

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 (20) 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.

ADDITIONAL 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 CONCLUDING 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 Game Protection 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	Vegated sea cliffs of the Mediteranea coasts
!	*	21.	Coastal lagoons
		22.12	Hard oligo-meso- trophic waters with benthic and 22.44 vegetation of Chara spp.
		22.13	Natural eutrophic lakes with Magnopo- tamion 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	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 Alysso Sedion albi
!	*	34.31	Sub-continental steppic grasslands
!	*	34.311	Helleno-Balkanic savory steppes
!	*	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

1	2	3	4
		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 swith 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
!	*	44.4323	Central Balkan ash- oak-alder forests
!	*	44.66	Ponto-Sarmatic mixed poplar riverine forests
!	*	44.711	Helleno-Balkanic 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

1	2	3	4
	*	53	Water-fringe vegetation
	!	* 54.12	Hard water springs
	*	54.42	Black-white-star sedge fens
	!	* 54.58	Sphagnum and cottongrass rafts
	*	61.11	Alpine siliceous screes
		61.2	Calcareous and calcshist screes of the montane to alpine levels (<i>Thlaspietea rotundifolii</i>)
		62.1	Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmo-phytic vegetation

1	2	3	4
		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	ARTIODACTILA	!	Elanus caeruleus
MAMMALIA	Bovidae	!	Gypaetus barbatus
CHIROPTERA	! * Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica	!	Gyps fulvus
Rhinolophidae	AVES	!	Haliaeetus albicilla
! * Rhinolophus blasii	PODICIPEDIFORMES	!	Hieraaetus fasciatus
! * Rhinolophus euryale	Podicipedidae	!	Hieraaetus pennatus
! * Rhinolophus ferrumequinum	Podiceps grisegena	!	Milvus migrans
! * Rhinolophus hipposideros	Podiceps nigricollis	!	Milvus milvus
! * Rhinolophus mehelyi	PELECANIFORMES	!	Neophron percnopterus
Molossidae	Phalacrocoracidae	!	Pernis apivorus
Tadarida teniotis	! Phalacrocorax pygmeus		Falconidae
Vespertilionidae	! Phalacrocorax aristotelis		Falco cherrug
! * Barbastella barbastellus	Pelecanidae	!	Falco columbarius
Eptesicus nilssoni	! Pelecanus crispus	!	Falco eleonorae
Eptesicus serotinus	! Pelecanus onocrotalus	!	Falco naumanni
Hypsugo savii	CICONIIFORMES	!	Falco peregrinus
Miniopterus schreibersi	Ardeidae		Falco vespertinus
Myotis bechsteini	! Ardeola ralloides		GALLIFORMES
Myotis blythi	! Ardea purpurea		Phasianidae
Myotis brandti	! Botaurus stellaris		Alectoris graeca graeca
! * Myotis capaccinii	! Egretta alba	!	Bonasa bonasia
Myotis daubentonii	! Egretta garzetta	!	Tetrao urogallus
Myotis mystacinus	! Ixobrychus minutus		GRUIFORMES
! * Myotis emarginatus	! Nycticorax nycticorax		Gruidae
! * Myotis myotis	Ciconiidae	!	Grus grus
Myotis nattereri	! Ciconia ciconia		Otididae
Nyctalus lasiopterus	! Ciconia nigra	! *	Otis tarda
Nyctalus leisleri	Threskiornithidae		Rallidae
Nyctalus noctula	! Platalea leucorodia	!	Crex crex
Pipistrellus pipistrellus	! Plegadis falcinellus	!	Porzana porzana
Pipistrellus nathusii	ANSERIFORMES	!	Porzana parva
Pipistrellus kuhlii	Anatidae	!	Porzana pusilla
Plecotus auritus	Anser albifrons		CHARADRIIFORMES
Plecotus austriacus	Anser anser		Burhinidae
Vespertilio murinus	! Anser erythropus	!	Burhinus oedicnemus
RODENTIA	! Aythya nyroca		Charadriidae
Cricetidae	! Branta ruficollis		Charadrius alexandrinus
! Mesocricetus newtoni	! Cygnus bewickii		Eudromias morinellus
Cricetus cricetus	! Cygnus cygnus		Limicola falcinellus
Cricetulus migratorius	! Marmoronetta angustirostris	!	Pluvialis apricaria
Gloridae	! Mergus albellus		Scolopacidae
* Dryomys nitedula	! Oxyura leucocephala	!	Numenius tenuirostris
* Myomimus roachi	! Tadorna ferruginea	!	Phalaropus fulicarius
* Muscardinus avellanarius	Tadorna tadorna	!	Philomachus pugnax
Sciuridae	FALCONIFORMES	!	Tringa glareola
! * Citellus citellus	Pandionidae	*	Tringa totanus
CARNIVORA	! Pandion haliaetus		Recurvirostridae
Canidae	Accipitridae	!	Himantopus himantopus
! Canis lupus	! Accipiter brevipes	!	Recurvirostra avoseta
Ursidae	! Aegypius monachus		Phalaropodidae
! * Ursus arctos	! Aquila chrysaetos	!	Phalaropus lobatus
Mustelidae	! Aquila clanga		Glareolidae
! * Lutra lutra	! Aquila heliaca	!	Glareola nordmanni
Vormela eversmanni	! Aquila pomarina	!	Glareola pratincola
Vormela peregusna	! Buteo rufinus		Lariidae
PINNIPEDIA	! Circaetus gallicus	!	Chlidonias hybridus
! * Monachus monachus	! Circus aeruginosus	!	Chlidonias leucopterus
CETACEA	! Circus cyaneus	!	Chlidonias niger
Delphinus delphis	! Circus macrourus	!	Geochelidon nilotica
! * Phocoena phocoena	! Circus pygargus	!	Larus genei
! * Tursiops truncatus	! * Circaetus gallicus	!	Larus melanocephalus

