

**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: Sweden

Name of the area: Muddus/Muttos National Park

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas:
Last renewal 2012, 7 years ago.

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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.

No conditions are listed neither in the Resolution CM/ResDip(2012)3 on the renewal of the European Diploma, nor in the Resolution Res(67)23 on the award of the European Diploma. Hence it follows that there are no conditions to be explained.

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. provide sufficient financial and human resources, including field staff, to the new "Laponiatjuottjudus" (management board) in order to implement the new management plan and ensure a smooth transition from the former county management structure to the new board; and provide as soon as possible an English translation of the management plan;

Today Laponiatjuottjudus has eight employees. Laponiatjuottjudus as an organisation is now better equipped to implement the management plan since we now consist of a wide-ranging of competence within the field staff. The future challenge is to continue the work of creating a steady platform to develop and maintain management work required to preserve and develop the Laponia World Heritage site. The board of Laponiatjuottjudus holds regular meetings over the year where all parties attend, and all their decisions are made in consensus. This gives a guarantee that the work performed by the management employees is established from the joint cooperative effort of the board. Laponiatjuottjudus has been granted a new extended trial period from the Swedish Government to manage the Laponia World Heritage site until December 2022. Before the end of the trial period a decision will be made by the Swedish Government if they will prolong the management of the World Heritage site in the care of Laponiatjuottjudus.

Management Plan was translated into English in 2014 and is available on http://laponia.nu/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Laponia-forvaltningsplan-eng-web-150327_2.pdf.

2. continue the predators' inventories and use the results in order to help conserve the exceptional predator populations while allowing the Sami population to continue their traditional reindeer herding activities;

Norrbotten County Administrative Board (CAB) is the Government Agency responsible for the predators' inventories in Sweden. In the management task concerning the predators' inventories in Laponia we are continuously working with the Sami communities and CAB. Although, Laponiatjuottjudus have the possibility in the Government ordinance to overtake the task of predatory inventories. Therefore, Laponiatjuottjudus organized an informative meeting about predators in October 2019. Attendants was the board and management of Laponiatjuottjudus, representatives from the Sami Communities in Laponia, the Swedish EPA, and CAB. The Swedish EPA and CAB explained the regulations about predators and inventories in Sweden, and what possibilities and concerns there are regarding Laponiatjuottjudus taking on this task in the future. If this matter is something to consider for Laponiatjuottjudus it will be further discussed by the board.

Laponiatjuottjudus also keep contact with the "Norrbotten County Ornithological association" (Norrbottens ornitologiska förening) regarding inventories of different birds of prey in the county.

3. establish a centralised research database linked to a GIS for the whole Laponia area and make the results of the research widely available for scientist and visitors;

Laponiatjuottjudus have developed a basic GIS system that is available for the management to use within the organisation. The development of our GIS system is a long-term work in progress that will continue during the following years. The management have not been granted access to existing systems used by the former county management (CAB).

Laponiatjuottjudus have access to the system "Skötsel-DOS" used by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) and the county administrations (CAB). The system is used to manage data in protected areas, including all the facilities such as cabins, trails, bridges, and the efforts planned and performed by the

management during the year. The data for the facilities in the National Parks in the system will eventually be made public by the EPA.

4. continue the monitoring of the fire areas including the natural regeneration processes and design a programme to monitor the effects of climatic change;

In 2013 the Norrbotten County Administrative Board (CAB) summarized the studies, which have been conducted in the forest fire area, into a report. Muddus/Muttos ecology and fire history is well documented and it is an important task for the future to continue and encourage the research in the area. The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences continuously perform research in the fire areas. It is important to encourage people to visit the park and give the visitors a broad range of information about the whole Muddus/Muttos area, including the value of forest fires for the biodiversity.

Laponiatjuottjudus will in 2019-2020 plan and complete the elimination of the invasive species lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*) that is established in a two-hectare area in the northwest side of the National Park. We will also continue to develop a long term environmental field survey to detect any possible establishment of lodgepole pine. Here the fire areas will be important to monitor the natural regeneration in the area since lodgepole pine is a fast colonizer in disturbed forest areas.

