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**UKRAINE: PRESUMED THREAT TO EMERALD SITE
ZATOKY (UA0000214) FROM WINDFARM
DEVELOPMENTS**

- REPORT BY THE COMPLAINANT -

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the Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group (UNCG)*

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Explanation of the perceived threat to the Emerald Site "Zatoky" (UA0000214) from the building a wind power plant (Ukraine)

There is a project of building a wind power plant (75 wind turbines with total power of 300 megawatts) very close to the Emerald network area of Ukraine – “Zatoky” (number UA0000214), which is situated on the Karkinitska and Dzharylgatska bays of Black sea in Herson region of Ukraine (see attached map). The procedure of Environmental Impact Assessment on this project is lately over.

The Report on EIA of this project are based on poor data from field ornithological research (only several days of observations were conducted, in winter – only 1 day (!)).

The Report on EIA of this project has received numerous comments from the public, among them from several environmental NGOs (and UNCG also), the main from them was proposition to move location of wind turbines away from the Black sea coast and its bays, because the Planned Activity are placed at the intersection of two transboundary migration routes of many birds species and near their wintering places (many of these bird species are listed in Resolution 6 of Berne Convention) and the territory of Planned Activity are the nesting place of 30% of Ukrainian population of *Glareola pratincola* – rare bird species, listed in Resolution 6 of Berne Convention and in Red book of Ukraine. The territory of planned activity are partially placed in IBA territory and Ramsar site (see attached map) and it is situated in place, actively used by numerous of birds during seasonal migration, wintering and nesting.

Violating Ukrainian Law "On Environmental Impact Assessment" by not taking into account these comments, the Department of Ecology of Herson Regional State Administration, on 11.02.2019 gave a conclusion which recognizes the Planned Activity as permissible. EIA number of this case in national register of EIA is 20181021829 <http://eia.menr.gov.ua/places/view/1829>

After the complaint to the Convention, we do not observe any actions taken by Ukraine to prevent the threats to the relevant Emerald sites.

Kind regards,
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General view of the territory of the Planned Activity and closer view below

