

Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1 on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 February 2008 at the 1018th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)¹



Appendix 5: Model plan for annual reports

Annual report for the year 2020 (1 Dec 2019- 30 Nov 2020)

Annual reports should describe the changes that have taken place since the previous year in dynamic terms of management and function and not be limited to basic data. Any new text or map introducing a change in the situation of the area should be attached to the annual report.

State: Sweden

Name of the area: Store Mosse National Park

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas:

Last renewal 2018, 2 years ago.

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¹ As amended by Resolution CM/ResDip(2014)2 on 2 July 2014 at the 1204th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies. Internet : http://www.coe.int/cm

1. Conditions: List here <u>all</u> conditions which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain <u>either</u> how the conditions have been totally complied with <u>or</u> detail the progress in complying with the conditions. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

N/A

2. **Recommendations:** List here <u>all</u> recommendations which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain <u>either</u> how the recommendations have been totally complied with <u>or</u> detail the progress in complying with the recommendations. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

1. reduce the dependency upon volunteers for monitoring and regular maintenance work;

This year's good funding of Swedish nature conservation has made it possible to use contractors both in projects and the everyday management of the National Park. Volunteers have contributed in some projects, but their ability to participate has been limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The prognosis for funding of nature conservation in Sweden is continuously positive, and to make good use of this the plan is to increase staff to a certain extent next year.

2. continue encouraging more scientific research in the park and ensure that all results are centralised in a database maintained by the park or, as appropriate, a relevant scientific institution;

The National Park continues to be of big interest to scientists. A workshop together with scientists who run different projects in the national park was planned to take place this spring. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was cancelled, but we are hoping to follow through with this event in the near future.

3. secure the long-term management and restoration of the Kävsjön and Häradsösjön Lakes for increased birdlife;

The restoration project has moved forward this year through physical conservation measures in the Kävsjön lake area. Overgrown vegetation has been addressed by milling at the marshy meadows, and clearing of the lake outflow has been done as a part of the work to enable water flux regulation.

4. set up a comprehensive but simple monitoring system for the park, to be attached to the management plan; monitor carefully the effectiveness and impact of the lake management and restoration, as well as of the LIFE mire restoration project;

No specific actions have been taken, other than the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency's national monitoring program that runs according to plan.

5. implement the new national system for information materials, signs and trail marking and, in particular, give appropriate visibility to and communicate more actively on the European Diploma for Protected Areas.

The project of implementing the new national system has ended. Knowledge has been passed on from the project leader to the National Park management, whom now have full responsibility to keep working with information and signs in the National Park according with the national system. There is information about the European Diploma on our website, but the content could be developed to become even more informative.

3. Site Management: List here any changes to the European Diploma holding site management, in relation to both terrestrial and aquatic environments (as appropriate), and in relation to staff and finances, since the last annual report was submitted to the Council of Europe. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

After a financially turbulent year 2019, the currently beneficial funding has made it possible to maintain and move forward with a high level of management in the National Park. We have been able to focus on habitat restoration, mainly in the Kävsjö lake area. Also, effort and resources have been put into facilities for outdoor life to meet the increased visitor interest for nature and conservation, that followed with the Covid-19 pandemic. The number of visitors has increased by 30%, even though many foreign visitors could not come. The part time ranger who were hired last autumn at 50%, has been increased to a 75% employment. This has enriched the National Park management in all aspects.

4. **Boundaries:** Give details of any changes to the boundaries of the European Diploma holding site since the last annual report was submitted to the Council of Europe. If there are any changes, please attach an appropriate map to this report. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

No changes have been made. We are continuously working on maintenance of National Park boundaries.

All land within the park boundaries are state owned, as it should be according to Swedish law.

5. Other information: List here any other information about the European Diploma holding site which you consider should be provided to the Council of Europe.

There is no other information to pass on to the Council of Europe at this point. If any further questions occur, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The following sections of the form should only be filled in if your area is in the year before a renewal of its Euroean Diploma for Protected Areas, i.e. <u>year 4</u> after the award of the European Diploma or <u>year 9</u> after its renewal.

6. Natural heritage (general abiotic description: geomorphology, geology and hydrogeology, habitats, flora, fauna, landscape) – State of conservation

- 6.1. Environment: changes or deterioration in the environment, of natural or anthropic origin, accidental or permanent, actual or anticipated
- 6.2. Flora and vegetation: changes in the plant population and in the vegetational cover; presumed causes
- 6.3. Fauna: changes in the sedentary or migratory populations; congregating, egg-laying and breeding grounds

7. Cultural heritage and socio-economic context

- 7.1. Cultural heritage
- 7.1.1. Changes concerning cultural heritage
- 7.2. Socio-economic context
- 7.2.1. Changes concerning the socio-economic context

8. Education and scientific interest

- 8.1. Visitors Information policy
- 8.1.1. Arrangements for receiving and informing the public (building, booklets, maps, cards, etc.)
- 8.1.2. Frequentation by visitors and behavior (number, distribution in time and space)
- 8.1.3. Special visits (distinguished persons, groups, etc.)
- 8.2. Scientific research
- 8.2.1. Current or completed research (observation, experimentation, etc.; identification or inventory of the species listed in the appendices to the Bern Convention, etc.)
- 8.2.2. Scientific publications

9. Site description (vulnerability, protection status, ownership, documentation)

- 9.1. Changes in legislation or regulations
- 9.2. Changes in ownership title (conversion to public property, rentals, etc.)
- 9.3. Extension or transfer, new uses (for example, conversion into total reserve)

10. Site management (management plans, budget and personnel)

- 10.1. Improvements made
- 10.1.1. Ecological action affecting the flora and biotopes; controls of fauna
- 10.1.2. Protection against the elements (fire, water regime)
- 10.1.3. Approaches and thoroughfares (paths, roads, car parks, signposting, fencing, etc.)
- 10.1.4. Field equipment (hides and study facilities)
- 10.1.5. Waste management
- 10.1.6. Use of renewable energy systems
- 10.2. Management
- 10.2.1. Administrative department: changes made
- 10.2.2. Wardens' department: changes made
- 10.2.3. Internal policing measures
- 10.2.4. Infringement of regulations and damage; legal action

11. Influence of the award of the Euroean Diploma for Protected Areas