) The registration of any specimens referred to Article 90 herein shall not apply to collections at zoos and botanical gardens, museums, universities, institutes affiliated to the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and other research and academic institutes.
- (2) The entities covered under Paragraph (1) shall present a list of the specimens in stock by species at the Ministry of Environment and Water, and at the beginning of each current year shall supply information on any changes which have occurred during the last preceding year.

Article 97

- (1) Any natural and juristic persons with court registration in the Republic of Bulgaria shall have the right to register propagation and breeding operations for species referred to in Item 1 of Article 70 herein with the Convention Secretariat care of the Ministry of Environment and Water.
- (2) For the purpose of registration under Paragraph (1), the persons shall submit an application to the Ministry of Environment and Water, stating therein:
 1. the address whereat the operation shall be carried out;
 2. the scientific name of the species and the conditions of the propagation and breeding thereof;
 3. proof of lawful acquisition of the propagules.

Article 98

- (1) Within fifteen days after receipt of the application, the Ministry of Environment and Water shall conduct a check of the particulars covered under Article 97 (2) herein and shall request advice from the Scientific Authority according to the procedure established by Article 83 herein.
- (2) Depending on the check and acting on the advice referred to in Paragraph (1), the Ministry of Environment and Water:
 1. shall transmit documentation for registration of the operation with the Secretariat according to the requirements of the Convention;
 2. in case of refusal, shall notify the applicant in writing within thirty days.

Article 99

Within fifteen days after discontinuance of a registered operation, the persons referred to in Article 97 (1) herein shall be obligated to notify the Ministry of Environment and Water, which shall transmit information to the Convention Secretariat for striking of the registration.

Section V

Domestic Trade

Article 100

The offering for sale, acquisition for commercial purposes, display to the public for commercial purposes, use for commercial gain and sale, keeping for sale, or offering for sale of specimens of any species referred to in Item 1 of Article 70 herein shall be prohibited.

Article 101

The prohibition referred to in Article 100 herein shall not apply to any specimens which:

1. were acquired before the entry into force of the Convention;
2. are captive-bred animal specimens or artificially propagated plants, provided that these circumstances are proved;
3. are required for the advancement of science, where the species in question prove to be the only ones suitable for those purposes and where there are no specimens of the species which have been bred in captivity;
4. are intended for breeding or propagation programmes or for scientific research aimed at the preservation or conservation of the species.

Article 102

- (1) Trade in any unregistered specimens in the cases under Article 101 herein, as well as trade in unregistered specimens of any species referred to in Item 2 of Article 70 herein, shall be prohibited.
- (2) Upon sale of any specimens registered under Article 91 herein, the seller shall provide to the buyer the original document of registration of the specimen.

Section VI

Disposal of Confiscated Specimens

Article 103

Disposal of specimens of any species covered under Article 70 herein, which have been confiscated under Article 129 (1) herein, shall be effected by the Minister of Environment and Water.

Article 104

- (1) Until entry into force of the penalty decree on confiscation of the specimens, the Minister of Environment and Water shall order:
 1. placement of the live specimens in expressly designated rescue centres;

2. storage in appropriate places of dead specimens, food products or medicinal products.
- (2) Any alien specimens, which have not passed through customs formalities, shall be placed under a customs warehousing procedure.

Article 105

- (1) The specimens shall be returned to the owner upon revocation of the penalty decree through a judicial procedure within seven days after the effective date of the judgment of court.
- (2) Within fifteen days after the effective date of the judgment of court dismissing an appeal against a penalty decree on confiscation of the specimens after assignment to a customs-approved treatment or use, the Minister of Environment and Water shall dispose of the said specimens according to Article 106 herein.

Article 106

- (1) Upon confiscation of any live specimens, the Minister of Environment and Water shall order:
1. the return of the said specimens to the State of export, where the said State is a country of origin of the said specimens;
 2. the return of the said specimens to the State of export in the cases under Article 74 (1) herein;
 3. the placement of the said specimens in a zoo or a botanical garden or in rescue centres;
 4. the release of the said specimens into the wild, where the said specimens have been taken from natural habitats within the boundaries of Bulgaria, in case there are no obvious obstacles to the survival thereof;
 5. the sale of the said specimens.
- (2) Upon confiscation of any dead specimens, the Minister of Environment and Water shall order:
1. the gratuitous provision of the said specimens to higher schools or to centres training personnel in application of the Convention, for augmentation of teaching collections;
 2. the gratuitous provision of the said specimens to natural science museums or, where of aesthetic value, to art museums;
 3. the sale of the said specimens.
- (3) Upon confiscation of any food products or medicinal products, the Minister of Environment and Water shall order:
1. the return of the said products to the State of export;
 2. the provision of the said products to higher schools or to centres training personnel in application of the Convention, for augmentation of teaching collections;
 3. the destruction of the said products.

Article 107

- (1) The expenditures as shall be incurred in connection with the advice and checks referred to in Article 84 and Item 2 of Article 87 herein and with the orders under Article 104 herein in case of application of Article 105 (1) herein shall be for the account of the executive budget.
- (2) The expenditures covered under Paragraph (1) shall be recovered in the budget of the Ministry of Environment and Water from the proceeds from sale in the cases under Article 106 herein.
- (3) The expenditures incurred in connection with the orders under Articles 104 and 106 herein shall be for the account of the offender. To secure payment of the said expenditures, the authorities ascertaining the violation may impound goods or sums of money.

Article 108

Upon sale under Article 106 herein, the specimens shall be treated as lawfully acquired upon presentation of the document whereby the said specimens have been purchased.

Chapter Five

CONSERVATION OF CENTURIES-OLD OR REMARKABLE TREES

Article 109

- (1) Individual centuries-old or remarkable trees inside or outside nucleated settlements shall be designated as protected in consultation with the natural or juristic person who or which own the corporeal immovable wherein the tree is located.
- (2) The director of the competent regional inspectorate of environment and water and the person referred to in Paragraph (1) shall sign a memorandum, stating therein the location and characteristics of the tree: species, age, height and other features, conservation status and necessary maintenance measures, as well as the obligations assumed by the owner for conservation of the site.
- (3) The memorandum referred to in Paragraph (2) and a plat of the location of the tree shall be transmitted to the Ministry of Environment and Water.

Article 110

The Minister of Environment and Water shall issue an order designating the tree as protected, and the said order shall be promulgated in the *State Gazette*.

Article 111

The owners of any trees which have been designated as protected shall be obligated:

1. to safeguard the said trees against destruction or damage;
2. to notify the competent regional inspectorate of environment and water of any changes as have occurred in the conservation status of the site;
3. to consult the competent regional inspectorate of environment and water on the activities necessary for maintenance or restoration of the conservation status of the site;

4. to provide representatives of the regional inspectorate of environment and water with access to the corporeal immovable for conduct of checks of the conservation status of the protected trees.

Article 112

- (1) The Ministry of Environment and Water may finance maintenance or restoration activities as shall be necessary for conservation of protected trees.
- (2) Care of the competent regional inspectorate of environment and water, the owners shall submit to the Ministry of Environment and Water proposals for financing of activities referred to in Paragraph (1).

Article 113

- (1) The protected trees as designated shall be recorded in registers at the Ministry of Environment and Water and the competent regional inspectorate of environment and water.
- (2) Any destroyed, desiccated or irrecoverably damaged protected trees shall be stricken according to the procedure established by Article 109 (2) and Article 110 herein.

Chapter Six

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL AUTHORITIES

Article 114

The Ministry of Environment and Water and other state bodies and the divisions thereof, within the competences thereof, shall manage and control the conservation of biological diversity in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 115

The Minister of Environment and Water shall perform the following functions:

1. implement the national policy of conservation and maintenance of biological diversity;
2. draft, with the participation of the line central-government departments and non-governmental organizations, a National Strategy for Conservation of Biological Diversity and lay the said Strategy before the Council of Ministers;
3. draft, with the participation of the line central-government departments and non-governmental organizations, a National Plan for Conservation of Biological Diversity, lay the said National Plan before the Council of Ministers, and organize and report the fulfilment of the said Plan;
4. build and maintain the National Ecological Network;
5. commission the elaboration of the management plans for special areas of conservation and action plans for species and endorse the said plans;
6. coordinate the biological diversity conservation activities of other ministries, central-government departments, municipalities, public organizations, research and academic institutes;
7. organize control over the activities of the owners or users of land tracts, forests and aquatic areas incorporated into the National Ecological Network;

8. finance activities for application of this Act;
9. elaborate and apply mechanisms to provide incentives to the activities of owners or users, non-governmental organizations, associations and other such, intended to conserve, maintain and restore biological diversity;
10. organize a system of monitoring of the status of biological diversity and create data bases and geographic information systems for recording of the status and ascertaining the changes in biological diversity, provide access and exchange of data on conservation of biological diversity;
11. prepare an annual report on the status of biological diversity and on the activities for the conservation thereof;
12. represent the Republic of Bulgaria on the matters relating to conservation of biological diversity;
13. organize and maintain state registers provided for in this Act;
14. issue orders, lists, permits and licences provided for in this Act;
15. publish lists of species covered under Article 70 herein and the amendments of the said lists.

Article 116

- (1) There shall be established a National Council of Biological Diversity as an advisory body with the Minister of Environment and Water.
- (2) The complement of the National Council of Biological Diversity shall be designated by order of the Minister of Environment and Water and shall include representatives of the ministries and central-government departments, research and academic institutes, non-governmental and conservationist organizations concerned.
- (3) The activities of the National Council of Biological Diversity shall be regulated by Rules endorsed by the Minister of Environment and Water.

Article 117

The directors of regional inspectorates of environment and water and the directors of national park directorates shall perform the following functions:

1. control compliance with the requirements for conservation of biological diversity in the performance of the activities of owners or users of land tracts, forests and aquatic areas incorporated into the National Ecological Network;
2. coordinate and control the application of the management plans and the projects provided for in this Act, *inter alia* the integration of any such plans and projects into the municipal plans and programmes;
3. control the conservation of plant and animal species constituting a subject matter of this Act;
4. maintain the regional registers provided for in this Act;
5. penalize offenders in the cases provided for in this Act.

Article 118

Acting within their respective competences, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works and the other state bodies and the divisions thereof, as well as the municipalities, shall:

1. perform biological diversity conservation activities;
2. integrate the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable management of biological resources into all plans, projects, programmes, policies and strategies in the respective sector, by including therein primarily biological diversity conservation activities, in conformity with the priorities of this Act, of the National Strategy and of the National Plan for Conservation of Biological Diversity;
3. elaborate and implement management plans for special areas of conservation and action plans for priority plant and animal species;
4. cooperate with other competent authorities, where the activities have interrelated or cumulated effects on biological diversity, or where the competence of the said authorities affects the same site or area;
5. organize sectoral systems of monitoring the status of biological diversity and of special areas of conservation and create data bases and geographic information systems on the characteristics thereof, providing the Ministry of Environment and Water with information coordinated by type and period of presentation;
6. finance, on a priority basis, scientific research and activities associated with conservation of biological variety and sustainable management of biological resources;
7. use the results of the study of biological diversity in the preparation of intra-sectoral or inter-sectoral plans, projects, programmes and policies;
8. control the activities of the owners or users of land tracts, forests and aquatic areas incorporated into the National Ecological Network;
9. penalize offenders in the cases provided for in this Act;
10. pursue international cooperation on matters of common concern related to conservation of biological diversity and special areas of conservation.

