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**INF.6B: Report of the Advisory Bodies on their activities**

## SUMMARY

This document presents the reports of the Advisory Bodies on their activities, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session (Durban, 2005) (Decision **29 COM 16.9**).

## **I. Report on activities undertaken in connection with the**

### **II. World Heritage Convention**

*2005*

#### **A Introduction**

At the 27th session of the World Heritage Committee (UNESCO, 2003), a sum of USD 888,698 was allocated by the Committee to ICOMOS for carrying out its activities as Advisory body for the Committee in connection with the cultural heritage for 2004-2005. The sum consisted of USD 569,725 allocated for 2004 and USD 318,973 for 2005. For 2005, an initial contract, no. 3250015323, was signed on 11 April 2005 for the following activities:

- evaluation of nominations for the World Heritage List (work performed mainly in 2004 for presentation to the Committee in July 2005);
- carrying out of 2 thematic studies;
- participation at the 29th session of the Committee (Durban, 2005) and at the expert meetings and other meetings organised by the World Heritage Centre, and
- analysis of the tentative lists.

The contract was paid for in instalments on 30 April 2005, 31 May 2005, 30 September 2005 and 31 January 2006.

During the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee (Durban, 2005), a sum of USD 80,000 was allocated by the Committee to ICOMOS to cover its advisory work in connection with the reports on the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and to carry out reactive monitoring missions (work performed from September 2005 to May 2006 for presentation to the Committee in July 2006). A second contract, no. 600004, was signed on 15 November 2005, with three payment instalments scheduled on 20 December 2005, 30 April 2006 and 31 August 2006.

## **B Evaluation of nominations for the World Heritage List**

For the 2005 cycle, which begins in March 2004 and ends in July 2005, ICOMOS has been requested to evaluate 41 properties nominated for inscription. Of the 41 evaluations:

- 30 concerned new cultural or cultural/natural (mixed) properties,
- 4 concerned properties which had been referred to a subsequent meeting or deferred in the past,
- 5 concerned extensions of properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List, and
- 2 concerned minor modifications.

Two of the nominations were for cultural/natural (mixed) properties, and 3 of the nominations were for transboundary properties. The nominations were made by 40 States Parties to the World Heritage Convention.

Technical evaluation missions were organised in July-September 2004 for 37 properties for which dossiers had been sent to ICOMOS at the start of the year. Overall, and in strict compliance with the principles and procedures set out in "Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention", and in particular Section III.E and Annex 6:

- more than 36 experts from 24 countries were involved in the evaluation missions (a list of the missions is provided in an annex to the financial statement);
  - 4 evaluation missions were carried out jointly with the IUCN concerning nominations of cultural/natural properties;
  - 5 ICOMOS International Scientific Committees were consulted;
  - 20 National Committees were questioned;
- in addition to individual experts about the outstanding universal value of all the properties concerned, their authenticity and their integrity, their protection and their management.

Written evaluations were prepared and examined by the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel at a 2-day meeting in February 2005 (5-6 February 2005). The texts of the evaluations, approved by the Panel and accompanied by recommendations, have been printed and made available (in English and French) to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre for issue in accordance with the deadlines set out for the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee (Durban, 2005). An ICOMOS delegation took part in the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee (10-17 July 2005) and the ICOMOS evaluations were presented to the Committee supported by power point presentations.

In 2005, ICOMOS launched the evaluation procedure and organised property evaluation missions to be examined by the Committee in July 2006: this task forms part of a contract signed with the World Heritage Centre in April 2006 and will therefore be presented in the 2006 activity report.

## **C Reports on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties**

The World Heritage Centre regularly and throughout the year consults the advisory body about problems or threats relating to properties inscribed on the World Heritage List or on the tentative lists of the States Parties. Complementary research is conducted, particularly through the ICOMOS networks, documents are studied and written reports are submitted to the Centre, which produces the final draft of a working document to be submitted to the Committee in July 2006.

For its part, ICOMOS immediately passes on to the World Heritage Centre any information received through its networks concerning the state of conservation of World Heritage properties and/or the threats facing such properties, so that the World Heritage Centre can keep its files up to date, gather information from the States Parties concerned, and where necessary launch the reactive monitoring procedure.

In 2005, ICOMOS was asked to draw up reports on the state of conservation of 59 properties inscribed on the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger, to be examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 29th session (Durban, 2005). In a number of cases (18), ICOMOS sent monitoring missions to the sites (several of these were joint missions with UNESCO).

## **D Evaluation of International Assistance Requests**

In all, 37 International Assistance Requests (technical, preparatory, emergency, training) were submitted to ICOMOS for evaluation and comments from January to November 2005. ICOMOS welcomes the new procedures put in place by the World Heritage Centre to deal with these requests.

## **E Other activities linked to the implementation of the Convention**

### **a) Preparation of documents and thematic studies**

After studying the results of *Analysis of the World Heritage List and of the tentative lists: Filling the gaps* (Suzhou, 2004), the World Heritage Committee asked ICOMOS to complete its analysis of the tentative lists, to work on disparities in the World Heritage List by paying due attention to all the States Parties and regions of the world, and to continue its thematic studies. ICOMOS has gathered the necessary information and completed the study. Furthermore, ICOMOS is engaged in implementing the action plan proposed in this study, which will consist of thematic studies on cultural heritage typologies, publications and wider programmes covering one or more heritage issues.

The advisory body presented to the World Heritage Centre and the World Heritage Committee the results of the study it conducted on the topic of "Rock Art: Survey, Analysis and Action Plan - An analysis of Rock Art sites inscribed on the World Heritage List between 1994 and 2004 (May 2005)". The resulting action plan has been given the support of the World Heritage Centre and implementation of the associated activities has begun.

The presentation of the study "An analysis of Threats to World Heritage Sites 1994-2004 (May 2005)" to the World Heritage Committee has been deferred from the 29th session (Durban, 2005) to the next session (Vilnius, 2006) because progress on the agenda is behind schedule.

ICOMOS took part in the special experts meeting on the topic of "The concept of outstanding universal value" which was held in Kazan from 6 to 10 April 2005. At the meeting it was able to present the Analysis of the World Heritage List and of the tentative lists, and also to issue a contribution on the theme of outstanding universal value. It took part in the working group discussions and in the drafting of the final document which was presented at the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee.

