

**Resolution CM/ResDip(2008)1
on the revised regulations for the Euroean 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 2018

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: Russian Federation

Name of the area: State nature reserve «Kostomukhshsky»

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

Award at 1998, renewal at 2017

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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.

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.

The following recommendations could be proposed to be attached to this renewal to ensure that precautions are sufficient for the protection of the Kostomuksha State Reserve of Nature against foreseeable threats:

1. In cooperation with the Finnish authorities, remove security equipment (wire fences, electric fencing and other devices) on the border between the two countries to optimise links between the two sides of the border and to foster ecological functionalities.

There are no barrier equipments on the border between both states. The remaining fences exist only within Russia. Negotiations with the Russian Border Guard Service are on-going for of drawing up a plan of joint actions for removing unnecessary items.

2. Implement individual training plans for field staff in the conservation/management of natural environments and in natural sciences in general so as to broaden the scope and raise the level of skills of such staff in matters which are central to their work.

Seminars, master classes and lectures are held annually to improve the skills of the staff of the reserve.

3. Consider the renewal of the management plan for the diploma-holding area for a period that is consistent with the duration of the renewal of the European diploma and with a view to its updating in the context of the integration of the diploma-holding area in the Kostomuksha Nature Reserve since 2015.

The management plan of the area until 2028 is part of the overall plan for the development of the Metsola biosphere reserve.

4. Finalise by 2022 the project for the establishment of the biosphere reserve including the diploma-holding area. Ensure the strong commitment of local authorities and socio-economic stakeholders to help the authorities of the diploma-holding area to preserve it. This should also help adapt the composition of the diploma-holding area and in particular its buffer zone and if possible extend them, so as to confirm its European significance and the preservation of the diploma-holding area; it is referred in particular to the central area of the Kalevala National Park.

The Metsola biosphere reserve was established in June 2017. Copy of certificate is in attachment. Issued by the Man and the Biosphere Programme (UNESCO), by the General Director Irina Bokova.

5. Ensure the long term preservation of the natural aspect of the diploma-holding area, which helps to maintain its European significance by the appropriate management of fires and other natural processes as a whole.

Fire safety plans are drawn up annually. In 2019-2021 the reserve will participate in the international project on forest fire monitoring "Biocarelia"

6. Develop a regional vision of "scientific, and/or nature-based" tourism development so as to optimise the potential of the diploma-holding area and of the Kostomuksha Nature Reserve as a whole; this should (1) be considered with the support of the UNESCO MAB (Man and the Biosphere) programme and of the Council of Europe, (2) involve regional and local authorities and the private sector and (3) exclude all tourist practices that are incompatible with the natural aspect of the diploma-holding area, such as artificial feeding of wildlife.

The vision of "scientific and / or environmental" tourism development will be developed in accordance with the recommendation within the framework of the plan for the integration of federal protected areas into the socio-economic development of the Kostomuksha urban district.

7. Continue monitoring the pumping of water in the diploma-holding area and provide regular information on its impact on the diploma-holding area in the annual reports on this area.

Annual monitoring of water status carried out. Over the past 2 years, the level of consumption is kept at around 6 million cubic meters.

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.

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 2017 the borders did not change.

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.

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