

**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 2019

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: Poland

Name of the area: Bieszczady National Park

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas:
2018 (2)

Central authority concerned:

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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.

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. draw up and implement three-year action plans, within the framework of the management plan (2011-2031), and set up a monitoring mechanism based on performance and conservation indicators; In 2019, the Park began implementing of nature protection tasks for the years 2019-2021 (ordinance of the Minister of the Environment from 20.12.2018)
https://dziennikurzedowy.mos.gov.pl/fileadmin/Dziennik_Urzedowy/user_upload/Zarzadzenie_Ministra_Srodowiska_w_sprawie_zadan_ochronnych_dla_Bieszczadzkiego_Parku_Narodowego_na_lata_2019-2021_.pdf

On the basis of this document, strict protection of forest ecosystems and alpine pastures was carried out on 70% of the area. Active protection was carried out on the remaining area, including grazing and mowing of meadows (about 2 thousand hectares) and rebuilding of coniferous monoculture (about 100 ha). An area of the Park was opened for tourists - in 2019, the Park was visited by 600,000 visitors. The Park conducted extensive ecological education for various social groups, in which about 24,000 people participated.

2. pursue the efforts to include the beech forests of the Bieszczady National Park on the World Natural Heritage list; aim to harmonise the management of the contiguous beech forests and upland meadows with the similar forests and meadows across the border in the Poloniny National Park (Slovak Republic); In 2019, efforts to include the most valuable fragments of beech forests, on the list of World Natural Heritage were resumed. In 2019, the serial entry was prepared and sent to the coordinating institution (E.C.O. Institute of Ecology in Austria) regarding updated materials on the objects planned for adding to the World Heritage List in the Bieszczady National Park. The planned deadline for submitting the application is January 2020.

3. manage and control visitor pressure; devise and implement with local stakeholders a sustainable tourism strategy and a prioritised action plan so that the infrastructure of facilities can be developed in line with conservation objectives of the area; In 2019, the Park continued the implementation of the project regarding the improvement of marked trails and the protection of the natural environment at tourist routes. As part of this project, in this year following elements were built on the trails: 975 erosion control steps, 32 wooden benches, tape barriers - 1860 m; renewal of marking on hiking trails - 35 km, 160 stone steps, 250 m² of stone slabs, 24 drainage elements, 74 signposts, 22 wooden pillars and 45 guide poles and other the necessary elements were purchased. The Park also carries out the contract for the reconstruction of the mountain shelter on Polonina Wetlińska.

4. strengthen co-operation between the management of the Bieszczady National Park and municipalities, with a view to forging a common vision and designing common objectives for regional planning and development, taking the biological and landscape interests, and sensitive nature of the site, into account; Representatives of the Park participated in meetings of local communities at the level of the Council of Municipalities and Poviats Councils. In turn, representatives of local governments participated in the meetings of the BNP Scientific Board.

5. develop further awareness-raising and educational activities on the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services targeting children and youths;

Over 5.1 thousand participants took part in permanent educational programs, mainly children and young people. Museum exhibitions were visited by 18.8 thousand people.

A new field station of Ecological Education was opened in November in Suche Rzeki.

In 2019 number of publications were issued:

- 27th volume of Roczniki Bieszczadzkie (Annals of Bieszczady);
- Brochure 'Discover and protect the BdPN natural heritage - educational offer';
- BNP Nature Calendar for 2020;
- A nature and touristic map of Bieszczady National Park with an booklet.

In addition, multimedia presentation included:

- Series of educational films "Bieszczady National Park - our common heritage". Emitted on TVP3 Rzeszów, around 2 million recipients.
- Panel for children "Wild kingdom of the Ryś Pędzelek" on www.bdpn.pl Number of viewers: about 1900,
- Series of radio plays on the Polish Radio Rzeszów around 98,000 listeners.

6. continue the monitoring of the flora, fauna and vegetation units, and evaluate the management activities that are necessary for the conservation of species and the restoration of native vegetation.

As part of the fauna monitoring, the report "Monitoring of predatory animals using the BNP area in 2014-2018" was published, available at

https://www.bdpn.pl/dokumenty/nauka/2018/2018_monitoring%20drapieznikow%20w%20latach%202014_2018.pdf

In the Annals of Bieszczady, several articles presenting the results of monitoring were published:

- winter dens of the bear in BdPN <https://www.bdpn.pl/dokumenty/roczniki/rb27/art14.pdf>
- beetles typical for natural forests <https://www.bdpn.pl/dokumenty/roczniki/rb27/art15.pdf>;
- <https://www.bdpn.pl/dokumenty/roczniki/rb27/art16.pdf>
- diatoms present in streams: <https://www.bdpn.pl/dokumenty/roczniki/rb27/art17.pdf>;
- <https://www.bdpn.pl/dokumenty/roczniki/rb27/art18.pdf>

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.

In November the director appointed a deputy responsible for ecological education

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 of the BNP's external boundaries

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.

We use of the European Diploma logo on the official website www.bdpn.pl and on the new information boards which were installed in the park.

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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