

# 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)<sup>1</sup>



# Appendix 5: Model plan for annual reports

## Annual report for the year 2019 (1 dec 2018 – 30 november 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: Store Mosse National Park

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

Last renewal 2018, 1 years ago.

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1. Conditions: List here <u>all</u> conditions which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain <u>either</u> how the conditions have been totally complied with <u>or</u> detail the progress in complying with the conditions. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.

N/A

- **2. Recommendations:** List here <u>all</u> recommendations which were attached to the award or the renewal of the European Diploma. Explain <u>either</u> how the recommendations have been totally complied with <u>or</u> detail the progress in complying with the recommendations. Please also indicate any unresolved difficulties that you have encountered.
- 1. reduce the dependency upon volunteers for monitoring and regular maintenance work;

As stated below under section 3 the year 2019 have been a very turbulent year for Swedish nature conservation regarding to finances.

During the year we have kept the cooperation with volunteers, mainly because it gives good relationship with the local community. But with the restored funding we have also increased the external assistance such as contractors. We have also increased the staff with a national park manager on part time (50%).

2. continue encouraging more scientific research in the park and ensure that all results are centralised in a database maintained by the park or, as appropriate, a relevant scientific institution;

We continue to support and work with different scientists from different universities, both in Sweden and abroad. A continuing problem is to keep track of all the scientific work and a database of some kind is still desirable.

3. secure the long-term management and restoration of the Kävsjön and Häradsösjön Lakes for increased birdlife;

The long-time project has during 2019 focused on purchasing the experts needed in the project. We have also started the process of planning the actions in detail and applying for the necessary permits. During 2020 more physical actions will take place. Overall, we are hopeful for the future in this project. The restoration of the lakes is finally on its way!

4. set up a comprehensive but simple monitoring system for the park, to be attached to the management plan; monitor carefully the effectiveness and impact of the lake management and restoration, as well as of the LIFE mire restoration project;

No specific actions have been taken, other than the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency's national monitoring program that runs according to plan.

5. implement the new national system for information materials, signs and trail marking and, in particular, give appropriate visibility to and communicate more actively on the European Diploma for Protected Areas.

The project of implement the new national system has ended during 2019 The implementations are done to about 95 %. Some minor trail markings will be done during 2020. The County Governor inaugurated the result of the project in the European day of parks in May 2019.

During 2020 we will increase our information about the European Diploma on our website.

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.

The year 2019 have been a very turbulent year for Swedish nature conservation regarding to finances due to the uncertain parliamentary situation. The state budget adopted by the parliament in late December 2018 cut almost 45 % of the funding for Store Mosse national park. This was of course catastrophic, but we focused on keeping the staff and cutting on other expenses such as materials an external assistance. In June the government adopted an addition to the budget that restore around 40% of the loss.

With that funding we could increase the management of the park and restore it to the level of 2018.

We have increased the staff with a national park manager on part time (50%). Therefore the staff has increased from 4.2 persons to 4.9 persons.

**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 have been made.

All land within the park boundaries are state owned, as it should be according to Swedish law.

**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.

No other information is valid at this point. Please ask if you have any more questions.

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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 Euroean Diploma for Protected Areas, i.e. <u>year 4</u> after the award of the European Diploma or <u>year 9</u> 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
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#### 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 Euroean Diploma for Protected Areas