ICOMOS took part in several preparatory meetings (UNESCO) and the international conference on "World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture - Managing the Historic Urban Landscape" held in Vienna, Austria from 12 to 14 April 2005.

In connection with periodic monitoring for Europe and North America, it provided comments on Section I (heritage policies) of subregional reports (e.g. Central Europe), and took part in several regional meetings concerning Section II (World Heritage Properties).

The Scientific Symposium of the 15th General Assembly of ICOMOS (Xi'an, China, 17-21 October 2005) covered the theme of "Monuments and sites in their setting – Conserving cultural heritage in changing townscapes and landscapes " in 4 thematic sessions:

- Defining the setting of monuments and sites: the significance of tangible and intangible cultural and natural qualities;
- Vulnerabilities within the settings of monuments and sites: understanding the threats and defining appropriate responses;
- Evolving townscapes and landscapes within their settings: managing dynamic change;
- Cultural routes: the challenges of linear settings for monuments and sites.

Representatives of the World Heritage Centre also took part. The special session on 18 October 2005, "ICOMOS's Work with the UNESCO World Heritage Convention" provided an opportunity for the representatives of the World Heritage Centre, ICCROM and ICOMOS to present their experience in this field and to debate issues of key importance for the implementation of the Convention.

## **b) Thematic meetings**

In addition to the meetings already mentioned, ICOMOS has been represented at several meetings concerning the development of the Global Strategy, and more generally other aspects of the World Heritage Convention. The meetings concerned are as follows:

10-14 January 2005	SIDS Conference (Mauritius)
19-21 January 2005	Meeting on Fortifications in the Pacific WHC, Valdivia (Chile)
10-12 February 2005	National Workshop on enhanced awareness of the WH Convention and support for the WH Conservation in Pakistan, Piatr Lahore (Pakistan)
15-18 March 2005	African WH Experts Meeting, Somerset West (South Africa)
29-31 March 2005	International seminar on the Management of the Shared Mediterranean Heritage, Alexandria (Egypt)
10-13 April 2005	5 <sup>th</sup> Expert Meeting on the Camino Principal Andino, Quito (Ecuador)
14-16 April 2005	Seminar for the preparation of Periodic Reporting in Slovakia, Kosice (Slovakia)
20-22 April 2005	Congreso Ciudades Patrimoniales Iberoamericanas Patrimonio de la Humanidad, Valparaiso (Chile)
24-26 April 2005	International Seminar on ten year of the preservation and promotion of Ha Long Bay World Heritage Site, Ha Long (Vietnam)
10-11 May 2005	International Meeting Conservation & Restoration of Bam's Cultural Heritage, Rome (Italy)
18-20 August 2005	Awareness Raising Workshop of World Heritage Convention, Asmara (Eritrea)
24-26 August 2005	New views to Authenticity and Integrity in the World Heritage of the Americas, San Miguel de Allende (Mexico)
5-8 September 2005	Regional Workshop on Potential Themes for Serial and Transboundary Cultural World Heritage Sites in the Pacific, Port Vila (Vanuatu)
20-23 September 2005	8 <sup>th</sup> World Symposium of the OWHC, Cusco (Peru)

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| 23-29 October 2005            | Sub-Regional Workshop for World Heritage Cultural and Natural Site Managers, Maun (Botswana)  |
| 30 October-5 November 2005    | Central Asian Sub-regional workshop for follow-up of periodic reporting, Almaty (Kazakhstan)  |
| 6-11 November 2005            | International Workshop on Cultural Landscapes in Eastern Africa, Lilongwe (Malawi)  |
| 7-10 November 2005            | Experts meeting on Cultural Landscapes in the Caribbean: Identification and Safeguarding Strategies, Santiago de Cuba (Cuba)  |
| 24-28 November 2005           | Enhancing IUCN World Heritage Process: a contribution to achieve a credible and balanced World Heritage List, Island of Vilm (Germany)  |
| 30 November – 3 December 2005 | International Conference celebrating the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Entering of the Historical Center of Warsaw onto the UNESCO World Heritage List: Reconstruction preserving memory, Warsaw (Poland) |
| 4-7 December 2005             | Regional meeting Arab States “Follow-up to Periodic Reporting and Information Management”, Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)   |
| 12-16 December 2005           | Regional Workshop on the follow-up to the Asia-Pacific Periodic Reporting for Cultural World Heritage Properties in North –East and South-East Asia, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)                                    |

### **c) Information**

ICOMOS has a Documentation Centre whose data base is accessible online; all documents and publications can be consulted at the Centre every afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. The World Heritage archives are regularly consulted by both professional researchers and the administrations of States Parties wishing to prepare nominations.

The advisory body responds on an almost daily basis to information requests on the World Heritage Convention which are submitted to it by the States Parties, researchers, students and the general public.

### **F Statutory and administrative meetings**

ICOMOS took part in the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in Durban - South Africa (10-17 July 2005) and the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention – Paris, UNESCO (10-11 October 2005).

ICOMOS hosted two meetings of the advisory bodies (IUCN, ICCROM and ICOMOS) with the World Heritage Centre of UNESCO which were held on 24-25 February and 12-13 September 2005.

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## **IUCN WORLD HERITAGE ADVISORY SERVICES 2005 ACTIVITIES REPORT**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The World Conservation Union (IUCN) provides advisory services each year to the World Heritage Committee in three areas: Advisory Services; Monitoring; and Training. Contracts for each of these areas are issued by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and are based on an approved allocation from the World Heritage Fund. This report provides a brief overview of the main activities carried out by IUCN in 2005, as well as some lessons learned and recommendations.

In 2005, IUCN gave particular attention to reviewing and improving its evaluation process. This included an independent external review of the process followed by IUCN and resulted in a report with 26 recommendations. IUCN is currently implementing these recommendations as quickly as allowed by available resources. As one direct follow-up to the review, IUCN and its World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), in collaboration with the German Government and International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, organised a capacity building workshop for its experts involved in evaluating World Heritage nominations. This was the first in what will hopefully become a series of capacity building workshops, in collaboration with partners.