Article 119

- (1) The Ministry of Environment and Water, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the municipalities, as well as the natural and juristic persons who and which own and use forests, land tracts and aquatic areas in the National Ecological Network, shall steward and guard the said properties according to the provisions of this Act and the other special laws.
- (2) The owners and users of any forests, land tracts and aquatic areas shall be obligated to provide unimpeded access to their properties for performance of activities and control under this Act in compliance with the requirements of the other special laws.

Article 120

The National Customs Agency shall exercise customs control over the importation and exportation of specimens of any species covered under Article 70 herein according to the requirements of this Act, the Customs Act and the other regulatory acts related to customs control.

Chapter Seven

ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROVISIONS

Section I

Coercive Administrative Measures

Article 121

For the purpose of prevention and cessation of any administrative violations under this Act and of the detrimental consequences thereof, the competent authorities or persons authorized thereby shall apply coercive administrative measures according to the procedure established by Article 122 herein.

Article 122

- (1) The Minister of Environment and Water:
 1. shall suspend any orders of executive authorities which are issued in violation of this Act;
 2. shall suspend the implementation of any plans and projects which have commenced or have been endorsed in violation of this Act;
 3. shall close down any zoos or parts thereof which do not function in conformity with the requirements of this Act;
 4. shall withdraw the licences of zoos in the cases under Article 62 (4) herein.
- (2) The directors of the regional authorities of the Ministry of Environment and Water:
 1. shall suspend any activities comprehending the use of forests, land tracts and aquatic areas and of other resources, as well as any construction in special areas of conservation and buffer zones, which violate the designation orders for the said areas and zones or the management plans, spatial-development and schematic plans and designs endorsed according to the established procedure;
 2. shall suspend any activities or projects which damage or pollute the environment above the limit values in special areas of conservation and buffer zones;
 3. shall suspend any orders of the regional forestry boards, the state forestry units and the municipal authorities violating this Act;
 4. shall prescribe measures to prevent and/or cure violations.
- (3) The chiefs of regional forestry boards, the directors of state forestry units, as well as the municipality mayors, shall suspend any activities and construction in any forests, land tracts and aquatic areas constituting state, municipal and private property, which have been allocated for use, if the said activities are performed in

violation of the endorsed management plans and spatial-development and schematic plans and designs.

Article 123

The coercive administrative measures shall be appealable according to the procedure established by the Supreme Administrative Court Act and the Administrative Procedure Act.

Section II

Administrative Violations and Sanctions

Article 124

Any breach of a regime established according to the procedure established by Article 19, Article 23 (2), Articles 29, 30 and 42 herein shall be punishable by a fine of BGN 50 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 1,000, in the case of natural persons, or by a pecuniary penalty of BGN 200 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 5,000, in the case of juristic persons and sole traders.

Article 125

Any violation of Article 38, Article 39 (1), Article 40, Article 41 (3), Article 44, Article 46, Article 47 (1), Article 60 (2) and (3)), Article 100, Article 102 (1) and Item 1 of Article 111 herein shall be punishable by a fine of BGN 100 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 5,000, in the case of natural persons, or by a pecuniary penalty of BGN 500 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 10,000, in the case of juristic persons and sole traders.

Article 126

Any unlicensed operation under Article 62 (1) herein or any unauthorized activities under Article 67 (3) and Article 68 (2) herein shall be punishable by a fine of BGN 1,000 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 10,000, in the case of natural persons, or by a pecuniary penalty of BGN 2,000 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 25,000, in the case of juristic persons and sole traders.

Article 127

Performing any activity under Article 75 (1) herein without a permit shall be punishable by a fine of BGN 500 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 10,000, in the case of natural persons, or by a pecuniary penalty of BGN 1,000 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 30,000, in the case of juristic persons and sole traders.

Article 128

Any violation of Article 76 (4), Article 92 (1) and Article 94 (1) herein shall be punishable by a fine of BGN 500 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 2,000, in the case of natural persons, or by a pecuniary penalty of BGN 1,000 or exceeding this amount but not exceeding BGN 5,000, in the case of juristic persons and sole traders.

Article 129

- (1) Any corporeal movables subject to a violation and any corporeal movables which have served for commission of any such violation shall be confiscated.
- (2) The sale of any corporeal movables referred to in Paragraph (1) shall follow the procedure established by the Tax Procedure Code.

Article 130

- (1) Any violations covered under Articles 124 and 125 herein shall be ascertained by a written statement drawn up by an officer designated by the Minister of Environment and Water or by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, by the Regional Governor or by the Municipality Mayor. The penalty decrees shall be issued, respectively, by the Minister of Environment and Water, by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, by the Regional Governor or by the Municipality Mayor, or by persons authorized thereby.
- (2) Any violations covered under Article 126 herein shall be ascertained by a written statement drawn up by an officer designated by the Minister of Environment and Water or by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and the penalty decrees shall be issued, respectively, by the Minister of Environment and Water and by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry or by persons authorized thereby.
- (3) Any violations covered under Articles 127 and 128 herein shall be ascertained by a written statement drawn up by an officer designated by the Minister of Environment and Water, and the penalty decrees shall be issued by the Minister of Environment and Water or by persons authorized thereby.
- (4) The ascertainment of violations, the issuance, appeal against and execution of penalty decrees shall follow the procedure established by the Administrative Violations and Sanctions Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION

§1. Within the meaning of this Act:

1. The conservation status of species shall be "favourable" when:
 - a) population dynamics data on the species concerned indicate that the said species is maintaining itself on a long-term basis as a viable component of the natural habitat;
 - b) the natural range of the said species is neither being reduced nor is likely to be reduced for the foreseeable future;
 - c) there is a sufficiently large habitat to ensure the survival of the populations of the said species.
2. The conservation status of a natural habitat shall be "favourable" when:
 - a) the area covered by the natural range of the said habitat is stable or increasing;
 - b) the structure and specific functions of the said habitat ensure the long-term existence thereof;
 - c) the conservation status of the typical species of the said habitat is favourable.

3. "Botanical garden" shall be any institution which maintains collections of live plants for the needs of experimental botanical studies.
4. "Vivarium" shall be any place artificially designed for the raising of wild animals.
5. "Species" shall be any group of morphologically similar organisms of common ancestry, which are potentially capable of interbreeding with each other under natural conditions.
6. "Wetland" shall be any area of lake, marsh, fen, peatland or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed six metres.
7. "Importation" shall be the introduction into the customs territory of the Republic of Bulgaria of any specimen, including any specimen which has been taken from the marine environment not under the jurisdiction of any State.
8. "Aquatic areas" shall comprehend the inundated areas of the forest stock, the land stock and the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone.
9. "Restoration" shall be the recreation of communities of organisms, ecosystems and complexes thereof in their natural surroundings on the model of the naturally occurring ones or creation of conditions for repopulation or increase of the population size.
10. "Genetic material" shall be any material of plant or animal origin containing functional units of heredity.
11. "Genetic resources" shall be genetic material of actual or potential value.
12. "Forests" shall be any forests and land tracts of the forest stock within the meaning of the Forests Act.
13. "Date of acquisition" shall be the date whereat a specimen was taken from the wild, was born in captivity or was artificially propagated, acquired commercially or through an exchange.
14. "Arboretum" shall be any collection of live trees and bushes within a defined area, organized according to systematic, geographic or other scientific criteria.
15. "Specimen" shall be any animal or plant, whether alive or dead, any readily recognizable part of the body or derivative of the animal or plant, as well as any other goods which appear, from an accompanying document, the packaging or a mark or label, or from any other circumstances, to be identifiable as part or derivative of an animal or plant.
16. "Specimen bred in captivity" shall be any specimen of an animal species born, hatched and raised in captivity, or any artificially propagated specimen of a plant species. Artificially propagated specimen shall be any specimen produced by propagation in an environment created or modified by man or under the control of man, which, in the case of animals, is at least second-generation offspring bred by man without addition of genetic material from the wild.

17. "Ecosystem" shall be any dynamic complex of plant, animal and micro-organism communities and their non-living environment interacting as a functional unit, with specific interconnected processes and a specific general aspect.
18. "Endemic species" shall be any species restricted to a particular geographic region.
19. "Endangered species" shall be any species threatened with extinction within the entire or a large portion of the geographic range thereof.
20. "Land tracts" shall be any tracts of agricultural land within the meaning of the Agricultural Land Tenure Act.
21. "Zoo" shall be any permanent establishment where animals of wild species are kept for exhibition to the public for seven or more days a year, with the exception of circuses, pet shops and other establishments which do not exhibit a significant number of animals or species to the public.
22. "Exportation" shall be the removal of any specimen from the customs territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.
23. "Collection" shall be any group of specimens of animal and plant species (including seeds or other propagules), bred or stored under strictly controlled conditions and intended for the purpose of research and education or for the purpose of maintenance and restoration of the said species.
24. "CORINE Biotopes site" shall be any area described using the standard international method of the CORINE Biotopes project of the Council of Europe.
25. "Landscape" shall be any area whereof the specific aspect and elements have emerged as a result of actions and interactions between natural and/or anthropogenic factors.
26. "Habitat of a species" shall be any region defined by specific abiotic and biotic factors, wherein the said species is present permanently or temporarily at any stage of the life cycle thereof.
27. "Organism" shall be any independently existing living body constituted of organs which act in concert. The organism is an individual in a population of any particular species.
28. "Important Bird Area" shall be any area of international importance for bird conservation, described according to the standard international method of Birdlife International.
29. "Population" shall be any group of individuals of the same species, occupying a defined area, which can freely interchange genetic material.
30. "Vulnerable species" shall be any species believed likely to move into the endangered category in the near future if the causal factors continue operating.
31. "Natural habitat" shall be any natural or semi-natural terrestrial or aquatic areas distinguished by typical geographic, abiotic and biotic features, lending the said areas a specific aspect.
32. "Overriding public interest" shall be the interest of public health, national security, exceedingly beneficial consequences for the environment, as well as

specific obligations of primary social importance in respect of transport, energy and communication systems.