!	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
!	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
!	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
!	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
STIGIFORMES	
Strigidae	
!	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>
!	<i>Asio flammeus</i>
!	<i>Bubo bubo</i>
!	<i>Glaucidium passerinum</i>
!	<i>Strix uralensis</i>
CAPRIMULGIFORMES	
Caprimulgidae	
	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>
CORACIFORMES	
Alcedinidae	
!	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
Meropidae	
	<i>Merops apiaster</i>
Coraciidae	
!	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>
PICIFORMES	
Picidae	
!	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>
!	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>
!	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos</i>
!	<i>Dryocopus martius</i>
!	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>
!	<i>Picus canus</i>
PASSERIFORMES	
Alaudidae	
!	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>
!	<i>Lullula arborea</i>
!	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>
Hirundinidae	
	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Motacillidae	
!	<i>Anthus campestris</i>
Laniidae	
!	<i>Lanius collurio</i>
!	<i>Lanius minor</i>
	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>
Turdidae	
	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>
	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
*	<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>
	<i>Oenanthe pleshanka</i>
*	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
Sylviidae	
!	<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>
!	<i>Hippolais olivetorum</i>
	<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>
	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>
!	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>
Muscicapidae	
!	<i>Ficedula parva</i>
!	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>
!	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>
Sittidae	
	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>
Tichodromidae	
	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>
Corvidae	
	<i>Pyrrhonorax graculus</i>
Passeridae	
	<i>Petronia petronia</i>
Emberizidae	
!	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>
REPTILIA	
TESTUDINES	

Testudinidae	
!	* <i>Testudo graeca</i>
!	* <i>Testudo hermanni</i>
Emydidae	
!	* <i>Emys orbicularis</i>
!	* <i>Mauremys caspica</i>
OPHIDIA	
Colubridae	
!	* <i>Elaphe situla</i>
!	* <i>Elaphe quatuorlineata</i>
!	* <i>Elaphe quatuorlineata sauromates</i>
AMPHIBIA	
CAUDATA	
Salamandridae	
	<i>Triturus alpestris</i>
!	* <i>Triturus cristatus</i>
ANURA	
Dissoglossidae	
!	* <i>Bombina bombina</i>
!	* <i>Bombina variegata</i>
Hylidae	
	<i>Hyla arborea</i>
Pelobatidae	
	<i>Pelobates fuscus</i>
	<i>Pelobates syriacus balcanicus</i>
Ranidae	
	<i>Rana dalmatina</i>
	<i>Rana temporaria</i>
PISCES	
ACIPENSERIFORMES	
Acipenseridae	
	<i>Acipenser guildenstaedi</i>
	<i>Acipenser nudiventris</i>
	<i>Acipenser ruthenus</i>
	<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>
!	* <i>Acipenser sturio</i>
	<i>Huso huso</i>
SALMONIFORMES	
Salmonidae	
!	* <i>Hucho hucho</i>
CYPRINIFORMES	
Cyprinidae	
!	* <i>Aspius aspius</i>
!	* <i>Gobio alpinatus</i>
!	* <i>Gobio uranoscopus</i>
!	* <i>Rhodeus sericeus amarus</i>
Cobitidae	
!	* <i>Misgurnus fossilis</i>
	<i>Noemacheilus breschi</i>
!	* <i>Sabanejwia aurata</i>
PERCIFORMES	
Percidae	
!	<i>Gymnocephalus schraetzer</i>
!	* <i>Zingel streber</i>
CLUPEIFORMES	
Clupeidae	
!	* <i>Alosa pontica</i>
	* <i>Alosa caspia nordmani</i>
	* <i>Alosa caspia bulgarica</i>
	* <i>Alosa maotica</i>
!	* <i>Alosa fallax</i>
SCORPAENIFORMES	
Cottidae	
!	* <i>Cottus gobio</i>
2. INVERTEBRATES	
INSECTA	
COLEOPTERA	
Carabidae	

