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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas

24 February 2021
(virtual meeting)

EXTRACT FROM THE LIST OF DECISIONS AND ADOPTED TEXTS ON THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR PROTECTED AREAS, AT THE 40TH MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BERN CONVENTION

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5.7.2 *European Diploma for Protected Areas (EDPA)*

Relevant documents: T-PVS/DE(2020)18 - Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the EDPA
T-PVS/DE(2020)21 - EDPA: List of renewal resolutions adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 2020
T-PVS/DE(2020)19 - List of areas to be visited in 2020
T-PVS/DE(2020)20 - Renewal of the European Diploma in 2022: List of areas which could be visited in 2021

The Standing Committee took note of the report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists, and of the fact that, due to disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, none of the 13 planned appraisal visits to EDPA sites had taken place. It also noted the 9 sites which were due to be visited in 2021, in parallel to the postponed visits.

The Standing Committee welcomed the recommendations of the Group of Specialists to award the European Diploma to the Regional Park Gallipoli Cognato, as well as to renew the Diploma to fourteen areas and the subsequent formal adoption of the award and renewal Resolutions by the Committee of Ministers. It also took note of the decision of the Committee of Ministers not to renew the European Diploma of the Scandola Nature Reserve (France) and of the Doñana National Park (Spain).

The Standing Committee mandated the Group of Specialists to monitor closely the situation in the Scandola Nature Reserve (France) and in the Doñana National Park (Spain) and to take into consideration the new information provided, in view of possibly renewing the European Diploma to these areas should there be sufficient evidence of improvement.