In Sweden the County Administration Board (CAB) is coordinating the different surveys and follow-ups of the national environmental objectives and the EU Birds and Habitats Directives that the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) is responsible for. These surveys and follow-ups of species-/ and habitats of interest indicate changes over time in both vegetation and animal species that possibly could be associated to climate change. Laponiatjuottjudus has an exchange with CAB and we take part of the information and reports every year.

In 2015 the County Administration Board (CAB) summarized the consequences of climate change in the Norrbotten County into a report.

5. assess the visitor flows and their impact both within and outside the park (ecological and economic impact);

In May 2019 the new visitor entrance in Muddus/Muttos was inaugurated. With the new visitor entrance in the National Park we hope to canalize visitors and to monitor the effect visitors have on the area. The entrance is wheelchair accessible and contain an entrance portal, fireplaces, toilet, recycling station and a parking space. The new entrance was financed by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA). Information signs to the entrance will be produced during 2020. The plan is that the entrance also will contain the European Diploma logo with additional information about this acknowledgement.

The new entrance seems to have influenced the number of visitors to the park. The number of visitors from the main entrance were estimated using visitor counters to be about 6000, which is an increase with about 2000 visitors. With this information the management get a good estimation of where and how people hike in the area.

In 2020 the management are planning to have a trial with a cabin manager in the most visited cabin by the waterfall Muttosfallet/Muddusagahtjaldak. The manager will function as a host and meet up visitors and inform about the area, and the outcome of this will later be evaluated.

Laponiatjuottjudus have continued the maintenance on the boardwalk trails and bridges, though it was only a minor part due to the lack of funding. This work will hopefully continue in 2020. Keeping the trails accessible is important to canalize visitors and support them to visit the park in a safe way.

The visitor cabins in the National park are equipped with books containing suitable information about the area that also mentions the European Diploma for Protected Areas. In 2019 Laponiatjuottjudus have continued to mount new signs for directions in Muddus/Muttos National Park, and the management have also mounted signs for European Diploma for Protected Area in all the cabins.

During the year Laponiatjuottjudus have produced another new visitor map over Muddus/Muttos area, focusing on different points of interests along the trails. This map will help to canalize visitors and inform them about the area.

Laponiatjuottjudus have continued in 2019 to educate tourist companies in Lapponia in ethical guidelines, which will ensure that their work is natural and cultural sustainable.

In 2019 Laponiatjuottjudus have also worked with a project to increase the knowledge about the nature and cultural values in the World Heritage. The project has worked to establish a network between the reindeer herding and the tourism companies in the area, with the ambition to create a common ground about land use and sustainability.

6. *consider linking the Muddus National Park with the Sarek and Padjelanta National Parks and other conservation areas so that the Laponia World Heritage Site becomes a single European Diploma site;*

This is a question to consider for discussion for the board of Laponiatjuottjudus together with the Swedish EPA.

7. *reflect on the use of the different national and international designations for the area; organise a workshop with the relevant international organisations (e.g. Council of Europe, World Heritage Convention, Ramsar Convention and National Park Service) with a view to harmonising the reporting and monitoring requirements and the respective perimeters.*

Laponiatjuottjudus is positive to discuss and exchange information with people who possess relevant expertise in the different matters.

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.

Today Laponiatjuottjudus management crew consist of eight full-time employees.

During 2019 the economic funding was comparable to 2018's economic funding, although there was a reduction of funding for maintenance of boardwalks and bridges. But still the future funding is very uncertain and varies from one year to another. This uncertain level of funding of course affects the management since it is very difficult to plan in the long-term as the funding varies every year and hence it is a question of prioritizing.

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 boundaries to report.

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.

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The management have continued with the maintenance work in the park. The focus this year was different type of restoration of the visitor cabins and new outhouses. In 2020 the management plan to install solar cells in the waterfall cabin.

Result of the inventories of predators performed by Norrbotten County Administrative Board and Ornithological Association in 2019:

Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*): no inventories were made by the Ornithological Association due to lack of funding.

Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*): no successful breeding confirmed.

Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*): no successful breeding confirmed.

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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