

**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 2021

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:

Name of the area: **Oka National Biosphere Reserve**

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas: 21st November 2019, the Committee of Ministers **renewed the European Diploma for Protected Areas to Oka National Biosphere Reserve until 5 September 2029**, through Resolution [CM/ResDip\(2019\)11](#).

Central authority concerned:

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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.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. any regionalisation or privatisation measures must not affect the reserve's current protected status; 2. Reserve has fulfilled and continues to fulfill the main function of reserves - the preservation of natural complexes in their natural dynamics. This is a classic wildlife reserve with a self-reproducing herd of large ungulates and large predators - wolves, lynxes, etc. 3. the reserve has an extensive cooperation zone and is the center of environmental education throughout the country |
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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 draft and adopt in the next three years a management plan for the long-term conservation of the area. This management plan should include strategic aims, goals and targets, an estimated budget and a time frame for its full implementation, as well as a monitoring mechanism for the assessment of the implemented management measures. Adequate resources, both financial and human, need to be deployed;

Response: a management plan for the long-term management of the territory has been developed and continues to be supplemented as funds become available

2 secure sufficient resources to ensure the proper conduct of scientific research;

Response: whenever possible, equipment is purchased for the proper conduct of scientific research: camera traps, binoculars, cameras. The monitoring program remains in the same sufficient volume.

3 ensure the conservation of the habitats of the desman population;

- i. extend the reserve south-eastwards in the Lopata zone up to the Pra River in order to include typical water meadow habitats that are not yet represented in the reserve, a number of oxbow lakes and a portion of the Oka River bank;

Response: Legislatively, it is very difficult to expand the boundaries of the reserve. Negotiations between the reserve administration and landowners are underway

- ii. integrate in the biosphere reserve core area the prime desman habitats, currently located nearby but outside the diploma-holding area. Explore the feasibility of the transfer of the hay meadows located on the left bank of the Pra River, to the south of grid squares 169 to 171 in the central forest section to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve, as State properties;

Response: negotiations are underway with the owners of hay meadows

- iii. intensify efforts to regenerate the habitats of the desman in the Oka plain;

Response: the action to regenerate the habitats of the desman continues.

4. allocate adequate resources to raising the awareness of the general public and strengthening links with local communities, while making full use of the reserve's assets and the large amount of available scientific data; make suitable educational material available to a young audience;

Response: The reserve staff are doing a great job of raising public awareness, especially among young people. In 2021, the following events were held: «Red-footed falcon - bird of the year», «Day of Environmental Protection», «Day of Crane», «Feed the birds in winter», annual conference for schoolchildren on the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of Russia and other actions.

5. explore the feasibility of making the significant collections of scientific research available to the international scientific community by translating the highlights of findings into English.

Response : In the next upcoming works of the reserve, the main conclusions, summaries have been translated into English for greater accessibility to the international scientific community

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 changes

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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