IUCN's World Heritage activities are lead by the IUCN Programme on Protected Areas (PPA) and World Heritage funding in 2005 covered one full time staff member, one intern, and six person months of the time of senior PPA staff. The Programme drew heavily on expertise in IUCN's regional and country offices around the world and the IUCN expert commissions, in particular the Species Survival Commission (SSC) and the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA). This input from regional offices and commissions has been largely voluntary, with only small honorariums offered to experts involved in activities. A WCPA Vice Chair for World Heritage provided support, in particular for evaluation and monitoring activities, and providing technical advice to IUCN's World Heritage processes. An IUCN World Heritage Panel of largely voluntary experts also advised IUCN in relation to its technical evaluations.

### **2. ADVISORY SERVICES**

IUCN successfully completed all activities in the 2005 Advisory Services contract, which focuses on evaluations of new nominations, advisory services to the World Heritage Committee and input to the global strategy for World Heritage. The evaluation of new nominations was a core part of IUCN's work in 2005, including the evaluation of nominations submitted by 1 February 2004 and 1 February 2005. Many of the 2005 nomination files were very complex and the missions difficult to organise; therefore considerably more time was required for their review. The difficulties encountered in organising some missions, weather conditions in some cases, and the fact that the World Heritage Committee at its 29<sup>th</sup> session in July 2005 accepted two additional nominations from Estonia and Morocco, resulted in many missions taking place very late in the year. This placed additional pressure on staff and experts to

complete the process within the timelines and States Parties should be encouraged in future years to facilitate the early completion of such missions.

For the past two years the World Heritage Committee has put in place the deadline of 31 March for receiving supplementary information from States Parties on their nominations. After following this procedure for two years IUCN has found that it puts staff and experts under tremendous pressure to complete the work in time for the dispatch of documents to the Committee. IUCN therefore recommends to the World Heritage Committee that this deadline be amended to the end of February to allow time for proper review and completion of the work.

Finally, IUCN contributed to a large number of meetings related to World Heritage in 2005, from statutory meetings to meetings of partners working in World Heritage sites. There is a constant demand for IUCN to participate in meetings and unfortunately it is not able to be present in all cases.

## **2.1 Evaluation of Nominations 2004-2005**

IUCN evaluated 24 nominations in the cycle 2004-2005 (those submitted by 1 February 2004), involving 14 field missions to 9 natural sites, 3 mixed sites, and 2 cultural landscapes, and presented the results of its evaluations to the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee in Durban, July 2005. A considerable amount of supplementary information was received up to the deadline of 31 March 2005 and the IUCN World Heritage Panel re-convened by conference call in April and May to agree on its final recommendations on nominated sites. IUCN submitted 300 copies of the final IUCN evaluations report in English and 130 copies in French on 23 May 2005. In addition, it prepared and translated into French brief descriptions for the sites evaluated for use in communication materials. IUCN finally presented the results of its evaluations to the World Heritage Committee in Durban, July 2005, and responded to the questions of the Committee.

## **2.2 Meeting of the World Heritage Bureau and Committee**

A IUCN delegation, including 5 IUCN staff from Headquarters and the IUCN Southern Africa region, and 1 expert from its World Heritage Panel, participated in the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee, held from 10-17 July in Durban, South Africa. IUCN's input to the Committee focused on: (a) presentation of its evaluations of properties nominated to the World Heritage List and responding to questions of the Committee; (b) presentation of its state of conservation reports on World Heritage properties in threat, including reports of monitoring missions, and responding to questions or providing technical advice to the Committee and the States Parties concerned; (c) providing technical advice on all matters relating to natural World Heritage as required by the Committee, including in particular issues relating to capacity building, the concept of Outstanding Universal Value and the Analysis of the World Heritage List; and (d) contributing to discussions on process and administrative matters, including on the budget for the 2006-2007 biennium.

Virtually all IUCN recommendations were accepted by the Committee. In the cases of some debate, such as the Gabonese nominations, IUCN sought to work with all parties to find the most suitable solution without compromising its objective, technical role. In addition, IUCN was very active in the corridors to meet States Parties seeking technical advice on the management and conservation of their properties, or in the preparation of upcoming evaluation missions to newly nominated properties. IUCN also actively sought to inform the wider public of World Heritage issues and respond to questions, through press releases, web

stories and interviews with the media. The IUCN delegation worked closely with World Heritage Centre staff throughout to ensure the successful and smooth-running of the Committee session.

### **2.3 Evaluation of Nominations 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>**

IUCN has evaluated 15 nominations in the cycle 2005-2006 (those submitted by 1 February 2005), involving 11 field missions to 9 natural sites, 1 mixed site, and 1 cultural landscape. Technical desk reviews, involving the IUCN Panel and expert reviewers, were carried out for the remaining nominations, including 1 referred site and 3 nominations for cultural landscapes.

The evaluation process involved: (1) preparation of datasheets by UNEP-WCMC for each new natural nomination; (2) Up to 100 experts carrying out desk reviews of the nominations; (3) Field missions to all new natural nominations and one cultural landscape; (4) Regular communication with the States Parties in relation to their nominations; (5) Review of supplementary information received prior to the deadline of 31 March 2006; and (6) Two meetings of the IUCN World Heritage Panel in January and April 2006. In addition, the Panel spoke by conference call with each of the experts who carried out the field missions.

### **2.4 External Review of IUCN Evaluation Process**

Following more than 30 years of experience in the implementation of the *Convention*, it was considered timely to review IUCN procedures in relation to the evaluation of World Heritage nominations. IUCN considers it essential to ensure that the highest standards are employed and that all parties have full confidence in the methodology and processes which are applied. Accordingly, IUCN commissioned an external review of its World Heritage work in 2005 which aimed to improve IUCN's performance related to the evaluation of World Heritage nominations. This review was undertaken by Dr. Christina Cameron who interviewed staff of IUCN, the World Heritage Centre and previous Chairpersons of the World Heritage Committee in carrying out the review.

The completed review has helped to consolidate current thinking on the evolution of the evaluation process and the need to adapt to the current requirements of the *Convention*. It should also help to build confidence amongst parties and stakeholders of the *World Heritage Convention*, building on the reputation that IUCN has maintained to date in its technical advisory role to the World Heritage Committee. The review includes 26 recommendations and notes that: "priority should be given to those recommendations that improve the decision-making process, those that contribute to expanding the network and those that provide guidance to States Parties."

IUCN has prepared a management response and commits itself to the effective implementation of this report. In general IUCN is pleased to note that the report is very positive about the work of IUCN and Christina Cameron specifically notes that: "IUCN enjoys a high reputation for professionalism and scientific rigour. I hope that my report contributes to solidifying that reputation and enhancing IUCN's reputation where appropriate".

