

**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: Finland

Name of the area: Ekenäs Archipelago National park

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

Renewal year 2011, 8 years

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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.

Condition: within one year finalise and complete the approval process of the management plan (master plan) which itself will include plans to enlarge the national park.

Situation: Management plan was accepted year 2012 and it included the plan to enlarge the national park. Metsähallitus also made year 2014 a report/appraisal on the needs of the existing marine national parks including Ekenäs archipelago national park. It included the same suggestion on enlargement but the inventory data and biological, especially marine values were explained more detailed. More precise landuse plan (zoning) concerning the eastern part of Jussarö island was completed year 2015 to define more precisely which parts should be added to national park, this work as official procedure has continued 2016-2019 with authorities.

In 2017, the Ministry of Environment started the enactment process of nature reserves in Uusimaa region. The national parks planned enlargement area, Segelskär (appr. 6200ha to be established by a government statute) next to national park, was included in the process. This ensures the protection of this area before the enlargement of the national park itself. The process is still ongoing.

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. Make efforts to implement all aspects on the new management plan
- Implementation has been described in annual reports.

2. Inform the Secretariat of the result of the management effectiveness evaluations (Report of the state of the parks) which will be made at five years intervals;
- No changes after 2016. The management effectiveness evaluation (MEE) has been replaced by formalised Natura 2000 Site condition assessment (NATA). The renewal of Ekenäs archipelago NATA is anticipated by 2021 - 2022.

3. Continue the management of habitat types and species, particular attention should be paid to
- the inventory of marine habitats and improvement of methods involved: Inventories were not carried out during year 2019.
- the restoration for damaged communities and the control of alien species: has been complied annually as planned. Mink and racoon dog control continues.

4. Continue to pay close attention to the recreational facilities and educational issues, in particular
- improve the safety, quality and quantity of the infrastructure
- further develop customer service and interpretation and
- raise the public awareness of nature conservation in Ekenäs Archipelago National Park:
Metsähallitus was granted with partners funding from Interreg Central Baltic programme to improve the facilities in Jussarö. The funding was granted and project will take place during 2018-2020. Approximately 190 000 euros will be invested to Jussarös service (piers, recreational infrastructure). Agreement has been made with Raasepori City about making a development plan of the Ekenäs visitor/nature centre with several partners.

5. Review and where necessary renew the regulations of the national park within two years:
Totally complied. New regulations were given year 2013.

6. Deepen co-operation with local stakeholders, especially in the nature tourism sector:
- Complying as planned. Several events have been organized during years. Suomen saaristokuljetus (Jussarö entrepreneurs) operates chartered cruises and routed traffic, guide and café services as well as sauna rentals. Rödjans entrepreneur Mikal Röberg provides rental accommodation, sauna and also sells smoked fish. In addition there is approximately 20 contract entrepreneurs offering mainly guiding services and boat transportations.

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.

See sections 6-9 for details and explanations.

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.

The diploma and logo can be seen in Ekenäs Visitor Centre. The logo is also in the information boards at the national park and in the national park leaflet/brochure. The logo is also on national park and visitor centre webpages (finnish, swedish and english pages).

National park has no other national or international awards/designations.

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: no changes
- 6.2. Flora and vegetation: changes in the plant population and in the vegetational cover; presumed causes: peatland vegetation & insects are returning steadily on restored peatlands. Amount of decaying wood is also increasing steadily after restoration. The increasing white-tailed deer population in the area cause grazing pressure on vulnerable protected small plants. Effort is continuously put into minimizing the deer population in the area.
- 6.3. Fauna: changes in the sedentary or migratory populations; congregating, egg-laying and breeding grounds.
Invasive small predators have been removed during 2018, within the same frames as during previous years.

7. Cultural heritage and socio-economic context

- 7.1. Cultural heritage
 - 7.1.1. Changes concerning cultural heritage. No changes.
- 7.2. Socio-economic context
 - 7.2.1. Changes concerning the socio-economic context: No changes

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.)

Ekenäs Nature Centre is open daily in the summer, spring and autumn on certain days of the week, wintertime open only by appointment. Bookings by telephone or e-mail. No entrance fee is charged for the Nature Centre. Guided tours for groups are available for a fee, subject to advance booking.

Services: Hiking advice, lessons on the natural world for daycare and school groups, auditorium for rent, reference library, items for sale. Services provided by partners are available.

The Nature Centre is managed by Metsähallitus. There will come some change to customer service in the next year. We are going to develop instruments in environment education. Main ways will be digitalisation, co-operation with city of Raasepori and organisations.

8.1.2. Frequentation by visitors and behavior (number, distribution in time and space)

Estimated number of visits to Ekenäs Visitor Centre is 11 366 visitors year 2019 (1.1-14.11.2019), guided groups 57 and number of persons in guided groups approximately 1 140. In December we also have "Ekenäs Gammaldags julmarknad". Then many visitors visit Ekenäs Nature centre. Customer service satisfactory index is 4,60 out of 5 being maximum.

Number of visits to national park year 2019 was approximately 52 000, of which Rödjan was 5 600 and Jussarö 10 500. Hasse, laitathan myös paikallistaloudelliset vaikutukset esim viide vuodelta.

8.1.3. Special visits (distinguished persons, groups, etc.)

Meeting of the EU Nature and Biodiversity Directors Helsinki, Finland 2 October – 3 October 2019. Visit to Jussarö and to Ekenäs Nature centre 2 October 2019.

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.)

No scientific research nor inventories during year 2019

8.2.2. Scientific publications:

No scientific publications during year 2019

9. Site description (vulnerability, protection status, ownership, documentation)

9.1. Changes in legislation or regulations: No changes

9.2. Changes in ownership title (conversion to public property, rentals, etc.): no changes

9.3. Extension or transfer, new uses (for example, conversion into total reserve): no changes

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

A 2-day volunteer camp financed by Sofia von Julin's foundation (Metsähallitus payed boat-rentals) checked again (started year 2011) 4 of the known ca. 15 patches of invasive species *Rosa rugosa*. All the checked patches were re-treated. All patches were NOT treated this year, because the idea is to poison the last *R. rugosas* in 2020 (plants have to be bigger for poisoning). Young pines & birches were removed from *Salsola kali* (EN) site in Jussarö.

10.1.2. Protection against the elements (fire, water regime): no changes

10.1.3. Approaches and thoroughfares (paths, roads, car parks, signposting, fencing, etc.)
No significant changes in 2019.

10.1.4. Field equipment (hides and study facilities): no changes

10.1.5. Waste management: no changes

10.1.6. Use of renewable energy systems: no changes

10.2. Management

10.2.1. Administrative department: changes made: no changers

10.2.2. Wardens' department: changes made: no changes made

10.2.3. Internal policing measures: no internal policy measures during 2019.

10.2.4. Infringement of regulations and damage; legal action: only minor infringement of regulations were discovered and no legal actions were taken.

11. Influence of the award of the European Diploma for Protected Areas

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