

**Resolution CM/ResDip(2022)6
on the revised regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 13 July 2022
at the 1440th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)¹*

Appendix 5: Model plan for annual reports

Annual report for the year 2025

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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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, cantonal and local levels to remedy the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) pollution in the Spöl river (complete clean up)

The initial preparatory work began in the summer of 2025. The necessary installations have been completed. Around 20,000 fish were relocated during the fishing operation. The remediation work will start in April 2026.

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

The expansion of the biosphere reserve in the Scuol - Valsot region has stagnated in recent years, last year too. The management committee did not see any possibility of developing the project further. Nevertheless, efforts are continuing to expand the reserve. The working group responsible for this has decided that the municipalities concerned should vote on an expansion in 2027 or 2028.

There were no further developments during the reporting year.

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 Fisheries Department of the Canton of Grisons.

The SNP wolf pack has been eliminated outside the national park. This has triggered a strong emotional response.

The SNP has raised CHF 1.5 million for the Large Predators Project. The project has been approved by the Swiss Federal National Park Commission. Individual modules were launched in the summer.

The plan is to tag the wolves as soon as they return to the SNP. At the same time, we are now also planning to implement and support herd protection measures.

An important aspect is acceptance outside the SNP and, above all, the implementation of evidence-based management measures.

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 programmes focusing on biodiversity and the influence of climate change have been reviewed and adjusted. We are now entering the implementation phase. Over the coming years, Pro Natura support the monitoring programme in the Swiss National Park with a financial contribution of CHF 250'000 per year. We are currently establishing effective data management systems.

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. Knowledge sharing among employees is encouraged. Project work provides a good basis for this.

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. This is planned for next year.

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 with respect the SNP's goals more plausibly. The Diploma is also mentioned on our website.

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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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