### **2.5 International Assistance**

In 2005, IUCN examined and provided comments on over 40 international assistance requests. Where possible, IUCN consulted with its regional and country offices and with

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<sup>1</sup> The evaluation process for this set of nominations concludes in 2006 and therefore falls under the activities relating to the 2006 Advisory Services Contract.

experts of WCPA and SSC (Species Survival Commission) to ensure that local factors and global perspectives were considered in providing the best advice possible. For each international assistance request approximately 2 - 3 hours of work was required, involving at least two staff at headquarters. In 2005, funding was not specifically provided for this work even though it clearly demanded a lot of staff time.

## **2.6 Global Strategy**

A major piece of work relating to the global strategy in 2005 was presented to the Kazan meeting in April 2005 as described in 2.7.2. below. IUCN has continued to develop this strategy and has prepared updated advice to be presented to the 2006 World Heritage Committee meeting on this subject.

IUCN also continued its work in the thematic area of Geological World Heritage in 2005. The document “Geological World Heritage: A Global Framework”, prepared with the support of experts of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (UK), the Department of Conservation (New Zealand) and Dorset County Council (UK), was completed in September 2005 and made available to interested parties of the *Convention* in hard copy and on the internet. In addition to this, IUCN established formal relationships with the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), and the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG), to further develop thinking on specific geological heritage themes, and provide access to a wider pool of expertise that can be used to ensure adequate assessment of World Heritage nominations that involve geology/geomorphology.

A second study completed in 2005 was the Regional Study of Central Asia. This was made available in hard copies and on the internet, and in particular circulated to States Parties attending the Central Asia workshop in Almaty, Kazakhstan, in November 2005.

## **2.7 World Heritage Meetings**

### 2.7.1 Meetings of the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies

Two official meetings of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies took place in 2005 (23-26 February and 12-14 September 2005 at ICOMOS, Paris). These meetings covering both operational and strategic matters. In addition, IUCN reviewed the new nominations for completeness in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS. These meetings are essential for effective preparation for the World Heritage Committee meetings and for highlighting key issues of concern for the Advisory Bodies and the Centre.

### 2.7.2 Expert meeting on Outstanding Universal Value – Kazan, Russian Federation

Two senior IUCN representatives took part in the experts meeting on Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) in Kazan, Russian Federation (6-9 April 2005). IUCN prepared a detailed background document, which outlined IUCN’s position on OUV and its application over time. IUCN gave a presentation to the Kazan meeting based on its background document and provided considerable input throughout the meeting. IUCN considers that this was an important contribution to the meeting and has been developed in 2006 to provide further guidance to States Parties.

### 2.7.3. Enhancing the IUCN Evaluation Process – Vilm Island, Germany

In November 2005, IUCN and WCPA, in collaboration with the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and the International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, organised the capacity building

workshop, “Enhancing the IUCN Evaluation Process – A contribution to achieve a credible and balanced World Heritage List”. This workshop followed up some of the recommendations of the Christina Cameron review, as it brought together 30 international experts of IUCN, WCPA, ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre to: (1) strengthen the IUCN-WCPA World Heritage network through provision of focused capacity building on the IUCN evaluation process; (2) review lessons learned on the policy and practice of the IUCN evaluation process; and (3) define key strategic directions and actions for enhancing the IUCN evaluation process. A list of key recommendations for improving the IUCN evaluation process were developed by the workshop, in particular in relation to supporting the work of IUCN evaluators, improving comparative analysis, options for financing and fundraising, how best to deal with mixed sites, marine sites and cultural landscapes, and the need for regular capacity building. IUCN will follow up the outcomes of Vilm as quickly as possible in 2006.

#### 2.7.4 List of meetings

The meetings relevant to World Heritage that IUCN attended in 2005 are outlined below (not including those relating to Training or Monitoring activities – these are covered under points 3 and 4 below).

Location	Meeting / Event	IUCN Staff / Expert	Dates
Paris	Meeting of Advisory Bodies and WH Centre and review of new nominations	Pedro Rosabal Georgina Peard	23-26 February
Nancy	Berastagi +7, WH Forests	David Sheppard Harald Plachter Jim Barborak	9-11 March
Cape Town	African WH Fund / Foundation	Georgina Peard Saliem Fakir	16-18 March
Kazan	Expert meeting on Outstanding Universal Value	Pedro Rosabal Harald Plachter	6 – 9 April
Gland	External Review – interviews with Christina Cameron	Christina Cameron	11 – 12 April
Gland	Steering Committee of the World Commission on Protected Areas	Harald Plachter	26 – 29 April
Paris	Linking SOC and Periodic Reporting, lessons from Enhancing our Heritage project	Georgina Peard	2 – 3 May
Bern	Glarus Overthrust – meeting with the Swiss State Party	David Sheppard Georgina Peard	24 August
Tanzania	UNDP-SGP COMPACT – launch of Phase II plus visit to Ngorongoro CA	Georgina Peard	28 August – 2 September
Paris	Meeting of Advisory Bodies and WH Centre	Georgina Peard Bastian Bomhard	12 – 14 September

Braga, Portugal	ProGEO Congress	Tim Badman	13 – 16 September
Paris	Meeting on Climate Change with UN Foundation and WH Centre	Pedro Rosabal	27 September
Alaska	World Wilderness Congress	Jim Thorsell	30 September – 5 October
Australia	International Marine Protected Areas Congress	Peter Shadie	23 – 27 October
Serbia and Montenegro	Regional Meeting of European Green Belt Initiative and WCPA	Marija Zupancic-Vicar	7 – 11 November
Berlin	Periodic Reporting for Europe and Reflection Year	Georgina Peard	8 – 11 November
Venice	Experts workshop on international designations for wetland sites	Pierre Galland	21- 23 November
Vilm Island	IUCN-WCPA capacity building workshop for IUCN WH experts	David Sheppard Pedro Rosabal Georgina Peard Bastian Bomhard	24 – 28 November
Oxford UK	Meetings of WH working group of International Association of Geomorphologists	Paul Dingwall Piotr Migon	2 December and 13 February 2006

### 3. MONITORING ACTIVITIES

IUCN's monitoring activities focused on: (a) drafting and presenting the annual State of Conservation (SOC) report to the World Heritage Committee; (b) carrying out and reporting on monitoring missions; (c) advising on climate change, periodic reporting and management effectiveness; and (d) in supporting the role of the *Convention* in ensuring the conservation of natural World Heritage properties. IUCN's technical advice to the World Heritage Committee, drawing on expertise in its regional and country offices, and large networks of experts, was broadly commended by the Committee at its 29<sup>th</sup> session. In 2005, as in previous years, the added value of IUCN's involvement in the *World Heritage Convention* may be seen through the extensive voluntary input from experts in IUCN offices and commissions, particularly WCPA.

