

## European Diploma for Protected Areas

### Annual report for 2020

State: Russia

Name of the area: The State Teberda Nature Biosphere Reserve

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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.

When extending the Diploma of the Council of Europe, the conditions were not set for the Teberda Reserve.

**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 new management plan for the long-term conservation of the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve; include specific provisions dedicated to climate change and how to address this issue in relation to the long-term preservation of endemic species; share the draft management plan for comments with the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas prior to its adoption;
2. design socio-economic development plans in the buffer zone of the diploma-holding area that contribute better to preserving the natural features of this area in close co-operation with the local authorities, including the administration of the Republic of Karachay-Cherkessia;
3. develop further awareness-raising activities targeting youth;
4. ensure the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve research programme and activities take into consideration the effects of climate change on the ecological processes inherent to the long-term preservation of the European interest of the diploma-holding area. Explore the feasibility to make popular and scientific publications of the Teberda National Biosphere Reserve available to foreign visitors and scientists in appropriate languages;
5. pursue and step up co-operation with the nature conservation authorities in Georgia with a view to creating a transfrontier protected area; encourage international non-governmental organisations and foundations working in the Caucasus to facilitate this process;
6. ensure by strict enforcement of regulations, the ecological effectiveness of the polygon connecting the diploma-holding area to the Western Caucasus Strict Nature Reserve.

1. Currently, the Teberda Reserve is working on the preparation of a long-term management plan for the reserve. This plan will also take into account the issues of conservation of rare and endangered species, problems of climate change and the impact of these changes on the conservation of the biota of the reserve. Once prepared, the plan will be sent to the Council of Europe experts prior to its adoption.
2. Teberda Nature Reserve, together with local authorities, back in 2019 created a zone of cooperation with three municipal districts of the Karachay-Cherkess Republic. At present, the Teberda Reserve, together with the administrations of these municipalities, is starting to develop a plan for the socio-economic development of this territory for a more complete preservation of natural complexes in the cooperation zone.
3. Teberdinsky Reserve conducts environmental education activities to educate young people and the younger generation. The reserve also uses social networks and the Internet to educate young people. The reserve pays special attention to working with young people.
4. The research program of the Teberda Reserve includes issues of the impact of climate change on ecological processes. The reserve understands the importance of studying this issue for the preservation of natural ecosystems. Scientific publications of the Teberda Reserve are quite accessible for foreign scientists, since more than half of the publications are published in English and in international publications. The reserve also plans to publish publications on the official website.
5. The reserve works closely with environmental public organizations, in particular with WWF. However, the establishment of a transboundary protected area with Georgia is within the competence of the Russian Government.
6. The biosphere range of the reserve was created ten years ago. To date, the requirements of the security regime are strictly observed on the territory of the landfill. The polygon effectively fulfills its role in connecting the territory of the Teberda Biosphere Reserve with the territory of the Caucasian Biosphere Reserve.

**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.

In the reporting year, there were no negative changes in the management of the reserve. The reserve employs 204 people just like last year. Scientific and environmental education activities developed better than in the previous year. Protection of natural complexes was carried out as in the previous year. In the reporting year, the number of visitors to the Teberda Nature Reserve slightly decreased due to the coronavirus pandemic. Financing of the reserve in the reporting year was the same as in the previous year.

**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.

Since the submission of the last annual report, there has been no change in the boundaries. There are no difficulties and unresolved problems along the border of the reserve. The boundary of the Teberda Reserve is clearly defined and it is cadaster.

**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 Teberda Nature Reserve has a triple international status - it has a diploma of the Council of Europe, is a biosphenic reserve of UNESCO and a member of the International Association of Protected Areas.

In the Teberda Reserve, work is underway on the reintroduction of the *Bison bonasus caucasicus*. Since 2012, over seven years, the number of bison in the Teberda Nature Reserve has increased from 5 to 43 individuals.

It is a great honor and real help in preserving the unique natural complexes and ecosystems of the North-West Caucasus to have the Diploma of the Council of Europe for the Teberda Reserve.

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