

## **4.5. Potential Impact on Biodiversity**

### **4.5.1. Information about Biotope Conditions**

The Cernavoda NPP site is a built area. There are some arranged green areas inside, with small vegetation.

Outside the NPP site, at a larger scale, the following types of terrestrial ecosystems (Ref. 4.5-1) have been identified:

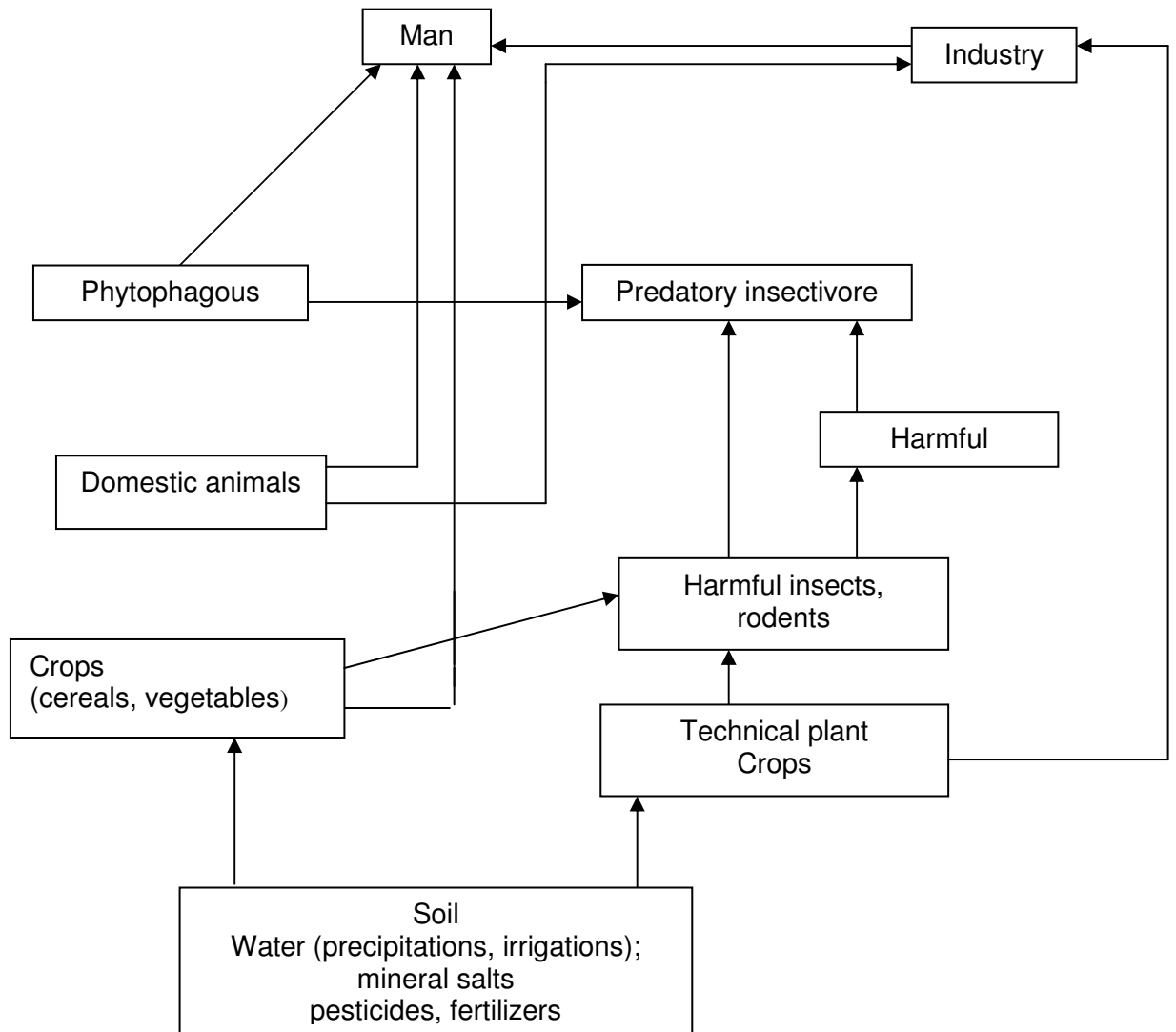
- Agro-ecosystems, represented by agricultural crops, field areas with fodder plants and technical plants, vegetable gardens and animal farms. Relationships among species within this type of ecosystems are presented in Fig. 4.5.1-1.
- Natural terrestrial ecosystems, represented by forests, riverside thickets, water meadows, depleted unproductive land or salted land. The relationships among component species are presented in Fig.4.5.1-2.

There are also aquatic ecosystems, as shown in chapter 4.1, where they were presented in detail.

