

**Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1
on the revised regulations for the Euroean 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

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: Italy

Name of the area: Parco Regionale della Maremma

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the Euroean Diploma for Protected Areas: 8 years from renewal, in 2011.

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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.

To give importance to the points of view of the Scientific Council:

At the moment the Scientific Council works constantly to balance the necessity to protect the biodiversity and the landscape of the area, and the necessity of a balanced socio-economic development.

It attends in every situation where the Park has to take action about the management of specific areas (forest management, wild fauna management, research plans, and actions against the coastal erosion). In all these cases it's always possible to work together with full harmony, with the Scientific Council.

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. Develop, in collaboration with the local authorities concerned, an approach to the management of the Ombrone by river basin, pursuant to the EU Water Framework Directive, with a view to attaining good ecological status for the watercourse within the meaning of that directive: we are working to verify the ecological condition of the Ombrone river final flow and the surrounding habitat; we are going on with the monitoring about overall the geological type. The project about the contract of the Ombrone river, with all the local authorities, at the moment has been stopped. The leader of this project is Consorzio di Bonifica Toscana Sud and we hope it's going to restart soon.

2. Finalise, within a maximum of two years, the extension of the Park to include the marine environment under conditions to be decided in agreement with local players.

No change from last year.

3. Designate the Trappola (Ombrona Delta) as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention on Wetland.

No change from last year. Already included.

4. Considerably increase human resources in the Park responsible for field inspections and ensure a level of funding consistent with the increasing needs of optimum management of the diploma-holding area:

No change about the level of funding.

The number of visitors from the 1st January to the 31 October 2020 is about 39.700, despite that the itineraries were closed since 10 March to 20 June, because the lockdown induced by Covid 19 problem.

5. Step up technical support for local enterprises involved in developing integrated agro-environmental activities and promoting local products and services.

- CETS: European Charter for Sustainable Tourism. The Park is certified CETS.

- We constantly organise meetings with the local enterprises (BB, agritourism, restaurants, rent apartments etc.) to update them about the Park events, CETS, Park trademark, news and other. Because of the Covid all the meetings were held on platform online.

- Park trademark about quality: at the moment 31 companies are registered.

6. Develop action to promote the protection and enhancement of the Park's anthropological heritage.

No change.

7. Prepare a plan for the management of the wolf population.

There are 2 reproductive groups: we are monitoring them and genetically examine them.

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.

The rules to combat Covid 19 have not allowed us to organize many initiatives this year. The use by visitors was prevented since 10 March to 20 June due to the lockdown.

In this period of closure to visitors we have organized many activities on social networks.

The Talamone Aquarium and Visitor Center have been closed since March and cannot yet be open to the public use.

Nevertheless, during the period in which it was possible to open up to fruition again, many activities were organized. The result has been a great success about the number of visitors.

1. We have organised several guided trekking, canoe and mountain bike tours in the Park area during the tourist season.
2. We participated from 19 to 23 August 2020 to the "Festambiente", the environmental Festival of Legambiente, inside a stand dedicated to parks; we have organized didactic laboratories for children on the protection of sea turtles.
3. The Park is inside the Tuscany net cetacean mammals and sea turtles observatory.
4. By an Interreg Project Italy France Maritime (ecoSTRIM) we have renovated the observatory to the Talamone Aquarium and Visitor Center. We have organised 4 training days for stakeholders and we're organising other 4 meetings during the first months of new year.
5. The Park has the authorization of the Ministry of the Environment for the recovery of sea turtles and for the monitoring of nesting and manages the Talamone sea turtle Rescue Center. We have a drone to monitor the nesting areas. This year we have taken care and released a turtle into the sea.
6. Park guides have organised some didactic laboratories in Marina di Alberese, during July and August.
7. The Park has organised a volunteers group to have a help to monitor the beach in Marina di Alberese about the presence of Charadrius alexandrines and Caretta caretta nests. This year we have also organized a social campaign to protect Charadrius alexandrines.
8. We go on with the thematic Photograph Competition on line, named "Le stagioni nel Parco".
9. Every year, in October, we organise the "Festa del Parco". All walk itineraries are free for resident people.
10. 500 new trees have been planted along the cycle path, thanks to the contribution of AzzeroCo2 and Unicoop Tirreno
11. An event was held to raise awareness of the essences present in the Park.

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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