33. "Ramsar Convention site" shall be any wetland which satisfies the criteria of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention) (*State Gazette* No. 56 of 1992).
34. "Rare species" shall be any species whereof the populations are small in size, thinly scattered or dependent on specific factors and, if not immediately then indirectly endangered or vulnerable within the meaning of Items 19 and 30.
35. "Rescue centre" shall be any juristic or natural person, designated by the Minister of Environment and Water, which or who looks after the welfare of confiscated live specimens.
36. "Conservation" shall be all measures required to maintain or restore the natural habitats and the populations of wild plant and animal species at a favourable status.
37. "Taxon" shall be the common designation of the classification unit whereto subspecies, species and biota above the species level are assigned.
38. "Sustainable management" shall be the management of the use, development and protection of natural resources in a way and at a rate that make it possible to ensure social, economic and cultural benefits to present and future generations without:
 - a) compromising the ability of future generations and communities to meet their own social, economic and cultural needs;
 - b) impairing the capacity of ecosystems to perform their soil-protecting and climate-regulating functions;
 - c) causing significant reduction of biological diversity.
39. "Fauna" shall be all animal species in a specific region.
40. "Flora" shall be all plant species in a specific region.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- §2.** Within four years after the entry of this Act into force, the Minister of Environment and Water shall lay the list referred to in Article 10 (3) herein before the Council of Ministers.
- §3.** Within six months after the entry of this Act into force, the Minister of Environment and Water shall lay a draft of the regulation referred to in Article 66 (6) herein before the Council of Ministers.
- §4.** Within one year after the entry of this Act into force, all natural and juristic persons, who or which own any specimens of any species referred to in Items 1 of Article 70 herein, shall register the said specimens according to the procedure established by Section IV of Chapter Four herein.
- §5.** Within one year after the entry of this Act into force, all natural and juristic persons referred to in Article 60 (1) herein shall provide the information as shall be necessary for entry in the registers referred to in Article 63 herein.
- §6.** Within one year after the entry of this Act into force, the persons referred to in Article 96 (1) herein shall present the lists referred to in Article 96 (2) herein.

- §7.** Within four years after promulgation in the *State Gazette* of the regulation referred to in Article 61 (1) herein, the owners of any zoos shall be obligated to bring the said zoos in conformity with the requirements of the said regulation and to submit an application for the issuance of a licence.
- §8.** (1) The boundaries and regimes of the buffer zones around any strict nature reserves and managed nature reserves, with the exception of such falling within national parks, designated according to the procedure of the Nature Conservation Park as superseded, shall subsist unless modified according to the procedure established by Section IV of Article Two of this Act.
- (2) The buffer zones around any strict nature reserves falling within national parks shall be declassified by this Act.
- (3) The regimes of the centuries-old trees, designated as protected according to the procedure established by the Nature Conservation Act as superseded, shall subsist unless declassified according to the procedure established by Chapter Five of this Act.
- §9.** This Act shall supersede the Nature Protection Act (promulgated in the *State Gazette* No. 47 of 1967; amended in No. 3 of 1977, No. 39 of 1978, No. 28 of 1982, No. 26 of 1988, No. 86 of 1991, No. 85 of 1997, No. 11 and 133 of 1998 and No. 29 of 2000).
- §10.** In the Hunting and Gamekeeping Act (promulgated in the *State Gazette* No. 78 of 2000; amended in No. 26 of 2001), the Annex to Item 1 of Article 5 (2) and Article 5 (5) shall be amended as follows:
1. Item "6. Bear (*Ursus arctos* L.)" shall be repealed.
 2. Item "23. Great cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo* L.)" shall be repealed.
- §11.** The Protected Areas Act (promulgated in the *State Gazette* No. 133 of 1998; amended in No. 98 of 1999, Nos. 28, 48 and 78 of 2000, No. 23 of 2002) shall be amended and supplemented as follows:
1. Article 17 shall be amended and supplemented as follows:
 - a) in Item 5 of Paragraph (1), the words "more than 25 per cent" shall be deleted;
 - b) in Paragraph (4) at the end, there shall be added "and a favourable decision of the National Council of Biological Diversity".
 2. Article 38 shall be supplemented as follows:
 - a) in Paragraph (3), after the word "decision" there shall be added "by a simple majority";
 - b) the following two new Paragraphs shall be added:

"(4) Any members of the commission, who dissent from a decision to grant the proposal and who have signed the minutes with a dissenting opinion, shall provide a reasoning of the said opinion in writing within three days. The dissenting opinion shall be attached to the minutes.

(5) In the cases under Paragraph (4), the Minister of Environment and Water shall make a final decision on designation of the protected area or on rejection of the proposal."

3. In Paragraph (1) of Article 39, the words "acting on the recommendation of the commission referred to in Article 38 herein" shall be replaced by "provided that favourable decisions have been made under Article 38 (3) and (5) herein."

4. In Article 42, there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(6) The area of any protected area may be updated by order under Paragraph (5) even without compliance with the procedures under Paragraph (1), where the adjustment arises from more accurate measurements and is not associated with modification of the established boundaries of the said protected area."

5. In Article 67, there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(3) The physical security of particular strict nature reserves and managed nature reserves outside the boundaries of the national parks may be commissioned by the Minister of Environment and Water to other executive authorities or to municipalities."

6. Article 74 shall be amended as follows:

a) In Paragraph (1), Items 1 and 4 shall be repealed;

b) In Paragraph (3), the words "endorsed by the Council of Ministers" shall be replaced by "designated by the Minister of Environment and Water".

7. Article 75 shall be repealed.

8. In Paragraph (3) of Article 79, after the word "forestry units" there shall be inserted "and natural park directorates".

9. Article 86 shall be repealed.

10. In Annex 1, the fourth column of the table and the text following the table shall be deleted.

11. In Annex 2, the fourth column of the table shall be deleted.

§12. In the Forests Act (promulgated in the *State Gazette* No. 125 of 1997; amended in No. 79 and 133 of 1998, No. 26 of 1999, Nos. 29 and 78 of 2000), in Paragraph (2) of Article 3 at the end, there shall be added "save in the cases under Article 67 (3) of the Protected Areas Act".

§13. The implementation of this Act shall be entrusted to the Minister of Environment and Water, the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, the Minister of Finance, and the municipality mayors.

This Act is adopted by the 39th National Assembly on July 10, 2002 and on August 2, 2002, and is stamped with the official seal of the National Assembly.

Chair of the National Assembly: **Ognyan Gerdjikov**

Annex 1
to Item 1 of Article 6 (1)

The symbol "!" indicates that the natural habitat type is included in Appendix 1 to Resolution No. 4 (1996) of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention.

The symbol "*" indicates that the natural habitat type is a conservation priority.

The code in the second column and the English designation of the habitat type correspond to the standard European classification of habitats (A Classification of Palearctic Habitats, 1996)

!	*	Code	English designation of habitat
1	2	3	4
!	*	11.3	Sea grass meadows
!	*	12.7	Sea-caves
!	*	13.2	Estuaries
!	*	14.	Mud flats and sand flats
!	*	15.115	Continental glasswort swards
!	*	15.14	Inland salt meadows
!	*	15.A	Continental salt steppes and saltmarshes
!	*	16.2	Dunes
!	*	16.3	Humid dune-slacks
		17.2	Annual vegetation of drift lines
	*	17.3	Perennial vegetation of stony banks
		18.22	Vegatated sea cliffs of the Mediteranea coasts
!	*	21.	Coastal lagoons
		22.12 and 22.44	Hard oligo-meso- trophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp.
		22.13	Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopotamion or Hydrocharition – type vegetation
		22.14	Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds
!	*	22.3113	Euro-Siberian quillwort swards
!	*	22.351	Ponto-Pannonic riverbank dwarf sedge communities
!	*	22.412	Frogbit rafts
!	*	22.413	Water-soldier rafts
!	*	22.414	Bladderwort colonies
!	*	22.415	Salvinia covers
!	*	22.416	Aldrovanda communities
!	*	23.113	Ponto-Pannonic salt lakes
	*	24.17	Waterfalls
	*	24.221 and 24.222	Alpine rivers and the herbaceous vegetation along their banks
		24.4	Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitricho-Batrachion vegetation
!	*	31.22C	Pontic ling heaths
!	*	31.4251	Balkan Range Kotschy's alpenrose heaths
!	*	31.4252	Rila Kotschy's alpenrose heaths
!	*	31.461	Rhodopide Bruckenthalia heaths
!	*	31.4631	Balkan range Bruckenthalia heaths
	*	31.47	Alpide bearberry heaths
		31.58	Balkano-Rhodopide dwarf mountain pine scrub
		31.636	Rhodope Potentilla fruticosa thickets
!	*	31.7J1	Northern Thracian tragacanth hedgehog-heath
		31.88	Juniperus communis formations on heaths or calcareous grasslands
		32.1162	Quercus coccifera low woods
		from 32.131 to 32.135	Arborescent matorral with Juniperus spp.
	*	32.21A	Phillyrea thickets
!		34.11	Rupicolous calcareous or basophilic grasslands of the Alyso Sedion albi
!	*	34.31	Sub-continental steppic grasslands
!	*	34.311	Helleno-Balkanic savory steppes

1	2	3	4
!	*	34.34	Central European calcaro-siliceous grasslands
!	*	34.532	Helleno-Balkanic short grass and therophyte communities
!	*	34.911	Pannonic loess steppes
!	*	34.921	Western Pontic steppes
		from 36.41 to 36.43	Alpine and subalpine calcareous grasslands
!	*	37.242	Flood swards
!	*	37.25	Transitional tall herb humid meadows
!	*	37.26	Continental humid meadows
!	*	38.2521	Moeso-Thracian mesophile floodplain meadows
!	*	38.2522	Moeso-Thracian mesophile foothill meadows
!	*	38.2523	Moeso-Thracian mesophile cold water meadows
	*	41.11	Luzulo-Fagetum beech forests
	*	41.13	Asperulo-Fagetum beech forests
	*	41.15	Medio-European subalpine beech wood with Acer and Rumex arifolius
	*	41.16	Medio-European limestone beech forests of the Cephalanthero- Fagion
!	*	41.19	Moesian beech forests
!	*	41.1E11	Eastern Balkan Range oriental beech forests
!	*	41.1E121	Stranja bearberry tree-oriental beech forests
!	*	41.1E122	Stranja rhododen- dron-oriental beech forests(Rhododendron ponticum)
	*	41.24	Sub-Atlantic and medio-European oak or oak-hornbeam forests of the Carpi nion betuli
	*	41.26	Galio-Carpinetum oak-hornbeam forests
!	*	41.2C	South-eastern European oak-horn- beam forests betulus
!	*	41.4	Mixed ravine and slope forests
!	*	41.7	Thermophilous and sub-Mediterranean oak woods
!	*	41.8	Mixed thermophilous forest
!	*	41.H1111	Stranja beech-horn- beam-lime forests
!	*	41.H1112	Stranja beech-Quer-cus polycarpa forests
!	*	42.16	Moesian silver fir forests
!	*	42.17	Balkano-Pontic fir forests
!	*	42.2412	Central Rhodopide spruce forests
!	*	42.2413	Moeso-Macedonian spruce forests
!	*	42.245	Balkan Range spruce forests
!	*	42.5C	South-eastern European Scots pine forests
!	*	42.66	Pallas' pine forests
!	*	42.716	Rhodopide white- barked pine forests
!	*	42.723	Rila and Pirin Macedonian pine forests
!	*	42.725	Balkan Macedonian pine woods
		42.8	Mediterranean pine forests with endemic Mesogean pines
!	*	42.A32	Peri-Rhodopide Grecian juniper woods
!	*	42.A7	Western Palaeartic yew woods
!	*	44.1	Riparian willow formations
!	*	44.216	Balkan Range grey alder galleries
!	*	44.3211	Stitchwort ash-alder woods
!	*	44.4322	Coastal Bulgarian longos forests