!	*	<i>Lucanus cervus</i>
!	*	<i>Rosalia alpina</i>
LEPIDOPTERA		
		<i>Colias balcanica</i>
		<i>Erebia rhodopenis</i>
		<i>Parnassius apollo</i>
		<i>Perisomena caesigema</i>
HYMENOPTERA		
Formicidae		
		<i>Formica rufa</i>
MOLLUSCS		
BIVALVIA		
Unionoidae		
!	*	<i>Unio crassus</i>
3. PLANTS		
LICOPODIOPHYTA		
Lycopodiaceae		
		<i>Diphasiastrum complanatum</i>
		<i>Lycopodiella inundata (Lepidotis inundata)</i>
POLYPODIOPHYTA		
Marsileaceae		
!	*	<i>Marsilea quadrifolia</i>
Osmundaceae		
		<i>Osmunda regalis</i>
Salviniaceae		
		<i>Salvinia natans</i>
Thelypteridaceae		
		<i>Thelypteris palustris</i>
MAGNOLOPHYTA		
Alismataceae		
!	*	<i>Caldesia parnassifolia</i>
Amaryllidaceae		
		<i>Pancreatum maritimum</i>
Apiaceae		
!		<i>Apium repens</i>
		<i>Eryngium maritimum</i>
Asteraceae		
!		<i>Achillea thracica</i>
		<i>Centaurea immanuelis- loewii</i>
		<i>Centaurea kernerana</i>
		<i>Centaurea rumelica</i>
		<i>Jurinea tzar-ferdinandii</i>
		<i>Leontopodium alpinum</i>
!	*	<i>Ligularia sibirica</i>
		<i>Otanthus maritimus</i>
		<i>Serratula bulgarica</i>
Brassicaceae		
		<i>Aurinaria uechtritziana</i>
		<i>(Lepidotrichum uechtritzianum)</i>
		<i>Matthiola odoratissima</i>
Campanulaceae		
		<i>Campanula lanata</i>
		<i>Campanula latifolia</i>
		<i>Jasione bulgarica</i>
Caryophyllaceae		
		<i>Dianthus nardiformis</i>
!		<i>Dianthus urumoffii</i>
		<i>Gypsophylla tekirae</i>
		<i>Silene velcevii</i>
Crassulaceae		
		<i>Sedum kostovi</i>
Cyperaceae		
		<i>Carex ferruginea</i>
		<i>Carex limosa</i>
		<i>Cladium mariscus</i>
!	*	<i>Eleocharis carniolica</i>
		<i>Kobresia myosuroides (Elyna bellardii)</i>
Droseraceae		