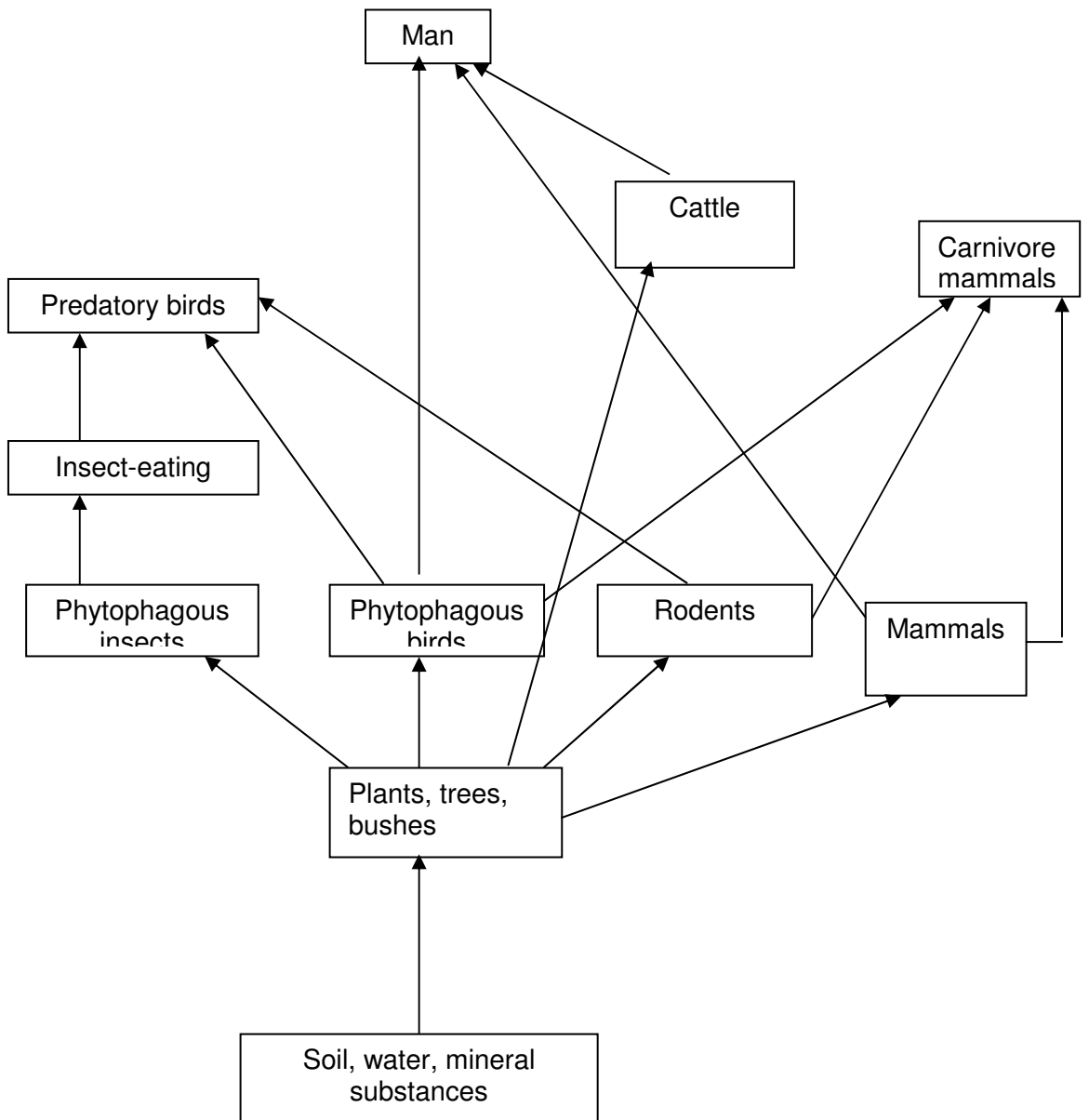
Species in ecosystems can be grouped according to general trophic levels:

- Primary producers, including all the types of cultivated or natural vegetation.
- Order I consumers, which include: phytophagous insects, rodents, birds feeding with seeds and other vegetation, as well as herbivorous mammals.
- Order II consumers, which include: carnivorous insects, mammals which eat up insects, carnivorous mammals, man.
- Bacteria which decompose the excess of organic matter, as part of the cycle within the ecosystem.

There are not any protected areas in the Cernavoda NPP site. Protected areas in the region are presented at the end of Chapter 4.5.3.



**Figure 4.5.1-1.** Trophic structure of an agro-ecosystem



**Figure 4.5.1-2.** Trophic structure of terrestrial ecosystems

#### **4.5.2. Flora**

Within the Cernavoda NPP site, there is vegetation on the arranged green areas.

At a larger scale, outside the Cernavoda NPP site, there are agricultural crops (dominant), depleted meadows, vineyards and orchards, all of them spotted by isolated small patches of forest made up of acacia trees and poplar trees.

In the area neighboring the site to West-North-West, towards Cernavoda Town, the land is mainly covered by depleted vegetation.

The flora species are various, and they are presented here for geographical sectors (Ref.4.5-2, 4.5-3).

For the north and north-north-east sectors, the greatest community is represented by the acacia trees located on a plateau and Canadian poplar tree located on valleys. On extended surfaces beyond the forest, there are agricultural crops mixed with unproductive land covered by depleted vegetation. The main species of spontaneous flora are: *Bromus sterilis*, *Bromus squarrosus* and *Aegilops cylindrica* accompanied here and there by species such as *Asparagus officinalis*, *Ballota nigra*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Chenopodium album*, *Cirsium vulgare*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Canabis ruderalis*, *Convolvulus sp*, *Centaurea diffusa*, *Amaranthus albus*, *Papaver rhoeas*, *Linum austriacum*, *Hordeum murinum*.

In the north east sector, eastwards from the outskirts of the forest, there is a depleted meadow in which the dominant species is *Botriochloa ischaemum*, along with some other random species such as: *Stipa capillata*, *Artemisia scoparia*, *Centaurea kanitziana*, *Linum austriacum*, *Cichorium intybus*, *Daucus setulosus*, *Brassica elongata*, *Salvia nemorosa*, *Euphorbia sequierana*. The northern boundary of the sector is an agricultural land covered by crops.

The NE, E, ESE and SE sectors stretch on an area with cultivated land and small vineyards. The areas of natural meadows are generally small and include the same species, such as *Botriochloa ischaemum*.

The SE sector includes natural vegetation on the abrupt slopes such as *Festuca Vallesiaca* and some other ligneous species (e.g. *Morus alba*, *Acer tataricum*, *Ulmus*) and herbaceous species (e.g. *Kochia prostrata*, *Allium tauricum*, *Stipa capillata*, *Poa bulboza*, *Euphorbia sequierana*, *Achillea coarcatata*, *Solanum dulcamara*).

The S, SSW, SW, W, WNW sectors include a part of the Danube- Black Sea Canal, and comprise mainly land covered by vineyards, up to Cochirleni Village. Close to the Danube, in the western sector, there is an extended surface covered by Canadian poplar (*Populus canadensis*) and few acacia trees spreading on terraces. Among the herbaceous species, there are: *Dactylis glomerata*, *Mentha* sp., *Poa annua*, *Urtica dioica*, *Rorippa sylvestris*.

On the direction of NW and NNW sectors, there is the Town of Cernavoda, and, partially close to the Site, there is also a forest mainly consisting of acacia trees (*Robinia pseudacacia*) and *Crataegus monogyna*, *Prunus mahaleb*, *Pyrus* sp., *Ulmus* sp., *Quercus cerris*, *Acer* sp. The herbaceous layer is rich in spontaneous flora, the *Lolium perenne* being the dominant one.

The flora and fauna structure was analyzed (Ref. 4.5-1) more detailed for terrestrial representative ecosystems (areas with an ecological stability, and less influenced by man intervention): Platonesti forest, Cernavoda forest, Mircea Voda forest, Allah-Bair hill and Alimanu (Vlahi) forest.

The **Platonesti forest**, located in the NW and NNW side of studied area, upon the lalomita terrace, was planted 50 years ago in order to fix the sand dunes. The dominant species is locust tree (*Robinia pseudacacia*), beside flowering ash (*Fraxinus ornus*), Tartarian maple (*Acer tataricum*), hedgethorn (*Crataegus* sp.), privet bushes (*Ligustrum vulgare*), Turkey cherry (*Prunus mahaleb*), *Cornus sanguinea*.