1	2	3	4
!	*	44.4323	Central Balkan ash- oak-alder forests
!	*	44.66	Ponto-Sarmatic mixed poplar riverine forests
!	*	44.711	Helleno-Balkan riparian plane forests
!	*	44.81411	Western Pontic fresh water Tamarix smyrnensis(+ Tamarix tetranda) Stands
!	*	44.81412	Western Pontic coastal Tamarix smyrnensis(+ Tamarix tetranda) Stands
1	2	3	4
*		44.9	Alder, willow, oak, aspen swamp woods
!	*	51.1	Active raised bogs торфища
*		53	Water-fringe vegetation
!	*	54.12	Hard water springs
*		54.42	Black-white-star sedge fens
!	*	54.58	Sphagnum and cottongrass rafts

1	2	3	4
*		61.11	Alpine siliceous screes
		61.2	Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (Thlaspietea rotundifolii)
		62.1	Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmo-phytic vegetation
		62.2	Siliceous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation
		62.3	Siliceous rock with pioneer vegetation of the Sedo-Scle- ranthion or of the Sedo albi-Veronicion dillenii
!	*	64.4	Fluviatile dunes
!	*	64.A	Standing stone inland dunes
!	*	65	Caves

Annex 2
to Item 2 of Article 6 (1)

The symbol "!" before the name of a species indicates that the species is included in the Appendix to Resolution No. 6 (1998) of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention. The symbol "*" before the name of a species indicates that the species requires priority conservation of the habitat thereof.

1. VERTEBRATES	! *	Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica	!	Hieraaetus fasciatus
MAMMALIA		AVES	!	Hieraaetus pennatus
CHIROPTERA		PODICIPEDIFORMES	!	Milvus migrans
Rhinolophidae		Podicipedidae	!	Milvus milvus
! *		Podiceps grisegena	!	Neophron percnopterus
! *		Podiceps nigricollis	!	Pernis apivorus
! *		PELECANIFORMES		Falconidae
! *		Phalacrocoracidae	!	Falco cherrug
! *		Phalacrocorax pygmeus	!	Falco columbarius
! *		Phalacrocorax aristotelis	!	Falco eleonorae
Molossidae		Pelecanidae	!	Falco naumanni
Tadarida teniotis		Pelecanus crispus	!	Falco peregrinus
Vespertilionidae		Pelecanus onocrotalus	!	Falco vespertinus
! *		CICONIIFORMES		GALLIFORMES
Barbastella barbastellus		Ardeidae		Phasianidae
Eptesicus nilssonii		Ardeola ralloides	!	Alectoris graeca graeca
Eptesicus serotinus		Ardea purpurea	!	Bonasa bonasia
Hypsugo savii	!	Botaurus stellaris	!	Tetrao urogallus
Miniopterus schreibersi	!	Egretta alba		GRUIFORMES
Myotis bechsteini	!	Egretta garzetta		Gruidae
Myotis blythi	!	Ixobrychus minutus	!	Grus grus
Myotis brandti	!	Nycticorax nycticorax	!	Otididae
! *		Ciconiidae	!	Otis tarda
! *		Ciconia ciconia	!	Rallidae
! *		Ciconia nigra	!	Crex crex
! *		Threskiornithidae	!	Porzana porzana
Myotis mystacinus	!	Platalea leucorodia	!	Porzana parva
! *		Plegadis falcinellus	!	Porzana pusilla
! *		ANSERIFORMES		CHARADRIIFORMES
Myotis nattereri		Anatidae		Burhinidae
Nyctalus lasiopterus		Anser albifrons	!	Burhinus oedicephalus
Nyctalus leisleri		Anser anser		Charadriidae
Nyctalus noctula		Anser erythropus	!	Charadrius alexandrinus
Pipistrellus pipistrellus		Aythya nyroca	!	Eudromias morinellus
Pipistrellus nathusii		Branta ruficollis	!	Limicola falcinellus
Pipistrellus kuhlii		Cygnus bewickii	!	Pluvialis apricaria
Plecotus auritus		Cygnus cygnus	!	Scolopacidae
Plecotus austriacus	!	Marmoronetta angustirostris	!	Numenius tenuirostris
Vespertilio murinus	!	Mergus albellus	!	Phalaropus fulicarius
RODENTIA		Oxyura leucocephala	!	Philomachus pugnax
Cricetidae		Tadorna ferruginea	!	Tringa glareola
!		Tadorna tadorna	*	Tringa totanus
Mesocricetus newtoni	!	FALCONIFORMES		Recurvirostridae
Cricetus cricetus	!	Pandionidae	!	Himantopus himantopus
Cricetulus migratorius	!	Pandion haliaetus	!	Recurvirostra avoseta
Gliridae		Accipitridae	!	Phalaropodidae
* Dryomys nitedula		Accipiter brevipes	!	Phalaropus lobatus
* Myomimus roachi		Aegypius monachus	!	Glareolidae
* Muscardinus avellanarius		Aquila chrysaetos	!	Glareola nordmanni
Sciuridae		Aquila clanga	!	Glareola pratincola
! *		Aquila heliaca	!	Lariidae
Citellus citellus	!	Aquila pomarina	!	Chlidonias hybridus
CARNIVORA		Buteo rufinus	!	Chlidonias leucopterus
Canidae		Circaetus gallicus	!	Chlidonias niger
!		Circus aeruginosus	!	Geochelidon nilotica
Ursidae		Circus cyaneus	!	Larus genei
! *		Circus macrourus	!	Larus melanocephalus
Mustelidae		Circus pygargus	!	Sterna albifrons
! *		* Circaetus gallicus	!	Sterna caspia
Lutra lutra		Elanus caeruleus	!	Sterna hirundo
Vormela eversmanni		Gypaetus barbatus	!	Sterna sandvicensis
Vormela peregusna		Gyps fulvus	!	STIGIFORMES
PINNIPEDIA		Haliaeetus albicilla	!	Strigidae
! *				
Monachus monachus	!			
CETACEA				
Delphinus delphis	!			
! *				
! *				
! *				
Phocoena phocoena	!			
! *				
Tursiops truncatus	!			
ARTIODACTILA				
Bovidae				

!	Aegolius funereus
!	Asio flammeus
!	Bubo bubo
!	Glaucidium passerinum
!	Strix uralensis
CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
Caprimulgidae	
Caprimulgus europaeus	
!	CORACIIFORMES
Alcedinidae	
!	Alcedo atthis
Meropidae	
Merops apiaster	
Coraciidae	
!	Coracias garrulus
PICIFORMES	
Picidae	
!	Dendrocopos syriacus
!	Dendrocopos medius
!	Dendrocopos leucotos
!	Dryocopus martius
!	Picoides tridactylus
!	Picus canus
PASSERIFORMES	
Alaudidae	
!	Calandrella brachydactyla
!	Lullula arborea
!	Melanocorypha calandra
Hirundinidae	
Riparia riparia	
Motacillidae	
!	Anthus campestris
Laniidae	
!	Lanius collurio
!	Lanius minor
Lanius nubicus	
Turdidae	
Cercotrichas galactotes	
Monticola solitarius	
*	Oenanthe hispanica
Oenanthe pleshanka	
*	Phoenicurus phoenicurus
Sylviidae	
!	Acrocephalus paludicola
!	Hippolais olivetorum
Sylvia cantillans	
Sylvia hortensis	
!	Sylvia nisoria
Muscicapidae	
!	Ficedula parva
!	Ficedula albicollis
!	Ficedula semitorquata
Sittidae	
Sitta neumayer	
Tichodromadidae	
Tichodroma muraria	
Corvidae	
Pyrrhocorax graculus	
Passeridae	
Petronia petronia	
Emberizidae	
!	Emberiza hortulana
REPTILIA	
TESTUDINES	
Testudinidae	
!	* Testudo graeca
!	* Testudo hermanni
Emydidae	
!	* Emys orbicularis
!	* Mauremys caspica
OPHIDIA	
Colubridae	

!	*	Elaphe situla
!	*	Elaphe quatuorlineata
quatuorlineata		
!	*	Elaphe quatuorlineata
sauromates		
AMPHIBIA		
CAUDATA		
Salamandridae		
Triturus alpestris		
!	*	Triturus cristatus
ANURA		
Dissoglosidae		
!	*	Bombina bombina
!	*	Bombina variegata
Hylidae		
Hyla arborea		
Pelobatidae		
Pelobates fuscus		
Pelobates syriacus balcanicus		
Ranidae		
Rana dalmatina		
Rana temporaria		
PISCES		
ACIPENSERIFORMES		
Acipenseridae		
Acipenser guildenstaedi		
Acipenser nudiventris		
Acipenser ruthenus		
Acipenser stellatus		
!	*	Acipenser sturio
Huso huso		
SALMONIFORMES		
Salmonidae		
!	*	Hucho hucho
CYPRINIFORMES		
Cyprinidae		
!	*	Aspius aspius
!	*	Gobio alpinatus
!	*	Gobio uranoscopus
!	*	Rhodeus sericeus amarus
Cobitidae		
!	*	Misgurnus fossilis
Noemacheilus breschi		
!	*	Sabanejwia aurata
PERCIFORMES		
Percidae		
!	Gymnocephalus schraetzer	
!	*	Zingel streber
CLUPEIFORMES		
Clupeidae		
!	*	Alosa pontica
*	Alosa caspia nordmani	
*	Alosa caspia bulgarica	
*	Alosa maeotica	
!	*	Alosa fallax
SCORPAENIFORMES		
Cottidae		
!	*	Cottus gobio
2. INVERTEBRATES		
INSECTA		
COLEOPTERA		
Carabidae		
!	*	Lucanus cervus
!	*	Rosalia alpina
LEPIDOPTERA		
Colias balcanica		
Erebia rhodopensis		
Parnassius apollo		
Perisomena caesigema		
HYMENOPTERA		
Formicidae		

