

**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)<sup>1</sup>*

**Appendix 5: Model plan for annual reports**

**Annual report for the year 2023**

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: Germany

Name of the area: Berchtesgaden National Park

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas:  
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<sup>1</sup> 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. accelerate the finalisation of the management plan currently in preparation and attach a scientific research programme to it. The Council of Europe shall be informed upon completion and approval of the document, which should be effective no later than eighteen months after the renewal of the diploma;

***The new national park plan, approved by the ministry, was officially presented to the public during the 51st meeting of the National Park Advisory Board on 23.03.2023. It is available online at <https://www.nationalpark-berchtesgaden.bayern.de/natur/nationalpark/verordnungen/index.htm>.***

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. include in the management plan currently in preparation specific provisions dedicated to climate change and how to address this issue in relation to the long-term conservation of threatened or rare species;

**No change**

2. abstain from any extension of forest and mountain roads and consider dismantling some of these roads, and abstain from installing additional infrastructure in the park, including wastewater pipes. If no alternative solution exists, infrastructure should be developed on the existing forest roads;

**No change**

3. continue negotiating with landowners and tenants for the replacement of forest grazing by light grazing;

***In 2023 the last Farmer in the Klausbach Valley demanded for replacement of forest grazing ground. This replacement was finalized in late November 2023.***

4. search, together with the competent authorities, for alternative locations for the police training centre, and at least abstain from further expansions of it, and continue negotiations with the army to reduce the impact of the army training ground to a minimum;

**No change**

5. conduct a scientific study on the red deer population and game regulation, including the plausibility of winter enclosures to gain enough data for future management;

**No change**

6. conduct a study on invasive alien species and develop a strategy on how to react to the arrival of these species;

**No change**

7. ensure that the park administration keeps remains responsible for hunting at regional level;

**No change**

8. secure an adequate budget and staffing for the park administration to enable effective and efficient management;

***The funding is the responsibility of the Bavarian State Ministry for the Environment and Consumer Protection. The national park's budget is sufficient and secure. In addition, specific projects are financed by the ministry." The number of employees has remained the same since 2021. Temporary positions are to be converted into permanent positions in the coming years. The management of the park is effective and efficient.***

9. limit the spotlights of the Jenner cable car to reduce light pollution and consider the construction of a path that is accessible for people with disabilities and a viewpoint next to the mountain station of the Jenner cable car;

**No change**

10. pursue consequently the conversion of spruce forests into mixed forests, using natural processes and disturbances, for example bark beetle and wind fall areas as foreseen in the new conceptual framework, without enlargement of the bark beetle control zone;

**No change**

11. make more extensive use of the European Diploma logo in all information material and brochures, and explain the relevance of the diploma wherever appropriate, first of all in the visitors' centre and on the website.

**No change**

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.

**No change**

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 change**

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.

**None**

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**