

**Resolution CM/ResDip(2018)3
on the renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas to the natural reserve of Bullero and
Langviksskar (Sweden)**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 4 July 2018
at the 1321th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)¹*

Appendix 5: Model plan for annual reports

Annual report for the year 2024

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: Bullerö and Långviksskär nature reserves

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

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

1. prepare and adopt by 2020 a new management plan for the Bullerö and Långviksskär Nature Reserves, including a simple but comprehensive monitoring system including birds, fish, environmental parameters and visitors;

The government's decision to establish the national park is expected by April 2025 at the latest.

Proposals for a management plan and regulations have been drawn up and submitted for consultation during early summer - early autumn 2024. Management plan and regulations will be decided by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency after the governments decision to establish the national park.

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

1. pursue the efforts to establish a national park including both reserves as well as surrounding islands and waters;

All land acquisition negotiations have been completed. The state now also owns the land included in Långviksskär's nature reserve (via the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency).

The final demarcation of the proposed national park has been established and includes Bullerö nature reserve, Långviksskär nature reserve and approximately 17 000 hectares additional marine area. Comments received on the proposal for a national park have been taken into account and handled. The proposal to establish the Nämndöskärgården National Park was submitted to the government on 6 September 2024. The government's decision to establish the national park is expected by April 2025 at the latest. Inauguration of the national park is planned for early autumn 2025.

Dialogue with local residents and other stakeholders has continued. A test of "actor collaboration" for potential future collaboration partners, has been carried out with good results. About 20 stakeholders participated.

The planning for visitor reception has moved into an implementation phase - preparation of hiking trails and additional devices, new exhibition in Bruno Liljefors' former hunting lodge, production of information signs, etc. are in progress.

2. continue to monitor the activities which are potential sources of disturbances, and enforce the regulations regarding in particular the access to closed areas and make the monitoring results easily accessible to managers and visitors;

As previous years, the bird sanctuaries have been supervised by authority personnel. As a result of investigations and evaluation of present needs, suggestions of new regulations and bird sanctuaries are under progress. Besides regulations, visitors to the National Park will be channeled to areas that are not too sensitive. For example, Bullerö will be developed as a primary entrance to the Park. Bullerö is already a very popular destination and well suited to handle a larger number of visitors.

3. continue providing support to farming activities on the islands, following the objectives of landscape and biodiversity conservation;

The unique environment on Bullerö, with its characteristic archipelagic natural grazing areas and wooded pastures have been grazed by groups of cows and sheep. Plans for 2025 is to once more increase the number of grazing animals to keep the grasslands open. Also the island of Rågsö have been grazed with animals from a local farmer. The meadows on Bullerö and Långviksskär have been mowed in order to favor flora and fauna biodiversity. The produced hay has been transported and delivered to local farmers on a nearby island. Management of natural grasslands and livestock is especially hard and costly in the Swedish archipelago. This due to the islands isolated geography. But it will still be a prioritized management action in the future in our management team. During the year, restoration efforts of overgrown grasslands been made on Bullerö to promote grassland biodiversity.

4. continue the campaign to control the population of minks:

During the spring 2024, 10 hunters with 16 specially trained dogs, hunted and shot 20 minks in the area. Also 7 minks were killed in traps during the year.

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.

To reduce the risk of nutrient leakage into the Baltic Sea, a mini-treatment plant has been installed on Bullerö during the year. The sewage treatment plant also enables dry toilets (with latrine composting) to be replaced with water toilets (WC). Construction of a small service house with three toilets and a shower is under construction (to be completed by the turn of the year 2024/2025).

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

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.

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

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