! *	Aldrovanda vesiculosa		Fritillaria sribnyi		
	Ericaceae	!	Lilium jankae		Ranunculaceae
	Rhododendron ponticum	!	Lilium rhodopaeum		Adonis vologensis
!	Vaccinium arctostaphylos		Tulipa splendens		Anemone narcissiflora
	Fabaceae		Tulipa thracica (T. hageri)		Ranunculus fontanus
!	Astracantha aitosensis		Menyanthaceae		Rosaceae
	Astracantha thracica (Astragalus thracicus)		Menyanthes trifoliata	!	Alchemilla mollis
!	Astragalus alopecurus (A. centralpinus)		Nymphoides peltata		Potentilla emili-popii
!	Astragalus physocalix		Nymphaeaceae		Potentilla palustris
	Chamaecytisus kovacevii		Nuphar lutea		Saxifragaceae
	Hippocrepis unisiliquosa	! *	Nymphaea alba		Saxifraga aizoides
	Fagaceae		Orchidaceae		Saxifraga androsacea
	Quercus coccifera		Cypripedium calceolus		Saxifraga marginata
	Quercus hartwissiana		Dactylorhiza incarnata		Saxifraga mollis
	Hydrocharitaceae		Dactylorhiza kalopissii		Scrophulariaceae
	Stratiotes aloides		Goodyera repens		Lindernia procumbens
	Iridaceae	! *	Hammarbia paludosa	!	Verbascum dieckianum
	Crocus olivieri		Herminium monorchis		Verbascum purpureum
	Crocus tommasianus		Liparis loeselii	!	Veronica euxina
	Lamiaceae	!	Serapias vomeracea	!	Veronica turrilliana
	Nepeta ucrainica		Paeoniaceae		Trapaceae
	Salvia pinnata		Paeonia tenuifolia		Trapa natans
	Salvia scabiosifolia		Plumbaginaceae	!	Valerianaceae
	Lentibulariaceae		Goniolimon tataricum		Centranthus kellererii
	Utricularia ausrtalis(U. neglecta)		Limonium asterotrichum		Violaceae
	Liliaceae		Limonium bulgaricum		Viola delphinantha
!	Colchicum davidovii		Poaceae	! *	BRYOPHYTA
	Fritillaria drenovskii		Bromus moesiacus	!	Buxbaumia viridis
	Fritillaria gussichiae		Elymus picnanthus (Agropyron litorale)	!	Dicranum viride
	Fritillaria orientalis	!	Polygonaceae	!	Drepanocladus vernicosus
			Rheum rhaponticum	!	Mannia triandra

The symbol "(I)" 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 daubentonii		
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 (I)		
Mustelidae		
Lutra lutra (I)		
Martes martes		
Mustela nivalis		
Vormela evermanni		
Vormela peregusna		
Felidae		
Felis lynx (I)		
PINNIPEDIA		
Monachus monachus (I)		
CETACEA		
	Delphinus delphis (I)	
	Phocoena phocoena (I)	
	Tursiops truncatus (I)	
	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 (I)	
	Egretta alba	
	Egretta garzetta (I)	
	Ixobrychus minutus	
	Nycticorax nycticorax	
	Ciconiidae	
	Ciconia ciconia	
	Ciconia nigra (I)	
	Threskiornithidae	
	Platalea leucorodia (I)	
	Plegadis falcinellus	
	Phoenicopteridae	
	Phoenicopus ruber (I)	
	ANSERIFORMES	
	Anatidae	
	Anas falcata	
	Anas strepera	
	Anser erythropus	
	Anser fabalis	
	Anser anser	
	Anser caerulescens	
	Aythya nyroca (I)	
	Aythya ferina	
	Aythya marila	
	Branta ruficollis (I)	
	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 (I)	
	Somateria mollissima	
	Tadorna ferruginea	
	Tadorna tadorna	
	FALCONIFORMES	
	Pandionidae	
	Pandion haliaetus (I)	
	Accipitridae	
	Accipiter brevipes (I)	
	Accipiter gentilis (I)	
	Accipiter nisus (I)	
	Aegypius monachus (I)	
	Aquila chrysaetos (I)	
	Aquila clanga (I)	
	Aquila heliaca	
	Aquila pomarina (I)	
	Aquila rapax	
	Buteo buteo (I)	
	Buteo lagopus (I)	
	Buteo rufinus (I)	
	Circus gallicus (I)	
	Circus aeruginosus (I)	
	Circus cyaneus (I)	
	Circus macrourus (I)	
	Circus pygargus (I)	
	Elanus caeruleus (I)	
	Gypaetus barbatus (I)	
	Gyps fulvus (I)	
	Haliaeetus albicilla (I)	
	Hieraaetus fasciatus (I)	
	Hieraaetus pennatus (I)	
	Milvus migrans (I)	
	Milvus milvus (I)	
	Neophron percnopterus (I)	
	Pernis apivorus (I)	
	Falconidae	
	Falco biarmicus (I)	
	Falco cherrug (I)	
	Falco columbarius (I)	
	Falco eleonora (I)	
	Falco naumanni (I)	
	Falco peregrinus (I)	
	Falco subbuteo (I)	
	Falco tinnunculus (I)	
	Falco vespertinus (I)	
	GALLIFORMES	
	Phasianidae	
	Bonasa bonasa	
	GRUIFORMES	
	Gruidae	
	Anthropoides virgo	
	Grus grus (I)	
	Rallidae	
	Crex crex	
	Gallinula chloropus	
	Porzana porzana	
	Porzana parva	

