

**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)<sup>1</sup>*

**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: Switzerland

Name of the area: Swiss National Park (SNP) / Parc Naziunal Svizzer

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

Since 1967, last renewal 2022

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

N/A

**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. mobilise all players at federal, canton and local levels to remedy the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) pollution from the Spöl river (complete clean up);  
Following several talks and an on-site inspection, representatives of environmental protection agencies could be convinced to review the cleaning procedure enacted by ANU GR. A new sampling campaign was conducted during summer and a project realized to analyse the clean-up steps in the different sections of the Spöl. The Engadine power plants have commissioned a planning project for the renovation. At the end of November 2023, we received a decision from the responsible department of the canton of Graubünden, which largely confirmed the solution reached at the round table. Further plans for the renovation will be made over the coming months.

2. continue activities to enlarge the buffer zone of the Swiss National Park in the municipalities Zernez, S-chanf and Scuol; the extension of the buffer zone will in turn mitigate the effects of climate change on the reserve;

The steering group concluded on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 that the project of further development had no chance of success at present. The approach needs to be modified to prevent rejection of the project within the planned process. In order to involve and convince the public, individual sustainability projects will be realized in the Lower Engadine in the next 2-3 years. Different institutions will thereby act as supporters. Financial support will be invested in these projects.

3. continue to raise awareness among local inhabitants, municipalities and visitors of the presence of large carnivores, support sheep-breeders in applying preventive measures, and work in close co-operation with the Hunting and Fishing Department of the Canton of Graubünden;  
The planned wolf project was submitted in 2021. We are still waiting for a response from the responsible federal agency in Berne. Meanwhile we invest the time in monitoring the development of the population as far as possible due to limited resources.

4. while maintaining traditional monitoring practices, further develop and secure funding for research focusing on current challenges (such as the effects of Il Fuorn road traffic, visitors, invasive alien species, natural disasters, PCB pollution and noise pollution) and support for management decisions;  
The monitoring systems focusing on biodiversity and the influence of climate change have been reviewed and adjusted. We have submitted an application for more financial support for the monitoring programmes to our sponsoring institution Pro Natura. The answer was positive so we can invest more resources in this branch of our activities. Within the last 2 years, we have also investigated the situation of neobiota in the park and developed an approach to mitigate the effects of neophytes and partly neozoa. The strategic commission has discussed and accepted the proposal of the management board.

5. continue the co-operation with the neighbouring Stelvio National Park at operational level and seek out opportunities to establish strategic co-operation between the two management authorities;  
We collaborate with the Stelvio National Park in the framework of Natura Rätica and with respect to measures against poaching. We are currently planning to organize the next international *Rupicapra* symposium together, but require external funding for that.

6. include the Macun area in the area covered by the European Diploma and consider including the remaining part of the biosphere reserve;  
No measures taken.

7. give more visibility to and use more regularly the European Diploma logo on publications and appropriate infrastructure.  
We are striving to publicize the European Diploma within the network of Swiss Parks. We require the Diploma to assert our claims more plausibly. The Diploma is also mentioned on the website, which will be renewed within the next months.

**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 substantial changes to the management. The Swiss National Park is also defined as a rest area for wildlife so that we can sanction public entry to the park at this time. The Swiss government has announced a reduction of the annual budget for the SNP of 2% in May 2023. In December, our request to waive this reduction was still pending.

**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 to the borders of the Swiss National Park.

**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 further information.

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**