

**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: **ESTONIA**

Name of the area: **MATSALU NATIONAL PARK**

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas: **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.
Internet : <http://www.coe.int/cm>

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. ensure that the management plan for 2015 to 2024 is implemented and appropriately funded, and revised before the end of the plan's period in 2024;
*There have been **no financial problems** in implementation of the 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. continue the co-operation with the local farmers and other stakeholders to improve the management and well-being of the grassland communities of the national park. Liaise with both farmers and others in relation to the use of the cut hay;

There have been several courses for farmers who started the meadow management in Matsalu. On the meetings of stakeholders board there have been reports about the success of meadow management in the park. In 2018 96 farmers participated who have managed 6725,24 ha (345 of land plots). The renovation works have been done on 42,65 ha, 294m of fences have been erected for new pastures. In very dry summer there was shortage of hay in Estonia and all the hay from semi natural grasslands from Matsalu was used or sold. It gave a good socio-economic benefit for the farmers participating in the management.

2. envisage the setting-up of a scientific advisory group in order to achieve the full potential of the national park for scientific research and education. The group would provide strategic advice and, upon request, review the quality of research proposals and scientific results, and provide other scientific advice;

There is an informal group of scientists who are involved in scientific research on biodiversity in Matsalu. - Markus Vetemaa (ichthyology) University of Tartu Marine Institute, Elle Roosaluuste (botany) and Ave-Liina Helm (botany and management of semi natural grasslands), Riinu Rannap (herpetology) University of Tartu, Hannes Pehlak (ornithology) Kalev Sepp University of Life Science – ecosystem services of semi natural grasslands.

3. despite the hunting restrictions within the national park, strengthen co-operation with hunters for the management and control of some invasive species;

The transportation of hunters was financed with a view to regulate predators on the islands. All the needed islands were checked and on one a predator was killed. 11 hunters and 3 dogs participated.

4. set up a warning system to detect, at an early stage, and enable appropriate action to be taken against alien, invasive species which could threaten the biodiversity of the national park;

*- There have been 2 official web cameras in the nature to detect invasive predators.
- There is a monitoring scheme for mammals in the park in two areas which helps recognise alien mammals also.
- The works for the eradication of *Heracleum sosnowskyi* took place in two areas in National Park in 2018*

5. prepare a climate change adaptation plan for the national park by 2024;

The discussion have started about the climate change plan for the national park

6. ensure that printed guides to the hiking trails and routes in Estonian and translations into the major European languages are available for national and international visitors and assess the opportunity and feasibility of an increase in the number of trails.

New trail along Baltic Sea was established in 2018: <https://coastalhiking.eu/et>

<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/west-estonia/matsalu-national-park>

<https://loodusegakoos.ee/where-to-go/national-parks/matsalu-national-park>

https://www.keskkonnaamet.ee/sites/default/public/Matsalu_EN.pdf

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g1175490-d3535505-Reviews-Matsalu_National_Park-Lihula_Laane_County.html

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.

No changes

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
