



Memorandum of Understanding

Preamble

Based on

the Joint Declaration on the Co-operation between the Free State of Saxony and the Lower Silesian Voivodeship from 17th September, 1999

and

the Joint Declaration on the Co-operation between the Free State of Saxony and the Lower Silesian Voivodeship from 2nd May, 2000

and

the Agreement between the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the Republic of Poland on the Co-operation in Protection of the Environment from 15th January, 1998

and

the Agreement between the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic and the State Ministry of the Environment and Regional Development of the Free State of Saxony on the Co-operation in Nature Conservation Issues in Areas near to the Border from 28th November, 1991

and

the Agreement between the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic and the State Ministry of the Environment and Regional Development of the Free State of Saxony on the Co-operation in Nature Conservation between the Saxon Switzerland National Park Administration and the Elbe Sandstones Protected Landscape Area Administration (Bohemian Switzerland National Park in preparation) from 28th August, 1991

the following national park administrations

Góry stołowe National Park Administration (Poland)

represented by Director of the Park mgr. inż. Janusz Korybo

and

Sächsische Schweiz National Park Administration (Germany)

represented by Director of the Park Dr. Dietrich Butter

and

České Švýcarsko National Park Administration (Czech Republic)

represented by Director of the Park Ing. Pavel Benda, Ph.D.

decided to sign the following Memorandum of understanding:

Article 1

Background of the Memorandum

Regions of all three national parks – Góry stołowe in Poland, Sächsische Schweiz in Germany and České Švýcarsko in the Czech Republic – are connected by very similar natural and cultural history. They have their origin in the same geological era, as well as numerous resemblances in both geodiversity and biodiversity.

Moreover, all three national parks also face very similar challenges and threats.

Therefore, collaboration and exchange of experience as well as the initiation of joint projects aimed at protection of natural and cultural heritage is in the interests of all three partners.

Article 2

Aim of the Memorandum

The aims of the Memorandum are:

- (i) to enhance exchange of experience in nature conservation and landscape protection, and to share information and knowledge related to all three national parks and the adjacent regions,
- (ii) to support monitoring and research activities in all three national parks,
- (iii) to support co-operation with local authorities and communities,
- (iv) to co-operate in public relations, visitor management and environmental education activities,
- (v) to initiate joint projects and financially support programmes related to mentioned topics above.

Article 3

Activities within the Memorandum

The activities undertaken in order to achieve the aims of the Memorandum should cover the whole range of fields relevant to all three national parks. However, they should focus in particular on following issues:

- (i) joint organisation of conferences, workshops, seminars and training courses for national park employees and national park partners,
- (ii) initiation and/or realisation of joint research, education or public relations projects,
- (iii) exchange of data, publications and other information sources,
- (iv) joint promotion of the partnership through the internet, publications and other media.

All activities have to respect the framework given by law in all three countries as well financial and personal limits of all three national parks.

Article 4

Final conclusions

Amendments to this Memorandum are acceptable only in written form with the assent of all partners.

The Memorandum is valid and in effect since the day of being signed by all three partners.

The Memorandum is valid for an indefinite period.

Every partner to this Memorandum may resign from the partnership at any time. The resignation should be presented in a written form 3 months before the cancellation.

This agreement is prepared in the Polish, German, Czech and English languages. All language versions have the same validity.

In Kudowa-Zdrój on 25. 04. 2012

*On behalf of the
Góry stołowe
National Park*

*On behalf of the
Sächsische Schweiz
National Park*

*On behalf of the
České Švýcarsko
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