Formica rufa	
MOLLUSCS	
BIVALVIA	
Unionoidae	
!	* Unio crassus
3. PLANTS	
LICOPODIOPHYTA	
Lycopodiaceae	
Diphasiastrum complanatum	
Lycopodiella inundata	
(Lepidotis inundata)	
POLYPODIOPHYTA	
Marsileaceae	
!	* Marsilea quadrifolia
Osmundaceae	
Osmunda regalis	
Salviniaceae	
Salvinia natans	
Thelypteridaceae	
Thelypteris palustris	
MAGNOLOPHYTA	
Alismataceae	
!	* Caldesia parnassifolia
Amaryllidaceae	
Pancratium maritimum	
Apiaceae	
!	Apium repens
Eryngium maritimum	
Asteraceae	
!	Achillea thracica
Centaurea immanuelis- loewii	
Centaurea kernerana	
Centaurea rumelica	
Jurinea tzar-ferdinandii	
Leontopodium alpinum	
!	* Ligularia sibirica
Otanthus maritimus	
Serratula bulgarica	
Brassicaceae	
Aurinia uechtritziana	
(Lepidotrichum uechtritzianum)	
Matthiola odoratissima	
Campanulaceae	
Campanula lanata	
Campanula latifolia	
Jasione bulgarica	
Caryophyllaceae	
Dianthus nardiformis	
!	Dianthus urumoffii
Gypsophylla tekirae	
Silene velcevii	
Crassulaceae	
Sedum kostovi	
Cyperaceae	
Carex ferruginea	
Carex limosa	
Cladium mariscus	
!	* Eleocharis carniolica
Kobresia myosuroides (Elyna bellardii)	
Droseraceae	
!	* Aldrovanda vesiculosa
Ericaceae	
Rhododendron ponticum	
!	Vaccinium arctostaphylos
Fabaceae	
!	Astracantha aitosensis
Astracantha thracica	
(Astragalus thracicus)	
!	Astragalus alopecurus (A. centralpinus)

!	Astragalus physocalix	Menyanthes trifoliata	Ranunculus fontanus
	Chamaecytisus kovacevii	Nymphoides peltata	Rosaceae
	Hippocrepis unisiliquosa	Nymphaeaceae	Alchemilla mollis
	Fagaceae	Nuphar lutea	!
	Quercus coccifera	Nymphaea alba	Potentilla palustris
	Quercus hartwissiana	Orchidaceae	Saxifragaceae
	Hydrocharitaceae	!	Saxifraga aizoides
	Stratiotes aloides	!	Saxifraga androsacea
	Iridaceae	!	Saxifraga marginata
	Crocus olivieri	!	Saxifraga mollis
	Crocus tommasinianus	!	Scrophulariaceae
	Lamiaceae	!	Lindernia procumbens
	Nepeta ucrainica	!	Verbascum dieckianum
	Salvia pinnata	!	!
	Salvia scabiosifolia	!	Verbascum purpureum
	Lentibulariaceae	!	Veronica euxina
	Utricularia ausrtalis(U. neglecta)	!	!
	Liliaceae	!	Veronica turrilliana
!	Colchicum davidovii	!	Trapaceae
	Fritillaria drenovskii	!	Trapa natans
	Fritillaria gussichiae	!	Valerianeceae
	Fritillaria orientalis	!	!
	Fritillaria sribnyi	!	Centranthus kellererii
!	Lilium jankae	!	Violaceae
!	Lilium rhodopaeum	!	Viola delphinantha
	Tulipa splendens	!	<hr/> BRYOPHYTA <hr/>
	Tulipa thracica (T. hageri)	!	!
	Menyanthaceae	!	!
		!	* Buxbaumia viridis
		!	* Dicranum viride
		!	* Drepanocladus vernicosus
		!	* Mannia triandra

The symbol "(l)" indicates that the provisions of Article 70 apply to the species.

1. VERTEBRATES
MAMMALIA
INSECTIVORA
Erinaceidae
Erinaceus concolor
Soricidae
Suncus etruscus
CHIROPTERA
Rhinolophidae
Rhinolophus blasii
Rhinolophus euryale
Rhinolophus ferrumequinum
Rhinolophus hipposideros
Rhinolophus mehelyi
Molossidae
Tadarida teniotis
Vespertilionidae
Barbastella barbastellus
Eptesicus nilssonii
Eptesicus serotinus
Hypsugo savii
Miniopterus schreibersi
Myotis bechsteini
Myotis blythi
Myotis brandti
Myotis capaccinii
Myotis daubentoni
Myotis mystacinus
Myotis emarginatus
Myotis myotis
Myotis nattereri
Nyctalus lasiopterus
Nyctalus leisleri
Nyctalus noctula
Pipistrellus pipistrellus
Pipistrellus nathusii
Pipistrellus kuhlii
Plecotus auritus
Plecotus austriacus
Vespertilio murinus
RODENTIA
Gliridae
Myomimus roachi
Muscardinus avellanarius
Dipodidae
Sicista subtilis
Cricetidae
Cricetus cricetus
Cricetulus migratorius
Mesocricetus newtoni
CARNIVORA
Ursidae
Ursus arctos (l)
Mustelidae
Lutra lutra (l)
Martes martes
Mustela nivalis
Vormela eversmanni
Vormela peregusna
Felidae
Felis lynx (l)
PINNIPEDIA
Monachus monachus (l)
CETACEA
Delphinus delphis (l)
Phocoena phocoena (l)

Tursiops truncatus (l)
AVES
GAVIIFORMES
Gaviidae
Gavia stellata
Gavia arctica
Gavia immer
PODICIPEDIFORMES
Podicipedidae
Podiceps auritus
Podiceps cristatus
Podiceps grisegena
Podiceps nigricollis
Tachybaptus ruficollis
PROCELLARIIFORMES
Procellariidae
Calonectris /Procellaria/ diomedea
Puffinus yelkouan
PELECANIFORMES
Phalacrocoracidae
Phalacrocorax aristotelis
Phalacrocorax pygmeus
Pelecanidae
Pelecanus crispus
Pelecanus onocrotalus
Sulidae
Morus bassanus
CICONIIFORMES
Ardeidae
Ardeola ralloides
Ardea purpurea
Ardea cinerea
Botaurus stellaris
Bubulcus ibis (l)
Egretta alba
Egretta garzetta (l)
Ixobrychus minutus
Nycticorax nycticorax
Ciconiidae
Ciconia ciconia
Ciconia nigra (l)
Threskiornithidae
Platalea leucorodia (l)
Plegadis falcinellus
Phoenicopteridae
Phoenicopterus ruber (l)
ANSERIFORMES
Anatidae
Anas falcata
Anas strepera
Anser erythropus
Anser fabalis
Anser anser
Anser caerulescens
Aythya nyroca (l)
Aythya ferina
Aythya marila
Branta ruficollis (l)
Bucephala clangula
Clangula hyemalis
Cygnus bewickii
Cygnus olor
Cygnus cygnus
Marmaronetta angustirostris
Melanitta fusca
Melanitta nigra

Mergus albellus
Mergus merganser
Mergus serrator
Netta rufina
Oxyura leucocephala (l)
Somateria mollissima
Tadorna ferruginea
Tadorna tadorna
FALCONIFORMES
Pandionidae
Pandion haliaetus (l)
Accipitridae
Accipiter brevipes (l)
Accipiter gentilis (l)
Accipiter nisus (l)
Aegypius monachus (l)
Aquila chrysaetos (l)
Aquila clanga (l)
Aquila heliaca
Aquila pomarina (l)
Aquila rapax
Buteo buteo (l)
Buteo lagopus (l)
Buteo rufinus (l)
Circaetus gallicus (l)
Circus aeruginosus (l)
Circus cyaneus (l)
Circus macrourus (l)
Circus pygargus (l)
Elanus caeruleus (l)
Gypaetus barbatus (l)
Gyps fulvus (l)
Haliaeetus albicilla (l)
Hieraetus fasciatus (l)
Hieraetus pennatus (l)
Milvus migrans (l)
Milvus milvus (l)
Neophron percnopterus (l)
Pernis apivorus (l)
Falconidae
Falco biarmicus (l)
Falco cherrug (l)
Falco columbarius (l)
Falco eleonorae (l)
Falco naumanni (l)
Falco peregrinus (l)
Falco subbuteo (l)
Falco tinnunculus (l)
Falco vespertinus (l)
GALLIFORMES
Phasianidae
Bonasa bonasia
GRUIFORMES
Gruidae
Anthropoides virgo
Grus grus (l)
Rallidae
Crex crex
Gallinula chloropus
Porzana porzana
Porzana parva
Porzana pusilla
Rallus aquaticus
Otididae
Otis tarda (l)
Tetrax tetrax (l)
CHARADRIIFORMES

Burhinidae

Burhinus oedicephalus

Charadriidae

Arenaria interpres
Charadrius alexandrinus
Charadrius dubius
Charadrius hiaticula
Eudromias morinellus
Haplopterus spinosus
Pluvialis apricaria
Pluvialis squatarola
Vanellus vanellus

Haematopidae

Haematopus ostralegus

Scolopacidae

Actitis hypoleucos
Calidris alba
Calidris alpina
Calidris canutus
Calidris ferruginea
Calidris minuta
Calidris temminckii
Gallinago media
Limicola falcinellus
Limosa limosa
Limosa lapponica
Lymnocyptes minimus
Numenius arquata
Numenius phaeopus
Numenius tenuirostris (l)
Philomachus pugnax
Tringa erythropus
Tringa glareola
Tringa nebularia
Tringa ochropus
Tringa stagnatilis
Tringa totanus
Xenus cinereus

Recurvirostridae

Himantopus himantopus
Recurvirostra avosetta

Phalaropodidae

Phalaropus lobatus
Phalaropus fulicarius

Glareolidae

Glareola pratincola
Glareola nordmanni

Lariidae

Chlidonias hybridus
Chlidonias leucopterus
Chlidonias niger
Geochelidon nilotica
Larus canus
Larus fuscus
Larus genei
Larus marinus
Larus melanocephalus
Larus minutus
Larus ridibundus
Rissa tridactyla
Sterna albifrons
Sterna caspia
Sterna hirundo
Sterna sandvicensis
Sterna paradisaea

Stercorariidae

Stercorarius pomarinus
Stercorarius parasiticus

COLUMBIFORMES**Pteroclididae**

Syrhaptes paradoxus

Columbidae

Columba livia livia (l)

Columba oenas

CUCULIFORMES**Cuculidae**

Clamator glandarius
Cuculus canorus

STIGIFORMES**Tytonidae**

Tyto alba (l)

Strigidae

Aegolius funereus (l)
Asio otus (l)
Asio flammeus (l)
Athene noctua (l)
Bubo bubo (l)
Glaucidium passerinum (l)
Nyctea scandiaca (l)
Otus scops (l)
Strix aluco (l)
Strix uralensis (l)
Surnia ulula (l)