The herbal forest is poor like species number as well as individual number. In spring and autumn there is a carpet, consisting of short vegetation period species as: *Poa annua*, *Bromus sterilis*, *Hordeum murinum* and *Bromus squarrosus*. Most of these species are adapted to dry climate of Baragan.

In the lowest places, between the dunes, there are, less frequently, the following species: *Chondrilla juncea*, *Erysimum diffusum*, *Geranium pusillum*, *Cynodon*

dactylon, *Chenopodium album*, *Potentilla argentea*, *Poa compressa*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Urtica dioica* and *Galium humifusum*.

On the dunes, the vegetation is poor, consisting of rare individuals of: *Euphorbia seguierana*, *Artemisia austriaca*, *Centaurea arenaria*, *Bromus squarrosus*, *Crepis tectorum*, *Veronica triphyllos*, *Gypsophila paniculata*, *Petrorhagia prolifera* and *Buglossoides arvensis sibthorpiana*.

In the places where there were sheepfold, some wild herbs species are growing: *Urtica dioica*, *Carduus nutans*, *Chenopodium album*, *Atriplex patula*, *Ballota nigra*, *Cannabis ruderalis*, *Polygonum aviculare*, *Onopordum acanthium*, *Sysimbrium orientale*, *Cardaria draba*, *Conium maculatum* .

In the forest eastern side grows an endemic species, in extermination danger because of grazing *Ornithogalum orthophyllum* Ten. Subsp. *Psammophilum* Zahar.

The **Allah-Bair hill**, located in the N, NE of studied area, consists of Mesozoic limestone. A steppe meadow developed here, with a special flora. The west side was intensively afforested, and the east side is under cereal crops.

Because of intense afforestation, the Allah Bair hill is enclosed by a barbed wire, in order to stop the grazing. This is the reason why we can find here very rare species: *Hedysarum grandiflorum*, *Sedum caespitosum*, *Ornithogalum oreoides*, *Astragalus austriacus*, *A. corniculatus*, *Tenacetum millefolium*, etc.

The xerophyte (steppe) vegetation, upon the afforested area, is seen like a stripe from the hill feet to the accidental areas. The stony and abrupt places, the detritus, form another vegetation steppe stripe, less dense.

The steppe vegetation is framed in the *Bombycilaeno-Botriochloetum ischaemi* association. The association matter consists of *Dichanthium ischaemum* (*Botriochloa ischaemum*), a dryness and grazing resistant plant. It has a strong rhizome, so it can regenerate following intense grazing and long dryness. The species that there are in this association are: *Bombycilaela erecta*, *Campanula sibirica*, *Erysimum crepidifolium*, *Anthyllis vulneraria*, *Daucus guttatus setulosus*, *Buglossoides arvensis sibthorpiana*, *Poa bulbosa*, *Muscari racemosum*, *Taraxacum serotinum*, *Thlaspi perfoliatum*, *Cichorium intybus*, *Jurinea mollis*, *Thalictrum minus*, *Senecio vernalis*,

*Haplophyllum suaveolens*, *Centaurea kanitziana*, *Inula ensifolia*, *Scorzonera austriaca*, *Teucrium polium*, *Salvia nutans*, *Androsace maxima*, *Poa angustifolia*, *Echinops ruthenicus* and *Inula oculus-christi*.

The detritus steppe vegetation is framed in the Pimpinello Thymion zygoidi association, with unique vegetale combinations. The species tacking part of this association there are: *Thymus zygoides*, *Pimpinella tragiolum lithophila*, *Koeleria brevis*, *Dianthus nardiformis*, *Scutellaria orientalis*, *Hedysarum grandiflorum*, *Ornithogalum oreoides*, *grandiflorum*, *Gagea callieri*, *Dianthus pseudarmeria*, *G. taurica*, *Euphorbia nicacensis*, *Scorzonera mollis*, *Allium saxatile*, *Paronychia cephalotes*, *Campanula romanica*, *Ranunculus illyricus*, *Tanacetum millefolium*, *R. oxispermus*, *Alyssum saxatile*, *Achillea coarctata*, *Iberis sempervirens*, *A. leptophylla*, *Galium humirusum*, *Alyssum linifolium*, *Hornungia petraea*, *Carex humilis*, *Brassica elongata*, *C. liparocarpos*, *Acinos arvensis*, *Thlaspi perfoliatum*, *Hyacinthella leucophaea*, *Arabis recta*, *Veronica prostrata*, *Iris pumila*, *Adonis vernalis*, *Ganiolimon desserranum*, *Alyssum hirsutum*, *Minuartia bilykiana*, *Melica ciliata*, *Convolvulus cantabrica*, *C. lineatus* and *Euphorbia nicaeensis*. These species are adapted for dryness, having special organs for resistance: bulbs, rhizomes, thicker roots, and tubers).

On the hill feet, in the Boascic flood plain, the herbal vegetation consists of : *Lolium perenne*, *Poa angustifolia*, *Vicia angustifolia*, *Buglossoides glandulosa*, *Plantago lanceolata*, *Erophila verna*, *Poa bulbosa*. In water and on the border develop: *Potamogeton crispus*, *Zannichellia palustris*, *Catabrosa aquatica*, *Glyceria fluitans*.

The bushes from the west and northern side can be framed in the Orno-Continentalia association. The component species are: *Crataegus monogyna*, *Prunus spinosa*, *Fraxinus ornus*, *Carpinus orientalis*, *Acer tataricum*, *Viburnum lantana*, *A. campestre*, *Cornus mas*, *Rosa pimpinellifolia*, *Pyrus Pyraeaster*, *R. gallica* *Prunus malaheb*, *Poa compressa*, *Lingustrum vulgare*, *Asparagus verticillatus*, *Crataegus curvisepala*, *Potentilla erecta*, *Clematis vitalba*, *Poa bulbosa*, *Thlaspi perfoliatum*, *Solanum dulcamara*, *Valeriana officinalis*, *Cotoneaster niger* and *Vinca herbacea*. These bushes were cleared, and terraces were carried out and different wood species were planted in their place.

The planted forest from Allah Bair consists of many wood essences. Some of them have protecting role: *Rosa* sp., *Fraxinus ornus*, *Cornus mas.*, *Cornus sanguinea*, *Crataegus* sp., the main essence being *Pinus silvestris*.

