

**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

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:

Name of the area: **Oka National Biosphere Reserve**

Year and number of years since the award or renewal of the European Diploma for Protected Areas: 21st November 2019, the Committee of Ministers **renewed the European Diploma for Protected Areas to Oka National Biosphere Reserve until 5 September 2029**, through Resolution [CM/ResDip\(2019\)11](#).

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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.

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;

Action: the administration of the reserve is trying to provide sufficient resources for scientific research by purchasing the necessary equipment and machinery

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;

Action: Negotiations are ongoing with the owners of the territories for the transfer of their reserve. One of the biggest difficulties in protecting the desman is the death of the animal in the fishing nets of poachers in unguarded territories.

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;

Action: Movement in this direction is actively continuing. During the reporting period, four brochures were issued: "Guide to the Museum of Nature of the Oka Reserve", "Bison Nursery" dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the nursery, "Oksky Reserve" containing basic information on the reserve and a brochure on the history of the protected area. The exhibitions were successfully held: "My favorite land", where photographs, art paintings, ceramics, and special literature dedicated to the Oksky Reserve were presented; Sussana Hanayan's paintings about the Oka Reserve. Exhibitions of photos, ceramics, paintings on the nature of the Oka Reserve were organized in the cities of Skopin, Tver, Spassk-Ryazan. In addition, a children's ecological camp was organized at the reserve. Employees of the reserve conducted educational tours. Environmental conferences for schoolchildren were also held.

4. authorities should explore the feasibility to make available the significant scientific researches available to international scientific community by translating highlights of their findings in English.

Action: Each scientific article in the Proceedings of the Oka Reserve is provided with a brief abstract in English. Popular brochures about the Oka Bastard contain English text

5. the measures to regenerate habitats of the Desman in the Oka plain should be continued;
see point 2

6. a management plan for the reserve should be produced and implemented as soon as possible.

Action: Management plan based on the annual director's report to Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation drawn up

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 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 Oka Nature Reserve Administration thanks the Council of Europe for the confidence in renewal the European Diploma for Protected Areas. The possession of a diploma on the one hand imposes a special responsibility on us to preserve vital areas, and on the other hand increases the public authority of our activities

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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