CAPRIMULGIFORMES**Caprimulgidae**

Caprimulgus europaeus

APODIFORMES**Apodidae**

Apus apus
Apus melba
Apus pallidus

CORACIIFORMES**Alcedinidae**

Alcedo atthis

Coraciidae

Coracias garrulus

Upopidae

Upupa epops

PICIFORMES**Picidae**

Dryocopus martius
Dendrocopos major
Dendrocopos syriacus
Dendrocopos medius
Dendrocopos leucotos
Dendrocopos minor
Jynx torquilla
Picoides tridactylus
Picus canus
Picus viridis

PASSERIFORMES**Alaudidae**

Alauda arvensis
Calandrella brachydactyla
Calandrella rufescens
Eremophila alpestris
Galerida cristata
Lullula arborea
Melanocorypha calandra
Melanocorypha leucoptera

Hirundinidae

Delichon urbica
Hirundo rustica
Hirundo daurica
Ptyonoprogne rupestris
Riparia riparia

Motacillidae

Anthus campestris
Anthus trivialis
Anthus pratensis
Anthus cervinus
Anthus spinoletta
Motacilla flava
Motacilla cinerea
Motacilla alba

Bombycillidae

Bombycilla garrulus

Cinclidae

Cinclus cinclus

Troglodytidae

Troglodytes troglodytes

Prunellidae

Prunella modularis
Prunella collaris

Turdidae

Cercotrichas galactotes
Erithacus rubecula
Luscinia luscinia
Luscinia megarhynchos
Luscinia svecica
Monticola saxatilis
Monticola solitarius
Oenanthe hispanica
Oenanthe isabellina
Oenanthe leucura
Oenanthe oenanthe
Oenanthe pleschanka
Phoenicurus ochruros
Phoenicurus phoenicurus
Saxicola rubetra
Saxicola torquata
Turdus torquatus
Turdus merula
Turdus ruficollis
Turdus pilaris
Turdus philomelos
Turdus iliacus
Turdus viscivorus

Sylviidae

Acrocephalus agricola
Acrocephalus arundinaceus
Acrocephalus dumetorum
Acrocephalus melanopogon
Acrocephalus paludicola
Acrocephalus palustris
Acrocephalus schoenobaenus
Acrocephalus scirpaceus
Cettia cetti
Cisticola juncidis
Hippolais pallida
Hippolais olivetorum
Hippolais icterina
Locustella naevia
Locustella fluviatilis
Locustella luscinioides
Phylloscopus bonelli
Phylloscopus sibilatrix
Phylloscopus collybita
Phylloscopus trochilus
Sylvia cantillans
Sylvia melanocephala
Sylvia hortensis
Sylvia nisoria
Sylvia curruca
Sylvia communis
Sylvia borin
Sylvia atricapilla
Regulus regulus
Regulus ignicapillus

Muscicapidae
Muscicapa striata
Ficedula parva
Ficedula albicollis
Ficedula semitorquata
Ficedula hypoleuca**Timaliidae**

Panurus biarmicus

Aegithalidae

Aegithalos caudatus
Paridae
 Parus palustris
 Parus lugubris
 Parus montanus
 Parus cristatus
 Parus ater
 Parus caeruleus
 Parus major
Sittidae
 Sitta europaea
 Sitta neumayer
Tichodromadidae
 Tichodroma muraria
Certhiidae
 Certhia familiaris
 Certhia brachydactyla
Remizidae
 Remiz pendulinus
Oriolidae
 Oriolus oriolus
Laniidae
 Lanius collurio
 Lanius minor
 Lanius excubitor
 Lanius senator
 Lanius nubicus
Corvidae
 Corvus corax
 Nucifraga caryocatactes
 Pyrocorax graculus
Sturnidae
 Sturnus roseus
Ploceidae
 Montifringilla nivalis
 Passer hispaniolensis
 Passer montanus
 Petronia petronia
Fringillidae
 Carduelis cannabina
 Carduelis carduelis
 Carduelis chloris
 Carduelis flammea
 Carduelis flavirostris
 Carduelis spinus
 Carpodacus erythrinus
 Coccothraustes coccothraustes
 Fringilla coelebs
 Fringilla montifringilla
 Loxia curvirostra
 Pyrrhula pyrrhula
 Serinus serinus
Emberizidae
 Calcarius lapponicus
 Emberiza leucocephalos
 Emberiza citrinella
 Emberiza cirlus
 Emberiza cia
 Emberiza hortulana
 Emberiza rustica
 Emberiza pusilla
 Emberiza schoeniclus
 Emberiza melanocephala
 Miliaria calandra
 Plectrophenax nivalis

REPTILIA

TESTUDINES

Testudinidae
 Testudo graeca (I)
 Testudo hermanni (I)
Emydidae
 Emys orbicularis

Mauremys caspica

SAURIA

Lacertidae
 Ablepharus kitaibeli
 Lacerta vivipara
Geconidae
 Cymnodactylus kotschy
 Ophisops elegans
Anguidae
 Anguis fragilis
 Ophisaurus apodus

OPHIDIA

Typhlopidae
 Typhlops vermicularis
Boidae
 Eryx jaculus (I)
Colubridae
 Coluber najadum
 Coluber jugularis
 Coluber rubriceps
 Coronella austriaca
 Elaphe situla
 Elaphe quatuorlineata quatuorlineata
 Elaphe quatuorlineata sauromates
 Elaphe longissima
 Malpolon monspessulanus
 Telescopus fallax
Viperidae
 Vipera ursinii

AMPHIBIA

CAUDATA

Salamandridae
 Salamandra salamandra
 Triturus alpestris
 Triturus cristatus
 Triturus dobrogicus
 Triturus vulgaris

ANURA

Bufo
 Bufo viridis
 Bufo bufo
Hylidae
 Hyla arborea
Pelobatidae
 Pelobates fuscus
 Pelobates syriacus balcanicus
Ranidae
 Rana graeca

PISCES

ACIPENSERIFORMES

Acipenser sturio (I)

2. INVERTEBRATES

INSECTA

COLEOPTERA

Carabidae
 Lucanus cervus
 Rosalia alpina

LEPIDOPTERA

Colias balcanica
 Erebia rhodopensis
 Parnassius apollo (I)
 Perisomena caesigema

HYMENOPTERA

Formicidae
 Formica rufa

3. PLANTS

LICOPODIOPHYTA

Isoetaceae
 Isoetes lacustris
Lycopodiaceae
 Diphasiastrum alpinum

Diphasiastrum complanatum
 Lycopodiella inundata (Lepidotis inundata)

POLYPODIOPHYTA

Adiantaceae
 Adiantum capillus-veneris
Aspleniaceae
 Asplenium cuneifolium
 Asplenium lepidum
Cryptogrammeae
 Cryptogramma crispa
Dryopteridaceae
 Cystopteris alpina
 Dryopteris villarii
Marsileaceae
 Marsilea quadrifolia
Ophioglossaceae
 Botrychium matricariifolium
Osmundaceae
 Osmunda regalis
Polypodiaceae
 Polypodium cambricum (P. australe)
Salviniaceae
 Salvinia natans
Sinopteridaceae
 Cheilanthes persica
Thelypteridaceae
 Thelypteris palustris

PINOPHYTA

Cupressaceae
 Juniperus excelsa
 Juniperus sabina
Ephedraceae
 Ephedra campylopoda
 Ephedra distachya
Taxaceae
 Taxus baccata

MAGNOLIOPHYTA

Acanthaceae
 Acanthus spinosus
Aceraceae
 Acer heldreichii ssp. visianii
Alismataceae
 Caldesia parnassifolia
Amaryllidaceae
 Galanthus elwesii
 Galanthus nivalis
 Pancratium maritimum
Apiaceae
 Angelica archangelica
 Apium nodiflorum
 Apium repens
 Astrodaucus littoralis
 Bupleurum baldense
 Bupleurum longifolium
 Cachrys alpina
 Cicuta virosa
 Eryngium maritimum
 Eryngium palmatum
 Ferula orientalis
 Laserpitium archangelica
 Opopanax hironium ssp. bulgaricum
 Pastinaca argyrophylla
 Peucedanum palustre
 Peucedanum ruthenicum
 Pleurospermum austriacum
 Prangos ferulacea
 Seseli degenii
 Sium sisarum
 Stefanoffia daucoides
 Trinia glauca ssp. carniolica
 Turgeniopsis foeniculacea

Apocynaceae

Trachomitum venetum

Aquifoliaceae

Ilex aquifolium

Ilex colchica

Araceae

Acorus calamus

Arum alpinum

Dracunculus vulgaris

Aristolochiaceae

Aristolochia rotunda

Asteraceae

Achillea leptophylla

Achillea thracica

Anthemis argyrophylla

Anthemis gaudium-solis

Anthemis jordanovii

Anthemis macrantha

Anthemis orbelica

Anthemis regis-borisii

Anthemis rumelica

Anthemis sancti-johannis

Anthemis stribnyi

Anthemis virescens

Artemisia caucasica

Artemisia chamaemelifolia

Artemisia lerchiana

Artemisia pedemontana

Carduus rhodopaeus (C. adpressus

ssp. rhodopaeus)

Carduus thracicus

Centaurea achtarovii

Centaurea amplifolia

Centaurea arenaria

Centaurea atropurpurea

Centaurea bovina

Centaurea gracilentia

Centaurea immanuelis-loewii

Centaurea inermis

Centaurea kernerana

Centaurea mannagetae ssp. pirinica

Centaurea marshaliana

Centaurea nigrescens

Centaurea parilica

Centaurea pichleri

Centaurea pseudoaxillaris

Centaurea rumelica

Centaurea rupestris

Chondrilla urumoffii

Cirsium bulgaricum

Cirsium stojanovii

Crepis bithynica

Erigeron vichrensis

Helichrysum plicatum

Inula spiraeifolia

Inula viscosa

Jurinea ledebourii

Jurinea tzar-ferdinandii

Leontopodium alpinum

Ligularia glauca

Ligularia sibirica

Onopordon bracteatum

Otanthus maritimus

Pallenis spinosa

Petasites kablikianus

Reichardia picroides

Saussurea discolor

Scorzonera parviflora

Serratula bulgarica

Tragopogon stribnyi

Urospermum picroides

Berberidaceae

Epimedium pubigerum

Boraginaceae

Alkanna jordanovii

Alkanna primuliflora

Alkanna stribnyi

Alkanna tinctoria

Anchusa gmelinii

Anchusa macedonica

Anchusa velenovskyi

Argusia sibirica

Buglossoides glandulosa

Cynoglossum germanicum

Cynoglossum rotatum

Onosma rhodopaea

Brassicaceae

Aethionema arabicum

Alyssum borzaeanum

Alyssum cuneifolium ssp. pirinicum

Alyssum stribnyi

Arabis collina

Arabis ferdinandi-coburgii

Arabis nova

Aubrieta gracilis ssp. scardica

Aubrieta intermedia

Aurinia uechtritziana (Lepidotrichum uechtritzianum)

Brassica nivalis ssp. jordanoffii

Capsella thracica

Cardamine parviflora

Cardamine penzesii

Conringia planisiliqua

Crambe tataria

Draba korabensis

Erysimum comatum

Erysimum quadrangulum (Syrenia cana auct.)