The wild herbs that are frequent in the area, there are: *Linaria genistifolia*, *Origanum vulgare*, *Salvia nutans*, *Rapistrum perenne*, *Poa compressa*, *Xeranthemum annuum*, *Tanacetum corymbosum*, *Lamium amplexicaule*, *Dactylis glomerata*, *Camelina rumelica*, *Euphorbia nicaeensis*, *Consolida orientalis*, *Ceratocarpus arenarius*, *Bilberdykia convolvulus*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Galium tricornis*, *C. cantabrica*, *Glaucium*, *C. corniculatum*, *Chondrilla juncea*, *Buglossoides*, *Chondrilla arvensis*, *C. sibthorpii*, *Sisymbrium orientale*, *Vicia peregrina*, *Adonis flammea*, *Ajuga chamaepestis*, *Amaranthus albus*, *Heliotropium europaeum* and *Caucalis daucoides*. From these species, some of them grow in a high number of individuals (e.g. *Brassica elongata*, *Sisymbrium orientale* etc.), resulting on compact layers.

Because of biological stability break, some of species there are strongly infected by fungus. *Brassica elongata* is infected with *Albugo candida* and *Peronospora parasitica*, *Rapistrum perenne* is infected with *Peronospora parasitica*, *Adonis flammea* is infected with *Puccinia recondita*, *Albugo candida* and *Amaranthus albus* are infected with *Albugo amaranthi*, and *Convolvulus arvensis* is infected with *Erysiphe convolvuli*. Some fungus can result on plant deformations and the stopping of flowering and fruiting processes.

In the wheat crop from the east side of the hill there are only few wild herbs: *Adonis vernalis*, *Angallis arvensis*, *Flammea*, *Ajuga chamaepestis*, *Agrostemma githago*, *Roseda lutea*, *Anchusa* sp., *Rapistrum perenne*, *Polygonum aviculare*, *Nigella arvensis*, *Papaver rhoeas*, *Nonea atra*, *Camelina rumelica*, *Sideritis montana*, *Sisymbrium altissimum*, *Carduus hemulosus*, *Centaurea cyanus*, *Chondrilla juncea*, *Chenopodium album*, *Caucalis lappula opulifolium*, *Bilberdykia convolus*, *Falcaria vulgaris*, *Sinapis arvensis* and *Stachys annua*.

The most frequent are *Centaurea cyanus* and *Bilberdykia convolus*. In the corn crop there are *Chondrilla Juncea*, *Euphorbia esula tomassiniana*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Eragrostis minor*, *Heliotropium europaeum*, *Lathyrus tuberosus*, *Sorghum halepense*, *Setaria viridis*, *Tribulus terrestris* and *Xanthium italicum*.



Along the roads there are some species as : *Xeranthemum annuum*, *Xanthium spinosum* si *italicum*, *Lolium perenne*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Agropyron cristatum pectinatum*, *Gallium humifusum*, *Sclerochloa dura*, *Hordeum murinum*, *Conium maculatum*, *Carduus acanthoides thommeri* and *Artemisia austriaca*.

The **Cernavoda forest**, located in the eastern side of Cernavoda city, in the central part of the studied area, consists mainly of *Robinia pseudacacia*, and also *Ailanthus althissima*, *Prunus mahaleb*, *P. spinosa*, *Ulmus sp.*, *Maclura pomifera* and *Acer tataricum negundo*.

The herbal plants form a discontinuous cover, consisting of: *Bromus sterilis*, *Torilis arvensis*, *Geranium pusillum*, *Onopordum achantium*, *Sisymbrium orientale*, *Carduus nutans*, *Achillea setacea*, *Ballota nigra*, *Marrubium peregrinum*, *Geum urbanum* and *Bromus hordeaceus*.

In the south of Cernavoda - Constanta railway there is a vineyard plantation. This is located on the Carasu valley coast. The bottom of this valley is not cultivated and it is used as an access valley. Between the vineyard plantation and access ways there are the following wild herb species: *Nonea atra*, *Chondrilla juncea*, *Portulaca oleracea*, *Reseda lutea*, *Tribulus terrestris*, *Poligonum aviculare*, *Sorghum halepense*, *Torilis arvensis*, *Sisymbrium orientale*, *Solanum nigrum*, *Setaria viridis*, *Solanum dulcamara*, *Salsola ruthenica*, *Solanum verticinata*, *Xanthium italicum*, *Senecio vernalis*, *Crepis foetida rhoeadifolia*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Xanthium spinosum*, *Bromus squarrosus*, *Amaranthus albus blitoides*, *B. tectorum*, *Eragrostis pumila*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Euphorbia esula tomassiniana*, *Digitaria sanguinalis*, *Lamium amplexicaule*, *Helioytopium europaeum*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Lepidium perfoliatum*, *Chenopodium album*, *Lactuca serriola*, *Chenopodium opulifolium*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Euclidium siriacum*, *Eurodium cicutarium*, *Conium maculatum*, *Chorispora tenella*, *Achillea coarctata*, *Ballota nigra* and *Carthamus lanatus*. The most frequent species are *Xanthium italicum*, *Sorghum halepense* and *Cynodon dactylon*.

The most of these species (80 %) are annual, bi-annual and hibernating species. The *Xanthium* species have a great dissemination power, because of their fruits that have a special structure (hooks).

The **Mircea Voda forest** is located in the E, ESE sector, on the left of Carasu Valley. The dominant species are *Robinia pseudacacia*, *Fraxinus* and *Populus canadensis*.

The herbal cover is weak and the flora is ruderal, with the following species: *Urtica dioica*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Marrubium vulgare*, *Chenopodium album*, *Taraxacum officinale*, *Stellaria media*, *Cirsium vulgare*, *Anthriscus trichosperma*, *Potentilla reptans*, *Clematis vitalba*, *Sinapsis arvensis* and *Galium humifusum*.

In the sunny areas is found *Agropyron cristatum* subsp. *Pestinatium*, beside other xerophyle species: *Achillea coarctata*, *Bupleurum apiculatum*, *Astragalus cornutus*, *Erysimum diffusum*, *Daucus guttatus zahariadi*, *Achillea setacea*, *Teucrium polium*, *Euphorbia seguierana* and *Tenacetum millefolium*.

The **Vlahii forest** (Forest from Alimanu) –Stirghina forest is located in the S, SW sector. Stirghina forest is located on the northern board of Vederoada Lake. The superior level is represented by *Quercus pubescens*, and the inferior one, shorter is represented by *Carpinus orientalis*. The less frequent species are *Fraxinus ornus*, *Pyrus pyrastrer* and *Acer campestre*.

The bush level consists of *Cotinus coggygria*, *Cornus mas* and *Crataegus monogryna*.