Porzana pusilla
Rallus aquaticus

Otididae

Otis tarda (I)
Tetrax tetrax (I)

CHARADRIIFORMES

Burhinidae

Burhinus oedicnemus

Charadriidae

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

Haematopididae

Haematopus ostralegus

Scolopaciidae

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 (I)
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 pratincta
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

Syrnhaptus paradoxus

Columbidae

Columba livia livia (I)
Columba oenas

CUCULIFORMES

Cuculidae

Clamator glandarius
Cuculus canorus

STIGIFORMES

Tytonidae

Tyto alba (I)

Strigidae

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

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 brachyactyla
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-borissii
 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 gracilentata
 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 velenovskii
 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 uechtriziana (Lepidotrichum uechtrizianum)
 Brassica nivalis ssp. jordanoffii
 Capsella thracica
 Cardamine parviflora
 Cardamine penzesii
 Conringia planisliqua
 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 serbicus
 Jasione bulgarica
 Trachelium rumelianum (T. jacquini)
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 velcevii
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 triquetus

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 aitosensis
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 kozuharovii
Oxytropis urumovii

Tetragonolobus maritimus
Trifolium ligusticum
Trifolium phleoides
Trifolium rubens
Trifolium squamosum
Trifolium squarrosum
Trigonella spicata
Vicia abbreviata
Vicia amphicarpa
Vicia truncatula

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 linaresii ssp. *graeca*

Juncaceae
Juncus ranarius
Luzula deflexa

Juncaginaceae
Triglochin maritima

Lamiaceae
Micromeria frivaldszkyana
Micromeria juliana
Nepeta parviflora
Nepeta ucrainica
Salvia forskahlei
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 perinicus

Lentibulariaceae
Utricularia australis(*U. neglecta*)
Utricularia minor

Liliaceae
Allium jubatum
Allium montanum
Allium stajanovii
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 (L)
 Listera cordata
 Ophrys apifera
 Ophrys argolica (L)
 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 parilicus
 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 thyrsiflora
 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 asteroantha
 Alchemilla bandericensis
 Alchemilla jumrukczalica
 Alchemilla mollis
 Alchemilla pirinica
 Amygdalus webbii
 Crataegus stevenii
 Eriolobus trilobata
 Geum bulgaricum
 Geum rhodopaeum
 Mespilus germanica
 Potentilla chrysantha
 Potentilla emili-poppii
 Potentilla fruticosa
 Potentilla montenegrina
 Potentilla nicicii
 Potentilla palustris
 Pyracantha coccinea
 Pyrus bulgarica
 Rubus hercinicus
 Rubus macrophyllus
 Rubus thyrsiflorus
 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 jankaeum
 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 turilliana
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 "(I)" 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 (I)	AMPHIBIA	Aspidiaceae
Canis lupus (I)	ANURA	Dryopteris sp. div.
Felidae	Ranidae	Polystichum sp. div.
Felis silvestris (I)	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	Smyrnum perfoliatum
AVES	Acipenser gueldenstaedti	Asteraceae
ANSERIFORMES	Acipenser nudiventris	Echinops sp. div.*
Anatidae	Acipenser ruthenus	Helichrysum arenarium
Anas platyrhynchos	Acipenser stellatus	Caryophyllaceae
Anas querquedula (I)	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 maotica	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 (I)	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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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	
7./8..		9.		10.		11.		12a.	
A	12. Country of origin*	Permit No.	Date	12a. Country of last re-export	Certificate No.	Date	12b. No. of transaction** or date of acquisition***		
B	12. Country of origin*	Permit No.	Date	12a. Country of last re-export	Certificate No.	Date	12b. No. of transaction** or date of acquisition***		
C	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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* 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
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 Place of export Date Signature Official seal and position

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