Erysimum slavjankae

Hesperis sylvestris

Hesperis theophrasti

Hymenolobus procumbens (Hornungia procumbens)

Iberis saxatilis

Malcolmia orsiniana ssp. angulifolia

Malcolmia serbica

Maresia nana

Matthiola odoratissima

Pritzelago alpina ssp. brevicaulis (Hutchinsia alpina)

Schivereckia doerfleri

Sisymbrium polymorphum

Subularia aquatica

Callitrichaceae

Callitrichae brutia

Campanulaceae

Campanula jordanovii

Campanula lanata

Campanula latifolia

Campanula orphanidea (Petkovia orphanidea)

Campanula transsilvanica

Campanula versicolor

Edraianthus verbicus

Jasione bulgarica

Trachelium rumelianum (T. jacquinii)

Caryophyllaceae

Arenaria ciliata

Arenaria cretica

Arenaria gypsophylloides

Arenaria pirinica

Arenaria rhodopaea

Arenaria rigida

Dianthus carthusianorum

Dianthus kladovanus (D. pontederiae ssp. kladovanus)

Dianthus nardiformis

Dianthus pallidiflorus

Dianthus stribnyi

Dianthus urumoffii

Gypsophylla tekirae

Gypsophylla trichotoma

Minuartia diljanae

Minuartia rumelica

Minuartia stojanovii

Moehringia jankae

Petrorhagia alpina

Petrorhagia thessala

Saponaria stranjensis

Silene alpina

Silene caliacrae

Silene cretica

Silene euxina

Silene graeca

Silene lydia

Silene velcevi

Chenopodiaceae

Halimione pedunculata

Halimione portulacoides

Suaeda heterophylla

Cistaceae

Cistus salvifolius

Convolvulaceae

Calystegia soldanella

Convolvulus althaeoides (C. elegantissimum)

Convolvulus boissieri ssp. parnassicus (C. compactus)

Convolvulus boissieri ssp. suendermannii (C. suendermannii)

Convolvulus holosericeus

Convolvulus lineatus

Convolvulus persicus

Cressa cretica

Crassulaceae

Crassula tillaea

Rhodiola rosea

Sedum kostovi

Sedum magellense

Sedum stefco

Sedum tschernokolevii

Sedum zollikoferi

Sempervivum ciliosum

Cyperaceae

Carex disticha

Carex ferruginea

Carex fuliginosa

Carex limosa

Carex pirinensis

Carex punctata

Carex rupestris

Cladium mariscus

Dichostylis michelianus

Eleocharis carniolica

Isolepis supina

Kobresia myosuroides (Elyna bellardii)

Scirpus litoralis (Schoenoplectus litoralis)

Scirpus triquetar

Droseraceae

Aldrovanda vesiculosa

Drosera rotundifolia

Elaeagnaceae

Hippophae rhamnoides

Empetraceae

Empetrum nigrum

Ericaceae

Arbutus andrachne

Arbutus unedo

Calluna vulgaris
 Erica arborea
 Rhododendron myrtifolium
 Rhododendron ponticum
 Vaccinium arctostaphylos
Euphorbiaceae
 Euphorbia aleppica
 Euphorbia lucida
 Euphorbia peplis
Fabaceae
 Anthyllis aurea
 Astracantha aitiosensis
 Astracantha thracica (Astragalus thracicus)
 Astragalus alopecurus(A. centralpinus)
 Astragalus corniculatus
 Astragalus cornutus
 Astragalus dasyanthus
 Astragalus physocalix
 Astragalus wilmottianus
 Caragana frutex
 Chamaecytisus kovacevii
 Chamaecytisus neicheffii
 Chamaecytisus ratisbonensis
 Cicer montbretii
 Genista germanica
 Genista pilosa
 Glycyrrhiza glabra
 Hedysarum grandiflorum
 Hedysarum tauricum
 Hippocrepis unisiliquosa
 Lathyrus montanus
 Lathyrus palustris
 Lathyrus pancicii
 Lathyrus saxatilis
 Lathyrus transsylvanicus
 Lens ervoides
 Lotus uliginosus
 Lupinus albus
 Medicago carstiensis
 Medicago littoralis
 Medicago rhodopaea
 Oxytropis kozhuharovii
 Oxytropis urumovii
 Tetragonolobus maritimus
 Trifolium ligusticum
 Trifolium phleoides
 Trifolium rubens
 Trifolium squamosum
 Trifolium squarrosum
 Trigonella spicata
 Vicia abbreviata
 Vicia amphicarpa
 Vicia truncatulla
Fagaceae
 Quercus coccifera
 Quercus mestensis
 Quercus thracica
Frankeniaceae
 Frankenia pulverulenta
Gentianaceae
 Blackstonia perfoliata
 Centaurium littorale
 Centaurium maritimum
 Gentiana acaulis
 Gentiana frigida
 Gentiana lutea
 Gentiana punctata
 Gentianella amarella
 Gentianella crispata
 Gentianella engadinensis
 Swertia punctata
Geraniaceae

Erodium absinthoides
 Geranium bohemicum
 Geranium macrostylum
 Geranium palustre
Gesneriaceae
 Haberlea rhodopensis
 Ramonda serbica
Globulariaceae
 Globularia trichosantha
Guttiferae
 Hypericum androsaemum
 Hypericum boissieri
 Hypericum calycinum
 Hypericum setiferum
 Hypericum thasium
Hippocastanaceae
 Aesculus hippocastanum
Hydrocharitaceae
 Stratiotes aloides
Iridaceae
 Crocus olivieri
 Crocus tommasinianus
 Gladiolus palustris
 Iris aphylla
 Romulea bulbocodium
 Romulea linearesii ssp. graeca
Juncaceae
 Juncus ranarius
 Luzula deflexa
Juncaginaceae
 Triglochin maritima
Lamiaceae
 Micromeria frivaldszkyana
 Micromeria juliana
 Nepeta parviflora
 Nepeta ucrainica
 Salvia forskaoehlei
 Salvia pinnata
 Salvia scabiosifolia
 Sideritis syriaca (S. taurica)
 Stachys arenariaeformis
 Stachys balcanica
 Stachys cretica ssp. bulgarica
 Stachys maritima
 Stachys scardica
 Teucrium bothrys
 Teucrium lamifolium
 Thymus bracteosus
 Thymus pernicus
Lentibulariaceae
 Utricularia australis(U. neglecta)
 Utricularia minor
Liliaceae
 Allium jubatum
 Allium montanum
 Allium stojanovii
 Bellevalia ciliata
 Colchicum bivonae
 Colchicum borisii
 Colchicum davidovii
 Colchicum diampolis
 Colchicum rhodopaeum
 Fritillaria drenovskii
 Fritillaria graeca
 Fritillaria gussichiae
 Fritillaria meleagroides
 Fritillaria orientalis
 Fritillaria pontica
 Fritillaria stribnyi
 Gagea chrysantha
 Gagea heldreichii
 Lilium albanicum
 Lilium jankae

Lilium rhodopaeum
 Lloydia serotina
 Merendera rhodopaea
 Scilla bithynica
 Scilla bulgarica
 Tulipa aureolina
 Tulipa australis
 Tulipa pirinica
 Tulipa rhodopaea
 Tulipa splendens
 Tulipa thracica (T. hageri)
 Tulipa urumoffii
Linaceae
 Linum elegans
 Linum extraaxillare
Lythraceae
 Ammania verticillata
 Lythrum thymifolia
 Middendorfia borystenica
 Peplis alternifolia
Menyanthaceae
 Menyanthes trifoliata
 Nymphoides peltata
Morinaceae
 Morina persica
Nymphaeaceae
 Nuphar lutea
 Nymphaea alba
Onagraceae
 Circaea alpina
 Ludwigia palustris
Orchidaceae
 Anacamptis pyramidalis
 Cephalanthera epipactoides
 Cypripedium calceolus (I)
 Dactylorhiza incarnata
 Dactylorhiza kalopissii
 Goodyera repens
 Hammarbia paludosa
 Herminium monorchis
 Himantoglossum caprinum (H. hircinum)
 Limodorum abortivum
 Liparis loeselii (I)
 Listera cordata
 Ophrys apifera
 Ophrys argolica (I)
 Ophrys cornuta(O. scolopax ssp. cornuta)
 Ophrys insectifera
 Ophrys mammosa (O. sphegodes ssp. mammosa)
 Orchis militaris
 Orchis papilionaceae
 Orchis provincialis
 Orchis spitzelii
 Traunsteinera globosa (Orchis globosa)
 Serapias vomeraceae
 Spiranthes spiralis
Paeoniaceae
 Paeonia mascula
 Paeonia tenuifolia
Papaveraceae
 Papaver degenii
Plantaginaceae
 Plantago cornuti
Plumbaginaceae
 Goniolimon besseranum
 Goniolimon collinum
 Goniolimon dalmaticum
 Goniolimon tataricum
 Limonium asterotrichum

