

35th Standing Committee Meeting

Strasbourg, 1-4 December 2015



4.6.2. European Diploma for Protected Areas

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- Meeting of the Expert group (13. 3. 2015)
- 50th Anniversary Celebrations:
 - Council of Europe (13. 3. 2015)
 - Pisa meeting (21. – 22. 5. 2015)
 - IUCN Little Sydney (28. – 31. 5. 2015)
 - Tulcea meeting (RO) – (1. – 2. 9. 2015)
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- Documents:
 - T-PVS/DE (2015) 9 – Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists on European Diploma for Protected Areas
 - T-PVS/DE (2015) 13 - Progress report on the Fulfilment of the Resolution of the Committee of Ministers (2012)19 on the European Diploma to the Poloniny National Park
 - T-PVS/DE (2015) 14 – Report of the visit of the Independent Expert to Poloniny National Park
 - T-PVS/DE (2015) 11 – Adopted resolutions concerning the European Diploma for Protected Areas in 2015



European „Oscar“ for protected areas

- criteria:
 - exceptional European importance
 - managed in an exemplary way
- regularly reviewed:
 - annual reports examined by the Group of Specialists
 - renewal process (5/10 years)
 - system of conditions and recommendations
 - possibility to withdraw the EDPA
- intergovernmental framework:
 - Standing Committee of the Bern Convention
 - Committee of the Ministers of the Council of Europe



Group of Specialists



CONCLUSION 3

- SATISFACTORY MANAGEMENT
- **BUT, NECESSITY :**
 - TO IMPROVE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE EXISTING REGULATION
 - TO ADDRESS BETTER THE MATTER OF GRAZING AND TO FINALIZE A GRAZING MASTER PLAN ASAP
 - TO UPGRADE THE STATE OF KNOWLEDGE AND STRENGTHEN MONITORING OF WHAT DOES CONSTITUTE THE EUROPEAN INTEREST OF THE NOMINATED SITE
 - TO SECURE THE BUDGET

CONSULTANTS EXPERTS



SLOVENIA



ESTONIA



TURKEY



NETHERLANDS



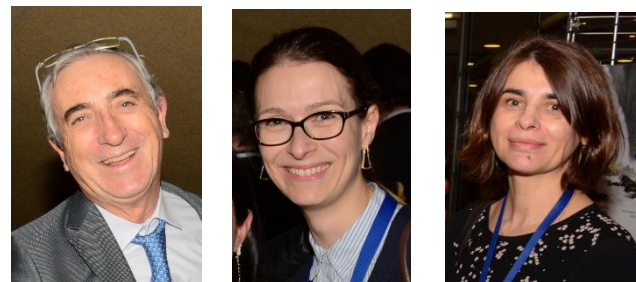
PORTUGAL



UKRAINE



REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE DIPLOMA HOLDING
AREAS



SECRETERIAT

APPLICATION OF THE AWARD

VASHLOVANI
PROTECTED AREA
(GEORGIA)



Resolution: Appendix III

RENEWAL OF THE AWARD

De Weerribben Nature
Reserve (Netherlands) – for
5 years
– draft Res. (Appendix III)

ON-THE-SPOT APPRAISAL

Podyi (CZ) and Thayatal
(AT) National Park
Bayerische Wald NP (DE)
(draft Res.: Appendix IV)

EXPECTED APPLICATIONS IN 2016

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PROPOSAL FOR WITHDRAWAL

Poloniny National Park (SK)
(Appendix V)

ON-THE-SPOT APPRAISAL
Białowieża National Park
(Poland)

ANNUAL REPORTS

2013: 65,2 %

2014: 81,9 %

ISSUES: Identified problems

WARNING: Possible issues

ASSETS: Positive developments

PARTICULAR ATTENTION

- Lüneburg Heath Nature Reserve (Germany),
- Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park (Italy),
- Białowieża National Park (Poland),
- Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic),
- Scandola Nature Reserve (France),
- Naardermeer Nature Reserve (Netherlands)
- Central Balkan National Park (Bulgaria)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- use of EDPA logo
- to prepare some guidance on Wind Farms and landscape



Photo: Joseph Alexander Smith



Poloniny National Park



„Decides to withdraw the European Diploma for Protected Areas awarded to the Poloniny National Park, before the end of the period of validity.“

- Renewal 2008: conditions:
 - Management Plan of the park (2010!) – April 2016?
 - Blueprint for MP for forestry and hunting
- 7 % of the area strictly protected
- EG 2013: „strongly advises that, if the necessary measures are not taken within the period allocated, the Standing Committee recommends the withdrawal of the European Diploma before the end of its period of validity.“



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Brochure "European
 Diploma for Protected
 Areas"



Posters and video of the 50th Anniversary of the European Diploma
 for Protected Areas





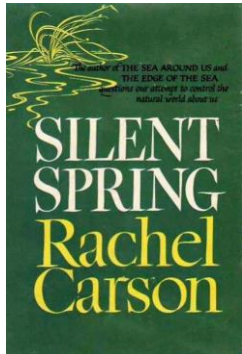
50 years of the EDPA

Workshop “Protected Areas in Europe:
the next 50 years”

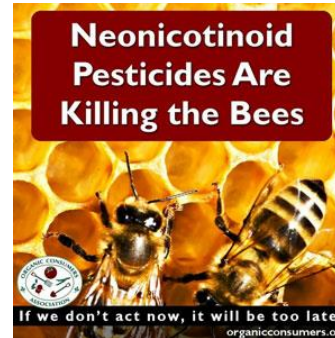
Regional Park of Migliarino, San Rossore
and Massaciuccoli, Italy, 21-22 May 2015



50 years of the EDPA



1965



2015



„Old things in new formats“



MONEY, Money, Money, Money.



