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AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Joint meeting of the Groups of Experts on Protected
Areas and Ecological Networks and on
Biodiversity and Climate Change**

3-4 October 2019
Trondheim (Norway)
(Norwegian Environment Agency, *opening: 9.00am*)

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Thursday, 3 October		Documents and expected results
9.00 – 9.25	<p>1. Welcome address and opening of the meeting</p> <p><i>Ms Aina Holst, Head of Section, Norwegian Environment Agency</i></p> <p><i>Mr Gianluca Silvestrini, Head of Major Hazards and Environment Division, Council of Europe</i></p>	<p>Potential synergies concerning climate change between the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention) and the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) T-PVS/Inf(2018)11</p> <p>Report on the survey on climate change and protected areas T-PVS/Inf(2018)12</p> <p>The meeting is opened.</p>
9.25 – 9.30	<p>2. Adoption of the agenda</p> <p><i>The Chair of the meeting presents the agenda and calls for its adoption</i></p>	<p>Meeting agenda - T-PVS/Agenda(2019)9</p> <p>Participants are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.</p>
9.30 – 9.50	<p>3. Adaptation and mitigation: overview of the concepts and practical application to protected areas management</p> <p><i>Keynote speaker: Dr John Oliver Watts, Senior Climate Change Officer, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)</i></p> <p><i>Participants are informed of the ins and outs of climate change adaptation and mitigation and how successful managing protected areas for change can be facilitated and improved</i></p>	<p>Participants take note of what mitigation and adaptation measures to climate change are and how they are expected to be implemented.</p>
10.00 – 10.30	<p>4. Government policies and opportunities facing climate change and in relation to protected areas: the Norwegian experience</p>	<p>Participants take note of the Norwegian experience with adaptive management and mitigation measures with respect to climate change and explore how it could feed into their own context.</p>

	<i>Presentation by Mr Tore Opdahl, Senior Adviser, Protected Areas Section and Ms Linda Dalen, Senior adviser- expert in IG Climate change and biodiversity</i>	
10.30 – 10.50	Coffee break	
10.50 – 11.15	<p>5. State of play of the LIFE project NaturAdapt implemented by EUROPARC Federation</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Olivier de Sadeleer, Project Manager, EUROPARC Federation</i></p> <p><i>Participants are informed of the first outcomes of the NaturAdapt project and of its prospects</i></p>	Participants take note of the state of play and expected results of the NaturAdapt LIFE project and discuss the extent to which they could contribute to / benefit from it.
11.15 – 12h30	<p>6. Round table - Showcase of successful climate change adaptation/mitigation measures in PAs</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms Carol Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mr Adam Rowlands, RSPB Suffolk Area Manager, Minsmere Nature Reserve (UK) b. Ms Anna Sanitjas Olea, Curator of the Natural Park and Reserve of the Montseny Biosphere (Spain) c. Mr Miguel Chamón Fernández, Project Coordinator, LIFE Forest C02, Murcia (Spain) <p><i>Participants are informed of successful climate change adaptation/mitigation approaches implemented in protected areas and hold a discussion on the issue</i></p>	Participants take note of the concrete adaptation/mitigation measures implemented at site level and discuss how they could inspire their own management practices.
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break	

13.30 – 14.30	<p>7. Data on vulnerability of ecosystems / species / habitats to climate change, how do they relate to site- and country specific contexts and how to link them to conservation measures set for protected areas?</p> <p>7.1 England’s national nature reserve’s work on assessing vulnerability, identifying and delivering adaptation for PAs, presentation by Simon Duffield, Natural England (UK)</p> <p>7.2 The Protected Area Network in a Changing Climate project in Finland (SUMI project), presentation by Ms. Kaisu Aapala and Mr. Risto Heikkinen (Finland)</p> <p><i>Participants learn about the Finnish and UK experience in identifying where adaptation and mitigation is needed, how it should specifically be targeted and implemented</i></p>	<p>Participants take note of the usefulness of data on vulnerability of ecosystems / species / habitats to climate change for setting conservation measures, take note of examples of identification where adaptation and mitigation is needed and how it is implemented and discuss how these examples could be reflected in their own management practices.</p>
14.30 – 15.00	<p>8. Climate change adaptation and disaster risk management – how does it work in theory?</p> <p><i>Keynote speaker: Dr. Stefan Schneiderbauer, Global Mountain Safeguard Research , United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security; Eurac Research, Institute for Earth Observation, Unit Climate and Disaster Risk</i></p> <p><i>Participants are informed of the ins and outs of climate change adaptation for disaster risk management</i></p>	<p>Participants take note of the correlation between climate change adaptation and disaster risk management and discuss the reality of this connection in their respective national strategies.</p>
15.00 - 16.00	<p>9. Round table: showcase of nature-based solutions and the role of protected areas for disaster risk management in the context of climate change.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Simon Duffield, Natural England (UK)</i> <i>Panellists:</i></p>	<p>Participants take note of the nature-based approaches to reduce disaster risks and discuss how they could inspire their own management practices.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Ioannis Mitsopoulos, Ministry of Environment & Energy, Directorate of Biodiversity and Natural Environment Management (Greece) b. Prof. Anton Micallef, Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics, Institute of Earth Systems, University of Malta (Malta) c. Dr. Sofia Karma, National Technical University of Athens, Greece/European Center for Forest Fires (Greece) d. Mr Rui Manuel Lopes de Cunha Almedia, Institute for the conservation of nature and forests (Portugal) <p><i>Participants are informed of successful nature-based approaches to reduce disaster risks related to climate change and hold a discussion on the issue</i></p>	
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee break	
16.15 – 17.45	<p>10. Working Groups session</p> <p><i>Participants discuss in parallel working groups the challenges which hinder climate change adaptation/mitigation measures and nature-based approaches in protected areas, and possible solutions to overcome them are proposed</i></p>	<p>Challenges which hinder adaptation/mitigation measures and nature-based approaches in protected areas are discussed, and possible solutions identified.</p>

Friday, 4 October		
9.00 – 10.00	<p>11. Feedback from the working groups</p> <p><i>Rapporteurs from the working groups report in the plenary on the outcomes of the discussions</i></p> <p><i>Participants exchange views on the solutions proposed by the different working groups for overcoming obstacles to climate change adaptation/mitigation measures and nature-based approaches in protected areas and the role of the Bern Convention.</i></p>	Participants take note of the conclusions of the parallel working groups and discuss the extent to which the Bern Convention could foster and support the implementation of climate change adaptation/mitigation and nature based-solutions in the management of protected areas.
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break	
10.30 – 11.30	<p>12. Conclusions, recommendations and next steps</p> <p><i>The general rapporteur presents the conclusions and the recommendations which emerged from the discussions for possible future actions</i></p> <p><i>Participants exchange views and consider proposing a follow up work, in the form of a Recommendation for both national authorities of Bern Convention Contracting Parties and for the Convention itself. A draft Recommendation could be submitted for consideration to the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention at its 39th meeting in 2019.</i></p>	Participants are committed to consider climate change mitigation in the management of protected areas in a systematic way and to engage in a nature-based approach for reducing disaster risks.
11.30 – 11.45	13. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change	
11.45 – 11.50	14. Any other business	

11.50 – 12.00	15. Closure of the meeting	
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