Overall, it should be noted however, that with the growing number of World Heritage properties, monitoring activities are increasing and demanding more IUCN staff time, as well as considerable voluntary input from IUCN regional staff and international experts. In particular, monitoring missions are increasingly complex and sensitive, and significant input from senior staff or top international experts is required in the preparation and review of mission and state of conservation reports. Additional work in providing advisory services relating to periodic reporting and specific issues, such as climate change, in 2005 have not been fully resourced or budgeted for by this contract and have put increased pressure on the limited staff available. This has required additional staff time from the Programme on Protected Areas and other IUCN Programmes which has been subsidised by IUCN. It is recommended that in the preparation of draft decisions for the World Heritage Committee under the SOC report, the resulting work load, in terms of missions and other activities or follow-up, be carefully assessed by the World Heritage Centre and IUCN to ensure that it is feasible within budget available.

### **3.1 Ongoing research and review**

In 2005 IUCN received, on a regular basis and from a variety of sources, large amounts of information relating to the state of conservation of World Heritage sites, including from the World Heritage Centre, members of its expert Commissions (in particular WCPA and SSC), IUCN Regional and Country Offices, IUCN members and other NGO's and individuals around the world. Ongoing research into the state of conservation of World Heritage sites also involved regular checking of the internet and international environmental news websites, as well as reviews of newsletters, journals and other publications. This information was verified through IUCN's networks of experts to ensure a balanced and technically sound approach was taken in response to reported threats..

### **3.2 SOC Report / 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee, Durban, July 2005**

IUCN prepared and submitted to the World Heritage Centre in early April 2005 the draft state of conservation report (SOC) on natural and mixed World Heritage sites based on information gathered between July 2004 and March 2005. The 2005 IUCN SOC report included reports on 54 World Heritage sites as well as full mission reports on 5 sites. For the first time IUCN also prepared the first draft of the draft decisions for the Committee, which is a new element to the work under this contract. Following this submission, IUCN worked closely with staff at the Centre to finalise the document and draft decisions.

IUCN's work at the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee session on monitoring activities focused on, (a) the presentation of its SOC report, including reports on monitoring missions, and responding to questions or providing technical advice to the Committee and the States Parties concerned; (b) various meetings with States Parties in relation to issues at their World Heritage sites and IUCN monitoring missions requested; and (c) contributing to discussions on process and administrative matters, including on the budget for the 2006-2007 biennium.

In 2004, a preliminary IUCN study of Threats to World Heritage sites was completed and the results of this were due to be presented to the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee. However, as time did not permit for this presentation it will be included in the IUCN report to the 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee in 2006.

### **3.3 Monitoring Missions**

Funding under the 2005 contract covered the costs of 5 monitoring missions, including to: East Rennell, Solomon Islands (29 March – 8 April 2005); Djoudj National Bird sanctuary, Senegal (14 – 18 May 2005); Sagarmatha National Park, Nepal (26-27 July 2005); Lake Baikal, Russia (20 October – 1 November 2005); and Mount Athos, Greece (30 January – 4 February 2006)

Full mission reports have been prepared for all of these and results were partly reported to the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee in 2005 or will be reported to the 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee in 2006. It should be noted that the Lake Baikal mission and subsequent work in preparing the mission and state of conservation reports required a great deal of time of senior IUCN staff as well as engagement of senior management due to the sensitivities around the issues at the property. IUCN's Nepal country office covered half of the staff time for their participation in the mission to Sagarmatha National Park.

Other monitoring missions that took place in 2005, but for which travel expenses were covered by the 2004 contract, included: Durmitor National Park, Serbia and Montenegro (17-21 January 2005); Sangay National Park, Ecuador (20-25 February 2005); Iguacu National Park, Brazil (28 February – 4 March 2005); Manas National Park, India (30 March – 4 April 2005). The results of these missions were reported to the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee.

### **3.4 Climate Change**

Following the receipt of four petitions relating to climate change and World Heritage sites in 2005, IUCN worked with the World Heritage Centre and the State Party of the UK to develop a recommendation on follow-up actions presented to the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the WH Committee.

This resulted in planning for an international expert workshop held in March 2006. IUCN provided significant input to preparations for the workshop, advising on the selection of experts, the development of the programme and, most importantly, preparing a background discussion document on climate change and natural World Heritage sites. IUCN also took part in a preparation meeting in Paris on 23 January 2006. The meeting itself took place in March 2006 and therefore does not fall under the 2005 contract.

### **3.5 Periodic Reporting**

In 2005 IUCN reviewed the Periodic Report – Section I for Europe and the Periodic Report for North America, as well as the updates of reports for all other regions submitted to the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee. IUCN also provided technical input to a number of meetings related to the Periodic Reporting process, including:

- Sub-regional workshop on Section II, Slovakia (14-17 April 2005)
- Periodic Reporting for Europe, side-event at 29<sup>th</sup> session of WH Committee, Durban, South Africa (July 2005)
- Enhancing our Heritage project and links with reactive monitoring and periodic reporting, Paris (2-3 May 2005)
- Periodic Reporting for Europe – Toward an Action Plan, Berlin, Germany (8-9 November 2005)
- Periodic Reporting Reflection Year, Berlin, Germany (10-11 November 2005)

A separate contract was provided for IUCN input to the European periodic report – Section II in late 2005 / early 2006. It is noted that additional resources would similarly be required as it is anticipated that significant IUCN support will be required during the reflection year and review of the periodic reporting process in 2006 / 2007.

### **3.6 Enhancing our Heritage: Monitoring and Managing for Success in WH Natural Heritage sites**

IUCN and WCPA members continued to manage and implement the IUCN / UNESCO / UNF project, Enhancing Our Heritage, which was ongoing in 2005 with increased involvement from IUCN Regional Offices, especially in Latin America and East Africa. WCPA members and consultants of the project were also engaged in the reflection on periodic reporting and are looking at ways of linking the Management Effectiveness methodology to the reactive and Periodic Reporting processes.