The herbal layer is poor developed because the strong shadow resulted on by the higher layers. In spring, the dominant species are *Paeonia peregrina* and *Galanthus elvesi*. In summer, the following tremophyle species develop: *Carex hallerana*, *Piptatherum virescens*, *Carex michelli*, *Mercurialis ovata*, *Acinos rotundifolius*, *Vicia narbonensis*, *Alcea hirsuta*, *Alyssum murale*, *Asparagus verticillatus*, *Lychnis coronaria*, *Buglossoides purpureo-caeruleum*, *Poa augustifolia*, *Arum orientale*, *Vinca herbacea*, *Ajuga laxmannii* and *Iris sintenisii*.

This kind of forest is found on the abrupt and easy coast. From the coast feet to the Vederoasa lake, on a thin stripe the dominant species *Quercus pedunculiforma* is found

The higher tree level consists of *Quercus pedunculiforma*, elm tree, tile and ash tree.

The lower level consists of *Acer tataricum*, *Acer campestre* and *Pyrus pyraster*.

The bush layer consists of: *Cornus mas*, *C. sanguinea*, *Crataegus monogyna*, *Ligustrum vulgare*, *Euonymus verrucosus*. Se întalnesc de asemenea, liane: *Hedera helix* and *Clematis vitalba*.

The herbal layer is well developed and consists of: *Alliaria petiolata*, *Mirrhoides nodosa*, *Vincetoxicum hirundinaria*, *Erysimum cuspidatum*, *Hesperis sylvestris velenovskyi*, *Geum urbanum*, *Lapsana communis*, *Polygonatum latifolium*, *Urtica dioica*, *Calepina irregularis*, *Carduus nutans*, *Anthriscus cerefolium*, *Sedum maximum*, *Ranunculus ficaria*, *Brachypodium sylvaticum*, *Ballota nigra* and *Buglossoides purpureo-caeruleum*

In the area are found the following southern and mediteranean origin species: *Centaurea napulifera*, *Crupina vulgaris*, *Ranunculus illyricus*, *Teucrium polium capitalum*, *Acinos rotundifolius*, *Trigonella gladiata*, *Muscari racemosum*, *Coronilla scorpioides*, *Vicia seratifolia*, *Alyssum hirsutum*, *Camelina rumelica*, *Lapulla patula*, *Crocus reticulatus*, *Lathyrus sphaericus*, *Orlaya grandiflora*, *L. cicera*, *Rumex tuberosus*, *Echinopus ruthenicus*, *Milium vernale*, *Koeleria nitidula* and *Inula oculus-christi*.

#### **4.5.3. Terrestrial Fauna**

In the Cernavoda NPP site, fauna is less present.

At a larger scale, the terrestrial fauna existing in the zone around Cernavoda NPP have not very well defined spreading limits (Ref. 4.5-1).

Among the existent species, there are various phytophagous insects which are feeding with all the types of cultivated or spontaneous vegetation.

There are various amphibiens, and also various bird species. About 24 communities consisting of 200 species of birds have been observed over the zone.

The most spread mammals in the area are the rodents whose living environment is related to agricultural crops and forest vegetation.

The most representative species are the following:

#### Insects Class

- Homoptera Order - parasiting the wheat crops;
- Heteroptera Order - 90 % of the bugs that parasite wheat crops;
- Coleoptera Order - parasite on cereal crops, wine cultures, potatoes, leafy trees;

#### Amphibia Class (Batrachians)

- Bombina bombina
- Rana ridibunda
- Pelobates fuscus
- Bufo viridis
- Hyla arborea

#### Reptile Class

- Tesduo graeca iberica
- Lacerta agilis
- Erix jaculus
- Natrix natrix

#### Mammals Class

- Erinaceus europaeus
- Crocidura russula
- Talpa europaea
- Rhinolophus sp
- Lepus europaeus
- Capreolus capraeolus
- Microtus arvalis
- Rattus norvegicus
- Mus musculus

#### Aves Class

- Phasianus colchicus
- Perdix perdix
- Coturnix coturnix
- Columba sp
- Streptopelis turtur
- Anas anser

The situation of the wild fauna and flora is regulated by the Urgency Ordinance 236/2000, approved by Law 462/2001, with latter completions and modifications Law 345/2006 and others).

The structure of terrestrial fauna in the sectors is presented as follows:

**NW, W sectors**

The fields for living are: meadows, xerophyle forest, agricultural fields, flood plain vegetation and riverside coppice. Here live the following vertebrate species Nyctereutes procynoides ussuriensis Matschie, Lutra lutra, Emys orbicularis, Natrrix tesselata), divers, herons, swans, storks, bald coot, wild ducks and geese, woodcocks, corncrakes, fishing eagle and Ondatra zibethica.

The invertebrates dominant species are:

- Gasteropode:       Jaminia microtragus  
                          Hellicela candicans
- Acarians:           Pachylaelaps tesselatus  
                          Schelaribates laevigatus  
                          Epricrius stellatus  
                          Epricrius menzeli  
                          Oppia sp.  
                          Pergalumna nervosus  
                          Chamobates cuspidatus  
                          Hypohtonuis rufulus  
                          Cunona sp.
- Araneide:           Gnaphosidae sp.  
                          Oxyptila sp.  
                          Sitticus sp.
- Julide:              Chromatoiulus uniliniatus
- Colembole:         Isotoma notabilis  
                          Xenyllodes bayeri

Sminthurinus sp.

Xenylla humicola

### ***N, NE sectors***

The fields for living are meadows and xerophyte forests and agricultural fields.

The following species are found: Testudo graeca iberica Pall, Vipera ammodytes montandoni Boulenger and Mustella eversmani Les.

In the forest, the fauna is heterogenous, consisting of steppe and forest species. The following species are found: ground squirrel, steppe polecat, rabbit, roebuck, badger, squirrel, wild boar, fox, mufflon, pheasant ( colonized), owl, cartal,( protected), lizard etc. Ondatra zibethica and Nyctereutes procynoides ussuriensis Matschie are also found. Beside the forest species, the fauna consists of elements adapted to agricultural systems: rabbit, steppe polecat ( hunting species), steppe mouse ( pest species).The typical birds are: partridge, quail, bustard.

Herpetofauna consists of sub-mediterranean elements as : tortoise of Dobrudja, river snake, earth frog, and endemic species : grivan of Dobrudja, striped green lizard.

The dominant invertebrates species are:

- Acarians:           Nothrus palustris  
                          Oppia sp.  
                          Oribela cavatica  
                          Phthiracarus sp.  
                          Pergalumna nervosus  
                          Belba sp.  
                          Gustavia microcephala  
                          Uropodida

- Pseudoscorpions: Chthonius motasi  
                          Neobisium sp.