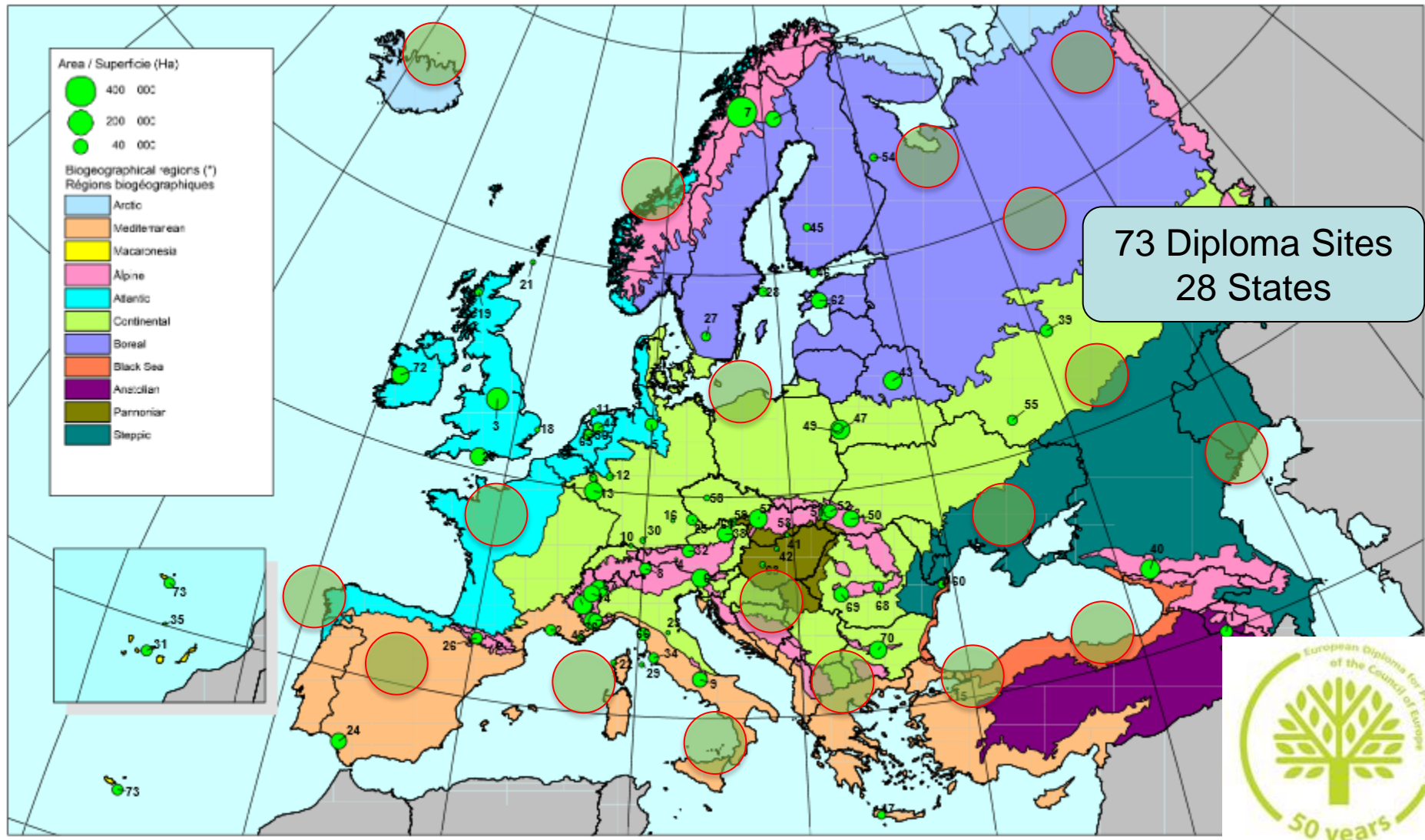
Message from Pisa



- Innovative approach in dealing with 'iron repertoire' (CC, IAS, fragmentation...)
- Aspiration to bring across the message of importance being part of nature (sustainable use)
- Work with local communities (fairness, recognise wisdom and skills)
- Emphasise importance of naturalness
- Seek for innovative vision
- Communication (be invasive!)



Networking nature and people



common **vision**
common **mission**
common **message**



GOVERNMENTS

LOCAL COMMUNITIES

VISITORS

Tulcea Meeting (RO)



Danube Delta Reserve





FRANCESCO

Laudato si'

sulla cura
della casa comune

