

**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: Russian Federation

Name of the area: State nature
reserve "Kostomukhshsky"

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

Award at 1998, renewal at 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.
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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.

There are no conditions found in the last Attachments.

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.

The following recommendations could be proposed to be attached to this renewal to ensure that precautions are sufficient for the protection of the Kostomuksha State Reserve of Nature against foreseeable threats:

1. In cooperation with the Finnish authorities, remove security equipment (wire fences, electric fencing and other devices) on the border between the two countries to optimise links between the two sides of the border and to foster ecological functionalities.

Work is under way to establish cooperation with the Russian border guard service to clean the territory of metal fences. Written letter to the relevant organizations. At this stage, there is a search for funds to implement measures to clean up.

2. Implement individual training plans for field staff in the conservation/management of natural environments and in natural sciences in general to broaden the scope and raise the level of skills of such staff in matters, which are central to their work.

Every year we send employees for advanced training to the ecocenter "Zapovedniki" in Moscow - in the following specialties: environmental education and development of cognitive tourism - work with visitors.

In addition, the security department conducts joint exercises with the Border Guard Service and the Prosecutor's Office on legal issues concerning the protection of the territory for security officers.

3. Consider the renewal of the management plan for the diploma-holding area for a period that is consistent with the duration of the renewal of the European diploma and with a view to its updating in the context of the integration of the diploma-holding area in the Kostomuksha Nature Reserve since 2015.

The plan for the management of the territory until 2028 will be part of the overall plan for the development of the Metsola biosphere reserve. At the beginning of 2018 we will begin work on the creation of the Coordinating Council, then begin work on the creation of a common development plan.

4. Finalise by 2022 the project for the establishment of the biosphere reserve including the diploma-holding area. Ensure the strong commitment of local authorities and socio-economic stakeholders to help the authorities of the diploma-holding area to preserve it. This should also help adapt the composition of the diploma-holding area and in particular its buffer zone and if possible extend them, so as to confirm its European significance and the preservation of the diploma-holding area; it is referred in particular to the central area of the Kalevala National Park.

The Metsola biosphere reserve established in June of 2017. Copy of certificate sent in previous report.

5. Ensure the long term preservation of the natural aspect of the diploma-holding area, which helps to maintain its European significance by the appropriate management of fires and other natural processes as a whole.

Annually, fire safety plans are drawn up, which have rules for extinguishing and attracting other organizations to extinguish. In 2018-2021 the reserve will participate in the international project on forest fire monitoring "Biocarelia"

6. Develop a regional vision of "scientific, and/or nature-based" tourism development so as to optimise the potential of the diploma-holding area and of the Kostomuksha Nature Reserve as a whole; this should (1) be considered with the support of the UNESCO MAB (Man and the Biosphere) programme and of the Council of Europe, (2) involve regional and local authorities and the private sector and (3) exclude all tourist practices that are incompatible with the natural aspect of the diploma-holding area, such as artificial feeding of wildlife.

The vision of "scientific and / or environmental" tourism development will be developed in accordance with the recommendations within the framework of the plan for the integration of federal protected areas into the socio-economic development of the Kostomuksha urban district. In addition, in the middle of November the strategy of tourism development in the territory of Kalevalsky national park was approved.

7. Continue monitoring the pumping of water in the diploma-holding area and provide regular information on its impact on the diploma-holding area in the annual reports on this area.

Annual monitoring of the state of water is conducted. Reports are included in the Chronicle of Nature (site of the reserve www.kostzap.com)

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.

Some of the younger staff were recruited in the state. All of them have higher education, knowledge of foreign languages, experience of interaction with visitors, communications, know modern requirements.

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 since last year

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.

In October 2020, the international Russian-Finnish reserve "Friendship" will celebrate its 30th anniversary.

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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