- Julide:               Chromatoiulus uniliniatus

- Colembole: Isotoma notabilis  
Folsomia quadricelata  
Orchisella sp.  
Xenylla humicola

**Center of the studied zone**

The vertebrates are the same as in the N, NE sectors

The dominant invertebrates species are:

- Acarians: Oppia sp.  
Phthiracarus sp.  
Pergalumna nervosus  
Oribella cavatica  
Gustavia microcephala  
Uropochidae  
Scheloribatis laevigatus  
Trombidiidae  
Achipteria nitens  
Epicrius menzeli  
Zercon gurensis  
Cunaxa sp.  
Scutacaridae
  
- Colembole: Isotoma notabilis  
Onychiurus armatus  
Schoethella unguiculata
  
- Coleoptere: Chlorophorus varius  
C. sartor
  
- Lepidoptere: Anthocaris cardaminis  
Pieris napi  
Pieris rapae  
Colias croceus  
Inachis io  
Vanessa cardui

Melitaea didyma  
Melitaea phoeba  
Melitaea trivia  
Melitaea athalia  
Bolaria euphrosyne  
Bolaria dia  
Argynnis lathonia  
Argynnis niobe  
Argynnis adippe  
Argynnis charlotta  
Argynnis paphia

- Oligochete: Fridericia bulboasa  
Fridericia bisetosa

- Gasteropode: Jaminia microstragus  
Bulgarica cana  
Helicella striata  
Truncatillina cylindrica  
Vallonia pulchella  
Helicella candicans  
Corychium minimum

- Opilione: Lacinius horridus

- Aranee: Zelotes latreillei  
Philodromus histrio  
Dolomedes finibriatus  
Argiope bruennichi  
Linyphia clathrata  
Lepthyphantes flavipes  
Oxyptila sp.  
Thomisidae



## ***E, ESE Sectors***

The vertebrates are the same as in the N, NE sectors.

The dominant invertebrates species are:

- Acarians:           Oppia sp.  
                          Pergamasus theseus  
                          Pergamasus crassipes  
                          Pergamasus alstoni  
                          Nelacarus septentrionalis  
                          Oribella cavatica  
                          Uropochidae  
                          Scheloribatis laevigatus  
                          Belba sp.  
                          Hypochothonius rufulus
  
- Colembole:        Isotoma notabilis  
                          Isotoma viridis  
                          Onychiurus subcancelatus  
                          Xenilla humicola  
                          Onychiurus armatus  
                          Lepidocyrtus lignorum  
                          Lepidocyrtus cyaneus  
                          Lepidocyrtus sp.  
                          Tomocerus vulgaris  
                          Pseudosinella imparipunctalis  
                          Pseudosinella sp.
  
- Isopode:           Trochelipus rathkii  
                          Armadillidium vulgare
  
- Coleoptere:        Staphylynida
  
- Lepidoptere:      Anthocaris cardaminis  
                          Pieris napi  
                          Pieris rapae

- Colias hyale
- Pontia daplidice
  
- Oligochete: Fridericia ratzeli  
Fridericia leydigi  
Dendrobacna sp.
  
- Gasteropode: Jaminia microstragus  
Manacha cartusiana
  
- Aranee: Lepthyphantes flavipes  
Oxyptila praticola
  
- Chilopode: Lithobius crassipes
  
- Pseudoscorpioni: Chthonuis romanicus

### **S, SW sectors**

The vertebrates are the same as in the N, NE sectors. Here is found the areal limit for the pheasant.

The dominant non-vertebrates species are:

- Acarians: Oppia sp.  
Ceratozetis furcatus  
Oribella cavatica
  
- Colembole: Tullbergia craussbauri
  
- Coleoptere: Chlorophorus varius  
C. sartor
  
- Julide: Chromatoiulus trans-sylvanicus
  
- Lepidoptere: Anthocaris cardaminis  
Pieris napi  
Pieris rapae  
Colias hyale

*Colias croceus*

*Inachis io*

*Vanessa cardui*

*Melitaea didyma*

*Melitaea phoeba*

*Melitaea trivia*

*Melitaea atalanta*

*Bolaria dia*

*Argynnis lathonia*

*Argynnis adippe*

*Argynnis charlotta*

*Argynnis paphia*

- Gasteropode: *Jaminia microstragus*

*Bulgarica cana*

*Vallonia pulchella*

*Helesi lucorum*

*Clausillidae*

*Cochlodina laminata*

*Cepacea rindobonensis*

*Manacha carphatica*

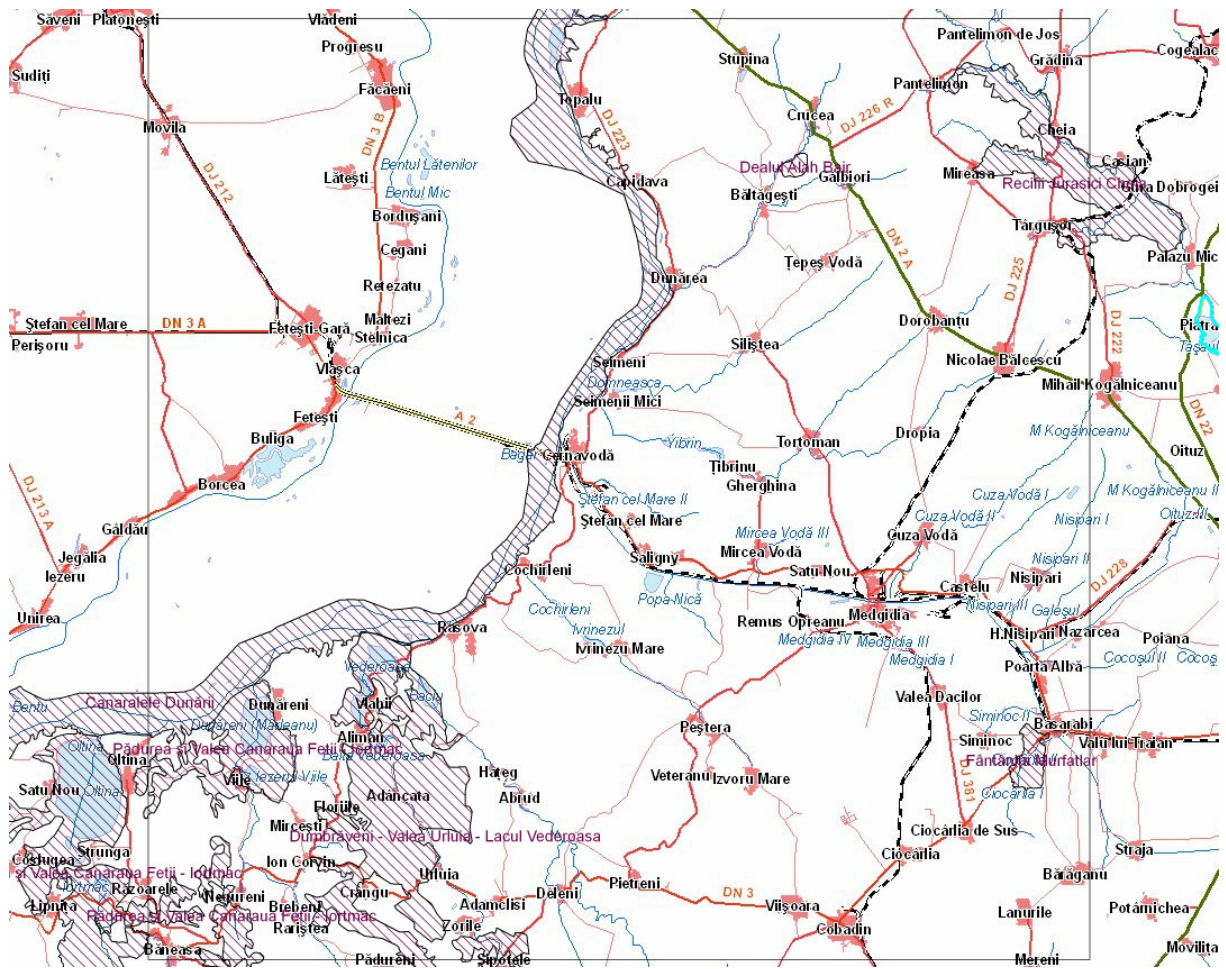
- Aranee: *Oxyptila* sp.

