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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora[(1)], and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Boreal biogeographical region referred to in Article 1(c)(iii) of Directive 92/43/EEC comprises parts of the Union territories of Finland and Sweden and the Union territories of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, as specified in the biogeographical map approved on 20 April 2005 by the committee set up by Article 20 of that Directive (the 'Habitats Committee').

(2) The initial list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region, within the meaning of Directive 92/43/EEC, was adopted by Commission Decision 2005/101/EC[(2)].

(3) The sites included in the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region form part of the Natura 2000 network which is an essential element of the protection of biodiversity in the Union. In order to make further progress in the actual establishment of the Natura 2000 network and in the context of a dynamic adaptation of that network, the lists of sites of Community importance are reviewed regularly.

(4) The twelfth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/21[(3)]. That Implementing Decision was repealed by the Commission Implementing Decision adopting the thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region, adopted after a vote in the Habitats Committee on 14 November 2019 and notified to the Member States under document C(2019) 8570 on 29 November 2019.

(5) Following the adoption of the Implementing Decision notified to the Member States under document C(2019) 8570 on 29 November 2019, it transpired that the list adopted

by that Implementing Decision differed from the list that had been submitted to the Habitats Committee for opinion as the latter contained clerical errors in terms of the area of three sites located in Lithuania. Therefore, it is necessary to repeal that Implementing Decision and to adopt the thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region anew after consulting the Habitats Committee, with effect from the date of notification of the Implementing Decision being repealed.

(6) Knowledge of the existence and distribution of the natural habitat types and species is constantly evolving as a result of the surveillance undertaken in accordance with Article 11 of Directive 92/43/EEC.

(7) The thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region is based on data submitted by Member States between 1 June 2018 and 13 March 2019, concerning proposals for additional sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region. Member States have also submitted changes in the site-related information contained in the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region.

(8) On the basis of the draft list drawn up by the Commission in agreement with each of the Member States concerned, which also identifies sites hosting priority natural habitat types or priority species, an updated list of sites selected as sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region should be adopted. Article 4(4) and Article 6 of Directive 92/43/EEC apply to all the sites listed.

(9) Certain Member States have not proposed sufficient sites to meet the requirements of Directive 92/43/EEC for certain habitat types and species. Furthermore, knowledge of the existence and distribution of some of the natural habitat types listed in Annex I and some of the species listed in Annex II to Directive 92/43/EEC remains incomplete. For those habitat types and species it can therefore not be concluded that the Natura 2000 network is complete.

(10) In the interests of clarity and transparency, Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/21 should be repealed with effect from the date of notification of the Implementing Decision notified to the Member States under document C(2019) 8570.

(11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Habitats Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region as set out in the Annex is adopted with effect from 29 November 2019.

Article 2

Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/21 and the Implementing Decision adopting the thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region, notified to the Member States under document C(2019) 8570 on 29 November 2019, are repealed with effect from 29 November 2019.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 March 2020.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/494. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

Thirteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Boreal biogeographical region

Each site of Community importance (SCI) is identified by the information supplied in the Natura 2000 format, including the corresponding map. This information has been transmitted by the competent national authorities in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 4(1) of Directive 92/43/EEC.

The table below gives the following information:

A : SCI code comprising nine characters, the first two being the ISO code for the Member State;
B : name of SCI;
C : * = presence on the SCI of at least one priority natural habitat type and/or species within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 92/43/EEC;
D : area of SCI in hectares or length of SCI in km;
E : geographical coordinates of SCI (latitude and longitude) in decimal degrees.

All the information given in the Union list below is based on the data proposed, transmitted and validated by Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland and Sweden.

A	B	C	D		E	
SCI code	**Name of SCI**	*****	**Area of SCI (ha)**	**Length of SCI (km)**	**Geographical coordinates of SCI**	
					Longitude	**Latitude**
LTROK0015	Suvainiškio miškas	*	1 193	0	25,2383	56,1481
LTUKM0007	Šventosios upės slėnio pievos		5	0	24,8753	55,3044
EE0010101	Tuhala	*	189,1		24,9606	59,202
EE0010102	Paraspõllu	*	479,1		25,1041	59,2995
EE0010103	Kämbla	*	164		25,0124	59,2177
EE0010104	Paunküla	*	622,7		25,284	59,1407
EE0010105	Tammiku	*	381,3		24,9107	59,2165
EE0010106	Põhja-Kõrvemaa	*	13 494,5		25,6933	59,3791
EE0010107	Alema	*	60,2		24,3348	59,0871
EE0010108	Laukesoo	*	2 726,1		25,309	59,0376
EE0010109	Anija	*	72,2		25,2767	59,372
EE0010110	Kiviloo		25,7		25,2389	59,303
EE0010111	Parila	*	208,3		25,2423	59,326
EE0010112	Ardu	*	42,5		25,3275	59,0988

EE0010113	Maapaju	*	450,9		25,5173	59,3206
EE0010114	Kostivere	*	111,7		25,1153	59,4357
EE0010116	Ülgase	*	49,6		25,0935	59,4852
EE0010120	Pirita	*	691,9		24,8734	59,4653
EE0010121	Valgejärve	*	723,3		24,1353	59,1116
EE0010122	Laulasmaa	*	130,4		24,2456	59,387
EE0010123	Türisalu	*	165,5		24,2937	59,4042
EE0x010124	Ruila	*	830,6		24,4216	59,1629
EE0010125	Vääna	*	858		24,3725	59,3838
EE0010126	Prangli	*	1 318,8		25,0042	59,6233
EE0010127	Naissaare	*	1 892,9		24,5182	59,566
EE0010129	Pakri	*	20 574,8		24,0443	59,3478
EE0010132	Rannamõisa	*	66,4		24,5331	59,4384
EE0010133	Orkjärve	*	1 170		24,2416	59,1432
EE0010136	Püümetsa	*	31,3		25,0988	59,4075
EE0010137	Niitvälja		25		24,3791	59,3102
EE0010138	Naage	*	4,6		24,359	59,4075
EE0010140	Suurupi	*	191,6		24,3611	59,4579
EE0010141	Kiruvere		21,1		25,336	59,1257
EE0010142	Muraste	*	141,3		24,4392	59,4664
EE0010143	Rahumäe		24		24,6943	59,3942
EE0010144	Pakasjärve		18,5		25,8215	59,3152
EE0010148	Kuivajõe	*	1,1		25,0946	59,2042
EE0010150	Jägala		29,4		25,1631	59,4635
EE0010152	Ubari	*	58,7		25,2935	59,4912
EE0010153	Aegviidu	*	1,1		25,6577	59,2885
EE0010154	Krassi		80,3		23,7739	59,3442
EE0010155	Vasalemma		15,3		24,1753	59,3032
EE0010156	Valgejõe		30,1		25,8118	59,3855
EE0010171	Kolga lahe	*	2 449,1		25,2921	59,5613
EE0010173	Lahemaa	*	74 784		25,8047	59,5735
EE0010175	Vääna-Posti	*	58,5		24,5024	59,3672
EE0010176	Vansi	*	140,8		24,3447	59,2168