## **4. TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

IUCN receives a small contract each year to advise on and support the implementation of the Global Training Strategy in relation to natural heritage. In 2005 funding under this contract supported work in preparing and testing World Heritage Resource Manuals, participation in the IUCN-WCPA capacity building workshop, and providing resource persons for a number of regional or thematic workshops. Overall IUCN considers that it needs to focus its work on World Heritage training on priority areas specific to World Heritage, and in this regard believes that future attention should be given to preparing Resource Manuals which will allow other training institutions and partners to provide well-informed and resourced training / capacity development where needed.

### **4.1 World Heritage Resource Manuals**

IUCN has been working on preparing two Resource Manuals on the preparation of natural property nominations and management plans for natural properties. The preparation of these draft texts was supported by participation in regional workshops to help better understand the needs of States Parties and people on the ground. Two specific workshops in Kazakhstan and Mongolia were attended for this reason. This highlighted some of the difficulties in preparing guidance for so many audiences (States Parties, NGOs, site managers), with different levels of understanding of the *Convention*, different socio-economic and cultural situations and different languages. It emphasised the need for the guidance to be relevant for policy decision-makers and site managers, possibly requiring two different sections.

Drafts of both manuals were completed in 2005 but it was found that additional work was necessary for IUCN staff to edit the documents, for additional consultation, to pull together case studies, prepare a CD ROM of materials, and for the overall design and layout of the manuals. Therefore, this work is ongoing in 2006 and the two draft manuals will become available for testing by States Parties during 2006.

#### 4.2 IUCN-WCPA workshop – Enhancing the Evaluation Process

This has already been described under 2.5.3 above as it also relates to IUCN's work in evaluating World Heritage nominations. Funding to support IUCN staff participation was split between the two contracts. IUCN considers that internal capacity building of the IUCN-WCPA network is essential to ensure the highest quality of technical advice is provided to the World Heritage Committee.

#### 4.3 Regional and Thematic workshops

Additional regional and thematic training or capacity building workshops that IUCN was involved in during 2005 are summarized in the table below.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>IUCN expert</b>	<b>IUCN input</b>	<b>Dates 2005</b>
Expert meeting on the development of World Heritage Training Kits	Gland, Switzerland	All WH staff + WCPA experts	Convenor	25-26 January
Training Workshop on the Application of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i>	Sharjah, United Arab Emirates	F. Abu-Izzeddin	Resource person	26 February – 3 March
Sub-regional Meeting for WH Periodic Reporting in Central and SE Europe	Levoca, Slovakia	Pierre Galland	Resource person	14-17 April
UNITAR Workshop: WH Management – A Values Based Approach	Hiroshima, Japan	K. Yoneda	Resource person	18-21 April
Workshop on Nomination, Conservation and Management of WH sites	Chengdu, Sichuan, China	Les Molloy A. Srivastav	Resource person	10-13 May
International Symposium on Conserving Cultural and Biological Diversity: The role of Sacred Natural Sites and Cultural Landscapes	Tokyo, Japan	Allen Putney	Organising Committee	30 May – 2 June
Barcelona Convention: Meeting of National Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas of the Mediterranean	Seville, Spain	G. Peard	Presentation on WH processes	1-2 June
IUCN regional staff meeting for West Africa	Nouakchott, Mauritania	G. Peard	Presentation on WHC and IUCN role	25-26 July
International World Heritage Workshop on Authenticity and Integrity of World Heritage	Mexico	A. Putney	Presentation	23-26 August

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IUCN Regional staff meeting for East Africa	Nairobi, Kenya	G. Peard	Presentation on WHC and IUCN role	5 September
Stakeholders Workshop for the Elaboration of the Site Management Plan for Uvs Nuur Basin Transboundary WH Property	Uvs Nuur Basin, Mongolia	P. Ogden	Lead resource person	10-16 September
Shirikami-Sanchi International Conference on World natural Heritage	Aomori Prefecture, Japan	L. Molloy	Presentation	15-17 October
Sub-regional workshop for WH Cultural and Natural site managers in Southern Africa	Maun, Botswana	O. Chapeyama	Resource person	24-28 October
Sub-Regional Workshop for the Follow-up on the 2003 WH Periodic Reporting Exercise for the Central Asian Region	Almaty, Kazakhstan	C. Magin T. Abul Hawa	Resource persons	30 October – 5 November
WH Regional Meeting: Follow-up to Periodic Reporting in Arab States	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	F. Abu-Izzeddin T. Abul Hawa	Resource persons	4-7 December

## 5. CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNT

IUCN considers it has undertaken all advisory services in an effective and professional manner during 2005. IUCN would highlight three lessons from the year under review:

The need to prioritise: A key challenge is that the workload associated with World Heritage is increasing rapidly each year but the increase in workload is not associated with an increase in resources to IUCN from the World Heritage Committee. There will thus be a need to more sharply prioritise tasks under the three IUCN contracts;

The need to review performance: There is considerable value in undertaking an independent and rigorous assessment of procedures. The review by Dr. Christina Cameron of the evaluation process followed by IUCN was particularly useful for improving the IUCN evaluation process; and

The need to reconsider deadlines for supplementary information. In relation to evaluations, there is a need to review the current deadline of 31 March for receiving supplementary information from States Parties in view of the limited time available to assess this information in a professional way. IUCN specifically recommends that the deadline be changed from 31 March to 28 February.



**ICCRUM - World Heritage Activities 2005**  
**Summary of Final Report**  
31 March 2006

## **INTRODUCTION**

The following is a summary of the final report of activities prepared by ICCROM for the World Heritage Centre. It outlines major activities carried out each area of service, in the period 1 January – 31 December 2005. ICCROM support to the Committee, during the period of this report, has been provided principally by Joseph King (ICCRUM World Heritage Coordinator), Gamini Wijesuriya (Deputy World Heritage Coordinator), Zaki Aslan, Kazuhiko Nishi, Webber Ndoro, Baba Keita, Valerie Magar and Elena Incerti Medici all under the direction of then ICCROM Director-General, Dr. N. P. Stanley-Price. ICCROM professional staff knowledgeable with regional issues and members of the ICCROM network also contribute substantially to support these activities. Leaving aside the support provided to AFRICA 2009, professional time equivalent approximately to that of one full staff member was provided to the Committee by ICCROM from January to December 2005.

