

**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 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: Finland

Name of the area: Seitsemien National Park

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

Renewal 2024

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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. implement the new master plan for the Seitsemien National Park and evaluate by 2014 if there is a need of a new updated management plan.

New Master plan was implemented.

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. inform the Secretariat of the results of the management effectiveness evaluations (Report on the state of the parks) which will be made at regular five-year intervals;

Seitsemien National Park is completely overlapping with European Union Natura 2000 site FI0311002 (SAC - Special Area of Conservation). The National Park and Natura 2000 site are covered by an integrated management plan which takes into account all key values, threats and pressures and necessary conservation and other measures.

The former site-specific Management effectiveness evaluation (MEE) has been replaced by a formalized Natura 2000 Site Condition Assessment (NATA). This assessment is conducted every 6/12 years, as necessary. The first NATA assessment of Seitsemien NP/ Natura 2000 site FI0311002 was done in 2010 and the results were taken into account in the subsequent management plan. In the Pirkanmaa regional master plan (2017) an update was evaluated as not being urgent for this site. However, management effectiveness indicators (e.g. habitat management impacts, condition of visitor facilities and trends in visitor numbers etc.) are followed continuously/annually. The second NATA assessment was done in 2020.

2. continue the restoration plans for both mires and forests; continue arrangements for the appropriate grazing of meadows to encourage their biodiversity;

Grazing as planned
Peatland restoration 1 hectare

3. Metsähallitus should continue to bring together people with interests in biodiversity so as to foster the transfer and exchange of knowledge; scientific research should actively continue;

Complying as planned

4. deepen co-operation with local stakeholders, especially in the nature tourism sector;

- An entrepreneur is taken care of the Nature Centre and offers services to the customers. The entrepreneur offers for example guided excursions and courses of outdoor skills. The entrepreneur offers also rental services, café and restaurant services and accommodation services.

5. provide the necessary funding to continue the renovation of the recreational facilities; customer services and nature interpretation should be further developed;

- Lots of new duckboards were made for a new hiking trail which will be established at summer 2024.
- Thanks to the additional money granted by the parliament, the Nature Centre is undergoing a renovation of wastewater treatment.

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.

No changes

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
 - app. 40 wild forest reindeers (*Rangifer tarandus fennicus*) were released near the area, and have settled partially in the N.P.

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
 - no changes

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.)
 - “Quantifying the potential of boreal peatland rewetting for climate mitigation (RESPEAT)” -research project started by University of Helsinki.
 - 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)
 - no changes

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)
 - see 2.4.
 - 10.1.5. Waste management
 - see 2.5.
 - 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

- no changes

11. Influence of the award of the European Diploma for Protected Areas

No changes