

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: Hungary

Name of the area: The volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula

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

2018

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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. by 2020, prepare an overarching management document integrating the relevant planning instruments currently applicable to the site; define management objectives for the five main zones;

As the first step of preparing a new management plan for the European Diploma holding area, the management plan of the Tihany peninsula Natura 2000 (HUBF20006) site is done by the expert group of BfNPD. The Natura 2000 management plan is currently being approved by the Ministry of Agriculture. The European Diploma management plan is under progress.

2. together with the municipal authorities, continue to enforce the ban on new buildings on the site;

No significant changes have occurred since the last report. The National Park Directorate has been able to reinforce the ban on new buildings on the site with the help of the municipality and other state authorities.

3. continue to manage and control visitor pressure; together with the municipal authorities take measures to moderate the motorised traffic on the peninsula;

No significant changes have occurred since the last report, but our work to manage and control visitor pressure is continuous. We are planning to revise the road network from the point of view of nature conservation inside the peninsula and if necessary renew those to the possible use of agricultural and touristical purposes, too. We have begun the modernization of the study trail network that introduces the peninsula. Repainting of the signs for the entire tourist road network has been completed, as well as the renovation of the stairs on one section next to the Csúcs hill.

4. keep the balance between closed forested areas and open areas (open meadows, meadows with hedges and bushes, lavender fields with oaks and almonds);

The results achieved untill now have been maintained with mechanical and manual activities by the national park. The development of our machine park for area management has begun. Special lawn and forestry machinery was procured. It was financed by two projects (Environment and Energy Efficiency Operational Programme and the LIFE16 NAT/IT/000245 project). The number of employees increased by one person who operate the machines. We have also begun a complete rebuilding of our sheepfold on Csúcs hill. This facility is extremely important for grassland maintenance. The renovation is a part of the Environment and Energy Efficiency Operational Program, too.

5. encourage farming and wine-growing practices consistent with the conservation of natural and landscape assets and establish a functional buffer zone between the vineyards and the wetland zone;

No significant changes have occurred since the last report.

6. pursue the policy of acquisition of private land;

Despite the very high property prices, we managed to buy a piece of land in a strategically important part of the peninsula. There have been many attempts to inbuild the panoramic piece of lands here in recent times. With approximately € 23,000 worth of purchases, we have significantly increased our ownership in this vulnerable area. Further private piece of land was transferred to the state by exchanging land, on which our national park get the management rights. The area of the state ownership has increased about by 2 hectares. This procurement and transfer is thus significant in fulfilling Recommendation 2.

7. take the necessary steps to improve the water quality of the Belsö Lake;

A project financed by a state-tender (Environment and Energy Efficiency Operational Programme) has been started to improve water quality and restore the natural state of the lake by the national park. As a part of that program will be established a shallow settling lake to filtrate the rainwater coming from the village. Construction has begun and the sedimentation pond is expected to be completed by February 15, 2020.

8. continue to control invasive species such as Ailanthus;

No significant changes have occurred since the last report. The achieved results have been maintained with mechanical and manual activities by the national park. A detailed survey was carried out on the spread of invasive non-native species. The NP participates in the Life4Oakforests project (LIFE16 NAT/IT/000245), which was started in 2017, as part of which will again be a large scale intervention on the peninsula to reduce invasive species. The treatments of invasive tree species in the Life4OakForests project are in progress.

9. pursue the co-ordinated management with nearby protected areas such as the reed beds on the shore of Lake Balaton and the Külsö and Felsö marshes.

No significant changes have occurred since the last report. The National Park has managed the reed beds on the shore of Lake Balaton and Lake Külső and Felső marches with the same method as other parts of the protected area. The project of forcing back invasive weed species involves this area, too.

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 significant changes have occurred since the last report.

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 occurred since the last report.

Other information: List here any other information about the European Diploma holding site which you consider should be provided to the Council of Europe.

Nothing else.

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
- 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 Euroean Diploma for Protected Areas