### **1. PARTICIPATION IN BUREAU AND COMMITTEE STATUTORY AND PLANNING MEETINGS, AND PREPARATION OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

In 2005, ICCROM took part in the following meetings:

- Meeting of the Advisory Bodies and of the World Heritage Centre, Paris, 24-26 February 2005 – attended by Joseph King, Gamini Wijesuriya, and Bruno Pisani. Issues discussed included the Kazan meeting, Nominations, Periodic Reporting and the Training Kits meeting in Gland. An administrative meeting was held prior to the Advisory Bodies meeting with Bruno Pisani of ICCROM and Carlos Romero of the World Heritage Centre.
- World Heritage Committee Meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> Session, Durban, South Africa, 10-17 July 2005 – attended by N.P Stanley-Price, Joseph King, Gamini Wijesuriya, and Webber Ndoro. In addition to the normal participation of ICCROM, the AFRICA 2009 programme was highlighted during the Committee session and during a special one day session on partnership in Africa. An exhibition on the programme was mounted and a new publication and film launched.
- Meeting of the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre, Paris, 12-14 September 2005 – attended by Joseph King. Meeting discussed follow-up on issues

raised by the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee and the previous Advisory Bodies meeting that took place in Paris in February.

## **2. INVOLVEMENT IN REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MATTERS**

From January to December 2005, ICCROM was invited to review 30 requests for international assistance. These reviews have been carried out by ICCROM staff knowledgeable in project areas, and ICCROM partners and network members. The following requests were evaluated by ICCROM:

- Preparatory Assistance: Vanuatu (2), Central African Republic, Mali, Samoa, Marshall Islands, Egypt, Qatar, Angola, Micronesia, Tonga, Mauritania, Ecuador/Colombia, Peru/Bolivia, DPR Korea, Russian Federation;
- Training Assistance: Slovakia, Australia, Canada, Iran, Mauritania, Malawi, South Africa;
- Technical Assistance: Syrian Arab Republic, Bangladesh, Benin
- Educational/Promotional Assistance: Latvia, Benin, India, Jordan, Mexico

## **3. MANAGING AND COORDINATING TRAINING PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

### **3.1 Meetings for the residential component of CECI Long Distance learning course, 2005 - 2006**

Sílvio Mendes Zancheti of the Centre for Advanced Studies in Integrated Conservation, Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife – Brazil organized a meeting with Dora Arízaga of the Andean University Simon Bolivar, Quito – Ecuador, and Patricia Rodrigues Aloma, and Felix Afonso of the OHCH, Havana – Cuba to organize an ITUC programme for training specialists in management and conservation of urban heritage in Latin America and Caribbean. These three institutions will be cooperating together on the 2006 course and developing a programme and fixing dates for the 2007 – 2008 course. *(This activity is funded under contract # 4500027475 - meetings for the residential component of CECI Long Distance learning course.)*

### **3.2 Activities in Lithuania in support of Northeastern Europe, 2005 - 2006**

*ICCROM organized a workshop to develop a case study on the Old Town Renewal Agency (OTRA) and the Revitalization Strategy of the World Heritage Site of Vilnius and to organize a seminar on World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture and Development: Management of the Historic Urban Landscape in the Baltic countries. Planning began in late 2005 and the workshop and seminar will take place in 2006 and will be reported in ICCROM's World Heritage Activity Report for 2006 (March 2007). (This activity is funded under contract # 4500027412 – two activities in Lithuania in support of the sub-region of North-eastern Europe.)*

### **3.3 Asian Academy for Heritage Management Field School, Ba Dinh, Viet Nam, 1 - 12 December 2005**

The second Field School of the Asian Academy for Heritage Management (AAHM) was successfully conducted for 20 participants from Australia, China, India, Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam. The course was jointly organised by ICCROM, the UNESCO Bangkok Office, the Deakin University of Australia, the Architectural Research Institute and the Architectural University of Hanoi. The theme of the second Field School was the “Conservation and Presentation of Archaeological Heritage in an Urban Context” using the Ba Dinh archaeological site located in the centre of Hanoi. *(This activity was funded under contract # 4500025621 - organization of the Asian Academy Field School at the archaeological site of Ba Dinh in Viet Nam.)*

## **4. MONITORING MISSIONS TO WORLD HERITAGE SITES**

### **4.1 Round Table Meeting for Butrint World Heritage Site: UNESCO, ICOMOS, and ICCROM joint mission, Butrint, Albania, 28-30 March 2005**

A Roundtable was organized at Butrint, a site inscribed on the World Heritage List in Danger, with representatives of UNESCO, ICOMOS, ICCROM and national and international stakeholders. The meeting recommended the need for cultural and natural heritage professionals to work together with planning authorities and local and international partners in the preparation of the Management Plan, and encouraged authorities to use work carried out at the site as a model for 8 other major sites. *(Travel expenses were funded under contract # 4500024605 – ICCROM WH Service contract).*

## **5. MANAGING PROJECTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE**

### **5.1 Coordination of the AFRICA 2009 Programme, in cooperation with partners (African cultural heritage organizations, World Heritage Centre, and CRATerre-ENSAG)**

The secretariat and general project management of AFRICA 2009 are carried out at ICCROM in cooperation with the programme partners (African cultural heritage organizations, World Heritage Centre, and CRATerre-ENSAG). Funding for the programme comes from NORAD, Sida and the Swedish National Heritage Board, the Finish and Italian Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the World Heritage Fund, and ICCROM. During 2005, a number of activities were carried out within the programme including courses, thematic seminars, a World Heritage Nomination Workshop, publication of books, and in situ projects. One site, Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove in Nigeria was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2005 after the preparation of the nomination had been completed as part of an AFRICA 2009 *Projet Situ e*. *(The total expenditure for Africa 2009 for 2005 was €1,343,622. The World Heritage contribution for 2005 was 100,000USD (contract # 4500027482) and the combined contribution from other sources was €1,354,441.)*

## **5.2 Development of Ten Assistance Modules for the Arab States**

ICCROM was requested by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to develop ten technical assistance modules (in English and French) related to cultural heritage and global World Heritage activities in the Arab States region. These modules are meant to act as a guide for States Parties wishing to prepare International Assistance Requests for the consideration by the World Heritage Committee. Each Assistance Module comprises a document describing in detail a model activity to increase capacity to implement the World Heritage Convention. *(This activity was funded under WH contract # 4500017017 – Assistance Modules).*