*Araneus* sp.

*Harpactia rubicunda*

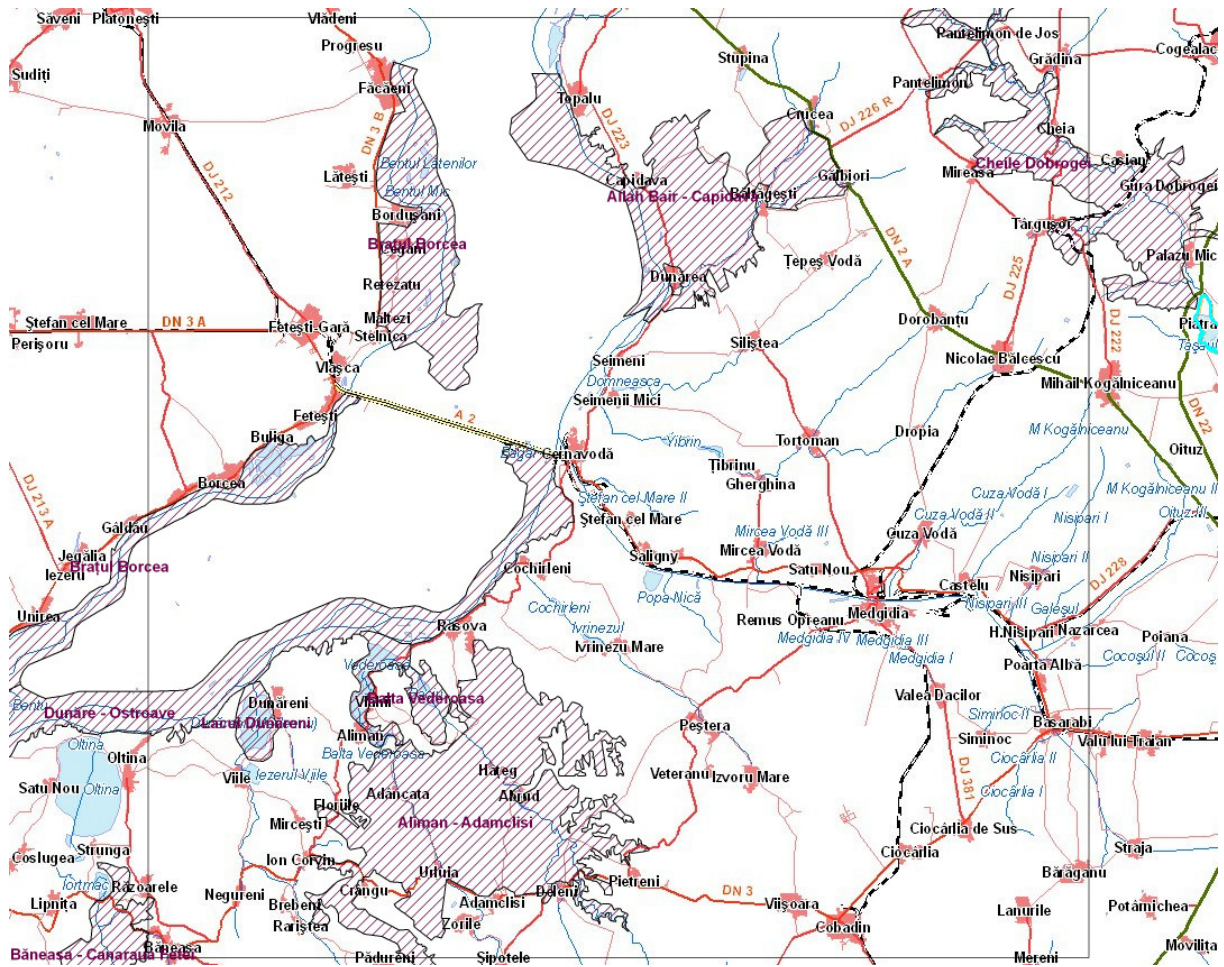
As mentioned in section 4.5.1, there are not natural habitats within the Cernavoda NPP site, and this built area cannot be taken into account as regards biodiversity.

The Cernavoda NPP site is not near protected areas. At longer distances, to about 30 km, there are SCI areas (Fig. 4.5.3-1), SPA areas (Fig. 4.5.3-2) and reserves (Fig. 4.5.3-3).