Limonium bulgaricum
 Limonium gmelinii
 Limonium latifolium
 Limonium meyeri
 Limonium vulgare
Poaceae
 Aegilops comosa
 Aegilops geniculata (A. lorentii)
 Aegilops markgrafii (A. dichasians)
 Aeluropus littoralis
 Alopecurus thracicus
 Apera interrupta
 Bromus lanceolatus
 Bromus moesiacus
 Bromus pariliicus
 Corynephorus divaricatus
 Elymus picnanthus (Agropyron litorale)
 Erianthus ravennae
 Festuca pirinica
 Parvotrisetum myrianthum
 Perydiction sanctum (Brachypodium sanctum)
 Poa aitosenis
 Poa jordanovii
 Poa palustris
 Poa pirinica
 Secale rhodopaeum
 Sesleria korabensis (S. klasterskii)
Polygalaceae
 Polygala acarnanica
 Polygala alpestris
 Polygala amarella
 Polygala sibirica
Polygonaceae
 Rheum rhaponticum
Potamogetonaceae
 Potamogeton friesii
 Potamogeton trichoides
Primulaceae
 Androsace obtusifolia
 Cortusa matthioli
 Cyclamen coum
 Hottonia palustris
 Lysimachia thysiflora
 Primula deorum
 Primula frondosa
 Primula halleri
 Primula vulgaris ssp. sibthorpii
 Soldanella chrysostricta
 Soldanella pirinica
Pyrolaceae
 Pyrola rotundifolia
Raflesiaceae
 Cytinus clusii
Ranunculaceae
 Adonis volgensis
 Anemone narcissiflora
 Anemone pavonina
 Anemone sylvestris
 Aquilegia aurea
 Aquilegia nigricans (A. vulgaris)
 Clematis alpina
 Delphinium fissum ssp. albiflorum
 Eranthis bulgaricus
 Nigella orientalis
 Pulsatilla halleri
 Pulsatilla pratensis
 Pulsatilla slavjankae
 Pulsatilla vernalis
 Ranunculus fontanus
 Ranunculus stojanovii
 Thalictrum foetidum
 Trollius europaeus
Rhamnaceae
 Rhamnus alpina
Rosaceae
 Alchemilla achtarovii
 Alchemilla asterantha
 Alchemilla bandericensis
 Alchemilla jumrukczalica
 Alchemilla mollis
 Alchemilla pirinica
 Amygdalus webbii
 Crataegus stevenii
 Eriolobus trilobata
 Geum bulgaricum
 Geum rhodopaeum
 Mespilus germanica
 Potentilla chrysantha
 Potentilla emili-popii
 Potentilla fruticosa
 Potentilla montenegrina
 Potentilla nicicii
 Potentilla palustris
 Pyracantha coccinea
 Pyrus bulgarica
 Rubus hercinicus
 Rubus macrophyllus
 Rubus thrysiflorus
 Spiraea crenata
 Spiraea hypericifolia
 Spiraea salicifolia
Rubiaceae
 Galium demissum
 Galium rhodopaeum
 Galium rubioides
Rutaceae
 Haplophyllum balcanicum
 Haplophyllum thesioides
 Ruta graveolens
Salicaceae
 Salix pentandra
 Salix retusa
 Salix rosmarinifolia
 Salix xanticola
Saxifragaceae
 Ribes nigrum
 Saxifraga aizoides
 Saxifraga androsacea
 Saxifraga marginata
 Saxifraga mollis
 Saxifraga retusa
Scrophulariaceae
 Digitalis laevigata
 Lathraea rhodopaea
 Linaria brachyphylla
 Linaria peloponesiaca
 Lindernia procumbens
 Pedicularis palustris
 Rhynchocorys elephas
 Verbascum adrianopolitanum
 Verbascum anisophyllum
 Verbascum boevae
 Verbascum bugulifolium
 Verbascum davidoffii
 Verbascum decorum
 Verbascum dieckianum
 Verbascum eriophorum
 Verbascum jankaeaeum
 Verbascum jordanovii
 Verbascum juruk
 Verbascum lagurus
 Verbascum minutiflorum
 Verbascum pseudonobile
 Verbascum purpureum
 Verbascum rupestre
 Verbascum spathulisepalum
 Verbascum thracicum
 Verbascum tzar-borisii
 Verbascum urumovii
 Veronica baumgartenii
 Veronica euxina
 Veronica grisebachii
 Veronica multifida
 Veronica turrilliana
Sparganiaceae
 Sparganium angustifolium
 Sparganium minimum
Tamaricaceae
 Myricaria germanica
Theligonaceae
 Theligonum cynocrambe
Thymelaeaceae
 Daphne blagayana
 Daphne laureola
 Daphne oleoides
 Daphne pontica
Trapaceae
 Trapa natans
Typhaceae
 Typha shuttleworthii
Urticaceae
 Parietaria rhodopaea
Valerianaceae
 Centranthus kellererii
 Valeriana simplicifolia
Violaceae
 Viola balcanica
 Viola delphinantha
 Viola gracilis
 Viola grisebachiana
 Viola orbelica
 Viola palustris
 Viola perinensis
 Viola persicifolia
 Viola pumila
 Viola pyrenaica
 Viola speciosa
 Viola stojanovii

The symbol "*" designates all the species belonging to the respective genus, except the ones included in Annex 3.

The symbol "(l)" indicates that the provisions of Article 70 apply to the species.

1. VERTEBRATES	REPTILIA	Astacus astacus
MAMMALIA	OPHIDIA	Astacus leptodactylos
CARNIVORA	Viperidae	3. PLANTS
Canidae	Vipera ammodytes	POLYPODIOPHYTA
Canis aureus (l)	AMPHIBIA	Aspidiaceae
Canis lupus (l)	ANURA	Dryopteris sp. div.
Felidae	Ranidae	Polystichum sp. div.
Felis silvestris (l)	Rana ridibunda	MAGNOLIOPHYTA
Mustelidae	Rana temporaria	Amaryllidaceae
Mustela putorius	Rana esculenta	Leucojum aestivum
ARTIODACTILA	PISCES	Apiaceae
Bovidae	ACIPENSERIFORMES	Bupleurum sp. div.*
Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica	Acipenseridae	Smyrnium perfoliatum
AVES	Acipenser gueldenstaedti	Asteraceae
ANSERIFORMES	Acipenser nudiventris	Echinops sp. div.*
Anatidae	Acipenser ruthenus	Helichrysum arenarium
Anas platyrhynchos	Acipenser stellatus	Caryophyllaceae
Anas querquedula (l)	Huso huso	Gypsophylla glomerata
Anas crecca	CLUPEIFORMES	Gypsophylla paniculata
Anas penelope	Clupeidae	Iridaceae
Anas clypeata	Alosa pontica	Crocus sp. div.*
Anas acuta	Alosa caspia nordmani	Gladiolus sp. div.*
Anser albifrons	Alosa caspia bulgarica	Liliaceae
Aythya fuligula	Alosa maeotica	Asparagus sp. div.*
GALLIFORMES	Alosa fallax	Asphodelus albus
Phasianidae	SALMONIFORMES	Erytronium dens-canis
Alectoris graeca graeca	Salmonidae	Lilium martagon
Alectoris chukar	Hucho hucho	Polygonatum officinale
Coturnix coturnix	CYPRINIFORMES	Ruscus aculeatus
Perdix perdix	Cyprinidae	Ruscus hypoglossum
Phasianus colchicus	Barbus barbus	Scilla bifolia
Tetrao urogallus	Barbus cyclolepis	Orchidaceae
CHARADRIIFORMES	Barbus meridionalis petenyi	Dactylorhiza sp. div.*
Scolopacidae	PERCIFORMES	Orchis sp. div.*
Gallinago gallinago	Percidae	Paeoniaceae
Scolopax rusticola	Gymnocephalus schraetser	Paeonia peregrina
COLUMBIFORMES	Zingel zingel	Plumbaginaceae
Columbidae	2. INVERTEBRATES	Goniolimon sp. div.*
Columba palumbus	MOLLUSKA	Limonium sp. div.*
Streptopelia decaocto	GASTROPODA	Poaceae
Streptopelia turtur (l)	Helicidae	Stipa sp. div.*
PASSERIFORMES	Helix pomatia	Primulaceae
Sturnidae	Helix lucorum	Cyclamen neapolitanum
Sturnus vulgaris	ANNELIDA	Primula veris
Corvidae	Hirudinidae	Primula vulgaris
Corvus monedula	Hirudo medicinalis	Ranunculaceae
Corvus frugilegus	ARTHROPODA	Pulsatilla sp. div.*
Corvus corone cornix	KRUTACEA	Salicaceae
Pica pica	Astacidae	Salix caprea

**Prohibited Devices, Methods and Means, Including Motor Vehicles,
of Capture and Killing**

Mammals:

- Live animals, including blind or mutilated, used as decoys;
- Tape recorders;
- Electrical and electronic devices, capable of killing and stunning;
- Artificial light sources;
- Mirrors and other dazzling devices;
- Devices for illuminating targets;
- Sighting devices for night shooting, comprising an electronic image magnifier or image converter;
- Explosives;
- Nets, if designed or applied for non-selective capture;
- Traps, if designed or applied for non-selective capture;
- Cross bows;
- Poison and poisoned or anaesthetic bait;
- Gassing or smoking out;
- Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition.

Birds:

- Snares, limes, hooks, live birds, including blind or mutilated, used as decoys;
- Tape recorders, electrical and electronic devices capable of killing and stunning;
- Artificial light sources, mirrors and other dazzling devices, devices for illuminating targets, sighting devices for night shooting comprising an electronic image magnifier or image converter;
- Explosives;
- Nets, traps, poison and poisoned or anaesthetic bait;
- Semi-automatic or automatic weapons with a magazine capable of holding more than two rounds of ammunition.

Fish:

- Poison;
- Explosives;
- Devices and means capable of stunning fish.

Means of transport:

- Aircraft;
- Overland motor vehicles in motion;
- Boats driven at a speed exceeding five kilometres per hour and, on the Black Sea, boats with a maximum speed of 18 kilometres per hour.

AVES

ANSERIFORMES

Anatidae

Anas platyrhynchos
Anas acuta
Anas clypeata
Anas crecca
Anas penelope
Anser albifrons

Aythya fuligula

GALLIFORMES

Phasianidae

Alectoris chukar
Perdix perdix
Phasianus colchicus
Tetrao urogallus

GRUIFORMES

Fulica atra

CHARADRIIFORMES

Scolopacidae

Gallinago gallinago
Scolopax rusticola

COLUMBIFORMES

Columbidae

Columba palumbus
Columba livia forma domestica

Annex 7
to Article 75 (1)



EXPORT
 RE-EXPORT
 IMPORT
 OTHER

PERMIT/CERTIFICATE No. _____

Original

2. Date of expiry: _____

3. Importer (name, address)

4. Exporter (name and address, country)

Signature of exporter

3a Country of import _____

5. Special conditions

In the case of live animals, this Permit or Certificate is only valid if the transport conditions comply with the CITES Guidelines for Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Wild Animals and Plants or, applicable to transport by air, with the IATA Life Animals Regulations.

6. Name, address, national coat of arms and country of Management Authority



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5a Purpose of transaction _____ 5b. Security stamp No. _____

7./8. Scientific name (genus and species) common name of animal or plant	9. Description of specimen, incl. identification mark or number (age/sex if an animal)	10. Appendix No. where listed and source	11. Quantity (incl. units of measurement used)	11a. Total number of specimens already exported/quota
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A	7./8..	9.	10.	11.	12a.
	12. Country of origin*	Permit No.	Date	12a. Country of last re-export	Certificate No. Date
					12b. No. of transaction** or date of acquisition***

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	12. Country of origin*	Permit No.	Date	12a. Country of last re-export	Certificate No. Date
					12b. No. of transaction** or date of acquisition***

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	12. Country of origin*	Permit No.	Date	12a. Country of last re-export	Certificate No. Date
					12b. No. of transaction** or date of acquisition***

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	12. Country of origin*	Permit No.	Date	12a. Country of last re-export	Certificate No. Date
					12b. No. of transaction** or date of acquisition***

* The country where the specimen has been captured in the wild, bred in captivity or artificially propagated (solely applicable in case of re-export).
** Solely applicable to specimens of Appendix 1 species bred in captivity or artificially propagated for commercial purposes.
*** Applicable to pre-Convention specimens.

13. This Permit was issued by:

Place of issue Date of issue Security stamp, signature, official seal

14. APPROVED EXPORT 15. BILL OF LADING No. _____

Column	Quantity
A	_____
B	_____
C	_____
D	_____

Place of export Date Signature Official seal and position

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