

**Updated Report on the State of Conservation of the UNESCO  
World Heritage Property  
*Curonian Spit (Russian Federation) (№ 994) in 2016***

**1. Response of the Russian Federation with regard to Resolution No. 40 COM 7B.53 adopted by the World Heritage Committee**

The main concerns and requests contained in the Resolution are addressed to Kursiu Nerija NP of the Republic of Lithuania. In this connection the information has been provided by the Lithuanian party.

**2. Information about other current issues related to the World Heritage property conservation**

The information about the conservation of Curonian Spit, which is the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site, provided in the 2016 Report of the Russian Federation, is up-to-date and represents the current state of affairs.

In 2016 there were no cases of illegal construction within the boundaries of the Russian domain on the World Heritage Site.

The Draft Program for Social and Economic Development of Curonian Spit Rural Settlement Municipality for the period 2014-2021 has been elaborated by The Administration of Curonian Spit rural settlement municipality, but not agreed with the Administration of Curonian Spit National Park And was not approved by the Government of the Kaliningrad Region.

The Project of the Curonian Spit National Park Preservation Area has been developed and is under consideration by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation. As regulated by the Russian legislation, upon its consideration and approval the Program will be enacted by the internal Order of the Ministry with subsequent official state registration in the Russian Ministry of Justice.

In 2016 the Project of the preservation of protective dune ridge, envisaging coast protection (stabilization) in certain areas of protective coastal dune ridge, was approved by the State Environmental Review and currently under the State Technical Expertise.

Employees of the Curonian Spit National Park created an electronic database of historical and cultural heritage sites of the National park.

The following activities were performed in 2016 jointly with Kursiu Nerija NP: Participation in international (Russia, Lithuania, Sweden) conference within the framework of the project "Grand Tour of the Baltic Sea region", may;

Employees of the Curonian Spit National Park of Russia hold the annual scientific conference "The issues of study and preservation of the natural and cultural heritage in the Curonian Spit National Park". Lithuanian stakeholders take a part in this conference.

Curonian Spit National Park has taken necessary measures to protect and restore separate stretches of the protective coastal dune ridge on total 3,1 ha;

In 2016 the Project for the reconstruction of the Pilot Hatchery of ZAPBALTRYBVOD, Federal State Budget-funded Institution was approved by the State Environmental Review. The main objective of the State Pilot Hatchery is to preserve endangered The European Whitefish (*Coregonus lavaretus* L.). The European Whitefish is a species of Coregonidae family and is considered one of the most valuable fishing targets in the Curonian Lagoon, needs special protection.

**3. Significant changes within the World Heritage property are not expected.**