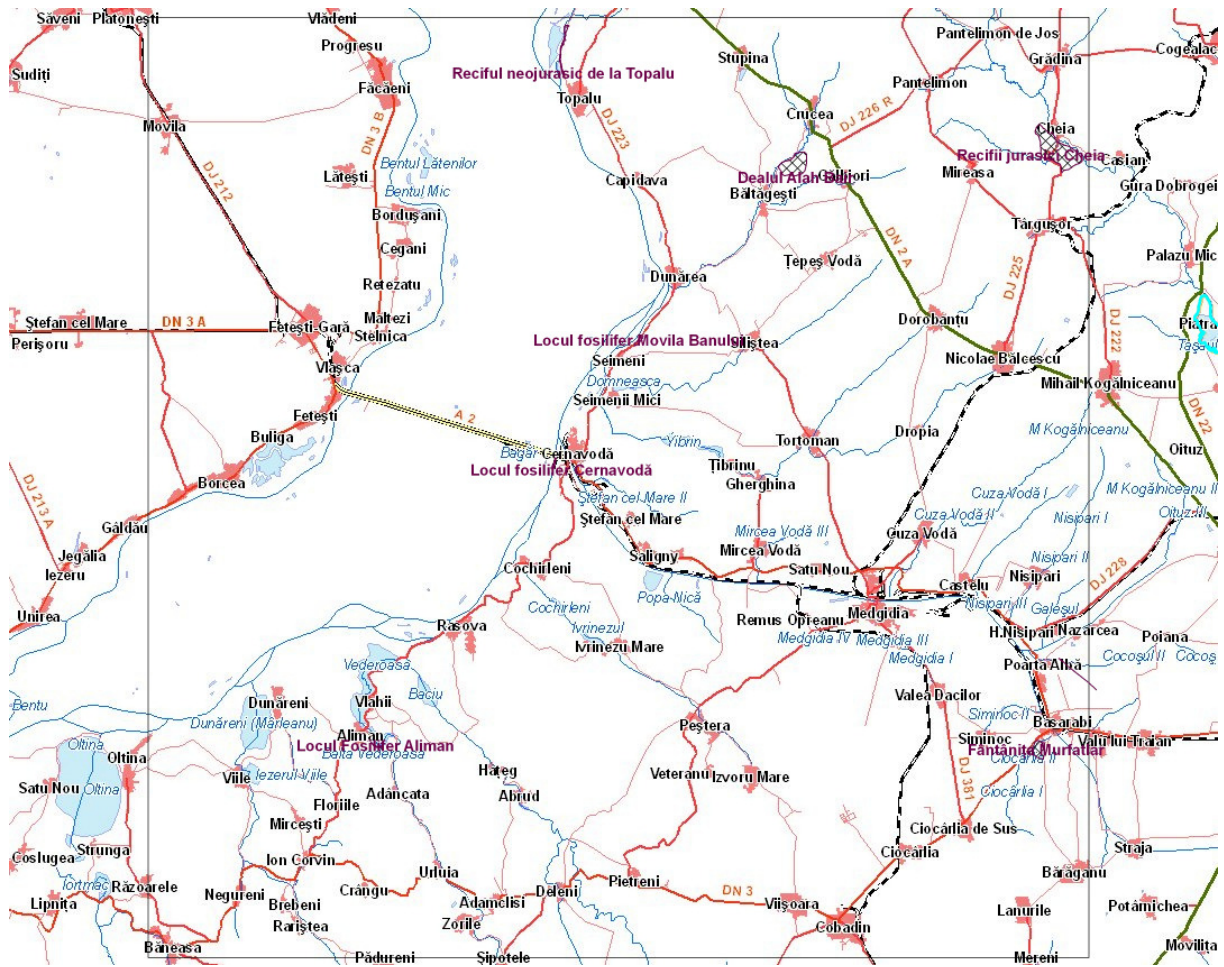
Site name	Code
Canaralele Dunarii	ROSCI0022
Fantanita Murfatlar	ROSCI0083
Dumbraveni - Valea Urluia - Lacul Vederoasa	ROSCI0071
Dealul Alah Bair	ROSCI0053
Recifii Jurasici Cheia	ROSCI0215
Padurea si Valea Canaraua Fetii - Iortmac	ROSCI0172

Figure 4.5.3-1. SCI areas



Name	Code
Dunare - Ostroave	ROSPA0039
Aliman - Adamclisi	ROSPA0001
Allah Bair - Capidava	ROSPA0002
Brațul Borcea	ROSPA0012
Baneasa - Canaraua Fetei	ROSPA0008
Lacul Dunăreni	ROSPA0054
Balta Vederoasa	ROSPA0007
Cheile Dobrogei	ROSPA0019

Figure 4.5.3-2. SPA areas



Name	Area (ha)	Code
Dealul Alah Bair	187.25	367
Locul fosilifer Cernavoda	3.57	354
Reciful neojurasic de la Topalu	20.73	352
Locul Fosilifer Aliman	4.09	351
Recifii jurasici Cheia	387.95	362
Fantanita Murfatlar	82.74	364
Locul fosilifer Movila Banului	11.30	355
Valul lui Traian	1.56	359

Figure 4.5.3-3. Reserves

#### **4.5.4. Impact on Flora and Fauna During the Units 3 and 4 Construction Period**

The Cernavoda NPP site was prepared more than 20 years ago for five NPP units. Even at that time the necessary activities did not have an impact on flora or fauna, because the former site use (before 1985) was for extraction of limestone from a quarry.

The Units 3 and 4 will be completed on the NPP Site, on an already built area, near Unit 1, Unit 2 and the other buildings and constructions necessary for the activities on the Cernavoda NPP platform. Therefore, there will not be an impact on vegetation and fauna in this perimeter.

The construction activities to be carried out will not reduce furthermore the plant and animal species diversity, because there are no habitat losses or changes.

The site does not include any critical or productive habitat, and the finishing works and activities will not have an impact on the terrestrial flora and fauna.

At the finishing moment, landscape and green spaces arranging measures will be taken.

#### **4.5.5. Impact on Flora and Fauna During the Units 3 and 4 Operation**

During the Unit 1 operation (in the period 1996 - 2006), it was not observed any impact on flora or fauna in this area.

Therefore, it is assessed that the Units 3 and 4 operation will not have an impact on fauna and flora in the Cernavoda NPP site.

At a larger scale around the Cernavoda NPP site, a potential impact on fauna or flora could be related to air or water releases.

Because the administrative and design measures lead to the limitation of non-radioactive releases in air to insignificant quantities, it results that their impact on terrestrial vegetation and fauna will not be significant.

Because the Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 effluent effect on the Danube water temperature at the water intakes of the irrigation systems is low, the use of the warmer water for irrigation, from the river stretch downstream Cernavoda (Seimeni system), will have a practically insignificant impact, or no impact farther downstream.

The impact of this warmer water (along a relatively small distance) on terrestrial fauna near the river is also insignificant.

The crop irrigation with warmer water from the DBSC race 2 favors the crop development. However, the long water transport distances in the irrigation systems networks reduce the thermal factor influence, and water temperature along the irrigation canals is more influenced by the local conditions, soil temperature, solar radiation and other factors.



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