

**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 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: TURKIYE

Name of the area: Kuscenneti Milli Parki (Bird Paradise National Park)

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas:
2011-2021

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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. Finalise the revised management plan within one year and commence implementation of all actions and conditions found therein;

Since the area has both wetland and national park status, it is deemed appropriate to make a single plan under the name of Kuscenneti National Park Long Term Development Plan and Wetland Management Plan. The draft plan was approved by the Ministry Authority in November 2018. The activities defined in the plan will start to be implemented as of 2019.

2. Submit any development project regarding the lake, its shores and tributaries, or concerning agricultural or industrial facilities, to a rigorous environmental impact study, the conclusions of which should be communicated to the Council of Europe;

The water quality examination and control of Sigirci River is monitored by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanism.

In addition, "Manyas Lake Sub Basin Water Quality Action Plan (2016-2021)" has been studied by Meriç Albay, one of the lecturers of Aquaculture Department, Istanbul University.

The targets for precision protection in the park that have been defined the already approved plan and will start to be implemented carefully from 2019 onwards.

3. Regularly monitor the breeding bird population of the park, and carry out research on the dynamics of these populations particularly at Sigirci Delta and Kocacay Delta;

Bird population dynamics have been observed and recorded at 12 different points, especially Sigirci Delta and Kocaçay Delta.

In May 2018, a satellite transmitter has been mounted on two Dalmatian pelicans (*Pelecanus crispus*). One of the pelicans flew to Greece.

4. Continue efforts to control pollution caused by poultry and livestock farming and monitor continually the water quality of the lake and of the streams flowing into it.

There are no facilities within the boundaries of the National Park. All facilities in the buffer zone are permitted according to "Annex-2 of the Regulation on the Protection of Wetlands" and the operators are regularly inspected. Warning and penal sanctions are applied.

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. Increase the number of staff to meet the increased workload due to the park's enlargement;

In 2018, 5 people started to work in the national park as permanent workers who were employed with procurement of services through subcontractors from the village adjacent to the National Park. In addition, within the scope of the state project, İŞKUR (Turkish Employment Agency), 5 people were assigned to the National Park for 6 months (with a high visitor density period).

2. Ensure the natural fluctuations in the lake's water level, including spring flooding and the drying up of the shoreline in summer;

Monitoring of water level and water quality is done by DSI (General Directorate of State Water Affairs) and natural fluctuation is observed.

3. Set up a small wardening unit on the southern shore of the lake (in the Kocacay Delta area) to guarantee the protection of the area.

In the Kocaçay Delta section, the wardening unit has been defined in the already approved plan and will be interpreted and implemented after 2019.

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.

- 1 vehicle has been allocated for use in the park.
- Bird observation tower was renovated and 1 telescope was installed for bird watching.
- Maintenance and reed coating of (58 pieces) Pelican nests were completed.
- Construction of Social facilities included 6 WC, 1 Disabled WC, 1 Lactation Room and 2 Prayer Room have been started in the National Park and will be completed in 2019.
- Preparation of a project for a major renovation of the Administration and Visitor Promotion Center.

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.

There is no change in the boundary of the 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.

- Uludag University Wildlife Department's faculty members and students visited the Park as part of the Bird Watching Event.
- In the festival organised by Bandırma Municipality every year, the Park was introduced with the grand opening and Nature Education.

- The Nature Association observed (randomly) the Siberian excavation (*Branta ruficollis*) on the northern shores of the lake in Winter Period Bird Observation.
- Recommendations for the use of the European Diploma of Protected Areas its logo as a result of the meeting held in March 2018 were included in the Regional Directorate programme for inclusion in the materials to be prepared in 2019.
