

**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 2022

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. 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;

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.

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The former site-specific Management effectiveness evaluation (MEE) has been replaced by a formalized Natura 2000 Site Condition Assessment (NATA).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;

- appr. 5 hectares mires restored
- grazing as planned

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;

- The entrepreneurs who were educated for the guidance of the nature values and cultural heritage offered guided tours and hiking advices for the visitors.
- A new entrepreneur took over the Nature Centre and offers more versatile services to the customers. The entrepreneur offers for example guided excursions and courses of outdoor skills. There are rental services of fatbikes, canoes, kayaks, sup-boards, snowshoes and camping equipment. There are also 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.

- The investment project was continuing. Energy renovation of the Nature Centre continued with the installation of water-air-heat-pump. The paths of popular hiking trails were renovated with new path bridges and duckboards. Also a new, 18 km long, hiking trail was established.
- Seitsemien National Park is also the development target of a project that develops sustainable ways to travel.
- the national park celebrated its 40th anniversary, invited guests were political decision-makers, who were told about future funding needs.

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.

New area, including appr. 74 hectares was connected to the N.P.

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

No changes.

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.)
 - 8.2.2. Scientific publications

No changes.

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)
 - 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

No changes.

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

No changes.