

**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 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: Oka state nature biosphere zapovednik (reserve)

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

The diploma of the Council of Europe was awarded to the reserve on September 5, 1994. In 2017 the reserve was visited by Blanka Ramos – the expert of the Council of Europe who recommended the renewal in September 2019 of the European Diploma for Protected Areas to Oka state nature biosphere Reserve

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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.

1. any regionalisation or privatisation measures must not affect the reserve's current protected status;

**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. to continue the efforts made over the last five years to provide the awarded area with sufficient resources to ensure the proper conduct of scientific research;
2. to conserve habitats of the Desman population:
- the reserve should be extended south-eastwards in the Lopata zone, as far as the river Pra, in order to include some typical water meadow habitats not yet represented in the reserve, a number of oxbow lakes and a portion of the Oka river bank;
  - the prime Desman habitats, currently located near but outside the diploma-holding area, should also be incorporated into the diploma site;
- furthermore, efforts should be made to encourage the handover to the Oka National Biosphere Reserve of the hay meadows located on the left bank of the Pra, to the south of grid squares 169 to 171 in the central forest section;
3. adequate resources should be provided for the purpose of raising the level of public education and information and developing links with local communities, while making full use of the reserve's assets and the large amount of available scientific data. Additional efforts should be made by the authorities with a view to making suitable educational material available, particularly to a young audience;
4. the measures to regenerate habitats of the Desman in the Oka plain should be continued;
5. a management plan for the reserve should be produced and implemented as soon as possible.

**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 change compared with 2017

**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.

The project for the restoration of wetlands is being implemented in the reserve. This activity will help restore the natural ecosystems of the marshes, as well as prevent fires. Observations of changes in the ecosystem are included in research plans. Also this project has a powerful component in educating the public about the benefits of this event.

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