## **6. INVOLVEMENT IN REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC ISSUES AND THEMES PERTINENT TO THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

### **6.1 Thematic meeting on Cultural Heritage Risk Management at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction, Kobe, Japan, 18 - 22 January 2005**

On 19 January 2005, ICCROM, in partnership with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and the Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan, organized a thematic session on Cultural Heritage Risk Management within the framework of the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction, held in Kobe, Japan from 18 – 22 January. ICCROM chaired the thematic session. The meeting highlighted the need to integrate concern for the cultural heritage and traditional knowledge systems into the larger disaster management framework. Training and better sharing of information were also underlined. The participants approved recommendations setting a series of specific goals and actions to promote the continued development of cultural heritage risk management initiatives. *(Travel was funded by ICCROM.)*

### **6.2 Workshop on the Preparation of Resource Manuals/Training Kits, IUCN Headquarters, Gland, Switzerland, 25 - 26 January 2005**

ICCROM, the World Heritage Centre and UNEP-WCMC took part in the workshop organized by IUCN to develop training kits for Natural World Heritage Sites. The aim of the workshop was to agree on priorities for training kits for natural World Heritage, their format, structure, an outline for their contents, and a work plan and tentative budget for their preparation. A decision was made that there was a greater need for a series of resource manuals (each including a technical publication and attached CD ROM of resource/reference/training material) rather than training kits. Various topics were then discussed which could contribute to the new series of publications. *(Travel expenses were funded under contract # 4500024605 – ICCROM WH Service contract).*

### **6.3 Special Experts' Meeting on the Concept of Outstanding Universal Value, Kazan (Republic of Tatarstan), Russian Federation, 6-10 April 2005**

This meeting was organized in response to a request by the World Heritage Committee to continue the development of the concept of Outstanding Universal Value. ICCROM and the other Advisory Bodies Presented papers along with a Keynote by Christina Cameron of Canada. Following the presentations, the participants discussed the concept of Outstanding Universal Value, tentative lists, quality of nominations, and promoting sustainable funding and management. The discussions resulted in final recommendations. *(Visa expenses were funded under contract # 4500024605 – ICCROM WH Service contract. Other expenses were covered by the organizers.)*

### **6.4 International Conference on World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture: Managing the Historic Urban Landscapes, Vienna, Austria, 12-14 May 2005**

The conference aimed to address the challenges of the conservation of historic urban environments, in particular World Heritage cities, to exchange ideas and visions, to explore mutually satisfying solutions to conservation and development, and to reach a consensus among the different stakeholders on principles and guidelines for regulation and management. ICCROM acted as the rapporteur for plenary session number 3, *The Architectural Dimension: Contemporary Architecture and High-rise Constructions as a Contextual Challenge*, and presented a statement on the theme as part of plenary session number 5. ICCROM was also a member of the drafting team that developed the “Vienna Memorandum” which was adopted by the conference participants. *(Travel expenses were funded under contract # 4500024605 – ICCROM WH Service contract).*

### **6.5 Regional Workshop on Potential Themes for Serial and Transboundary Cultural World Heritage Sites in the Pacific, Port Vila, Vanuatu, 5 - 8 September 2005**

The Global Strategy identified the Pacific region as under-represented on the World Heritage List. In order to overcome this situation and to address some of the issues raised in the periodic reporting, an action plan was agreed on at a meeting held in New Zealand in 2004. As a follow up, the World Heritage Centre organized the *Regional Workshop on Potential Themes for Serial and Transboundary Cultural World Heritage Sites in the Pacific*. 32 participants attended representing 12 States Parties from the Pacific Islands, ICOMOS, ICCROM, the United Nations University, University of South Pacific, New Zealand, Australia, the UNESCO Apia Office and the World Heritage Centre. ICCROM made a presentation on Authenticity and Integrity. The participants agreed on a series of themes, under which further studies will be carried out, to aid in the preparation of tentative lists. *(Travel expenses were covered by the organizers.)*

## **7. COLLABORATION WITH STATES PARTIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES**

### **7.1 Strategic Planning Meeting, Robben Island, South Africa, 18 - 20 January 2005**

The workshop aimed at reviewing the management planning process for Robben Island in response to the request made by an earlier reactive monitoring report. ICCROM was asked to help coordinate the meeting and make a presentation on the process of planning for heritage sites. During the workshop the staff expressed the need for training, and ICCROM were asked to help in this regard. *(Travel expenses were covered by the organizers.)*

### **7.2 Applied Course on Heritage Site Management, Bosra and Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, 25 January - 3 February 2005**

In the framework of the ICCROM ATHĀR Programme, the Applied Course on Heritage Site Management was held in Bosra (a World Heritage site) and Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic. The course was organized jointly with the General Directorate of Antiquities and Museums of Syrian Arab Republic and UNESCO. The organisation further benefited from collaboration with the respective Directorates of Antiquities in the three countries: Jordan, Lebanon and Syrian Arab Republic, as well as the local authorities. The course was attended by 20 participants, and the faculty consisted of twelve invited experts from Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic, France, Italy, Switzerland, and Belgium. *(This activity was funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, through ATHĀR Programme with contribution by UNESCO-Beirut Office.)*

### **7.3 Regional Workshop for ASPnet Secondary School Teachers on the Practical Manual “Introducing Young People to Heritage Site Management and Protection” Tunis, Tunisia, 9 - 15 February 2005**

A regional workshop for secondary schoolteachers on the manual “*Introducing Young People to Heritage Site Management and Protection*” was held in collaboration with the UNESCO Amman Office (through the *ASPnet* programme) and the Regional Secretariat of the Organization of World Heritage Cities for North Africa and the Middle East, within in the framework of the international colloquium “*Villes du Patrimoine Mondial: le classement et après?*” organized by OWHC. The event gathered eighteen teachers from Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Libya, Egypt, and Tunisia. ICCROM supported participants from Jordan, Lebanon, and Syrian Arab Republic. *(This activity was funded by the MAE, Italy, through ATHĀR Programme, and UNESCO-Amman Office through ASPnet.)*

#### **7.4 Cultural Heritage Training Course for Iraq, Amman Jordan, 15 - 17 February 2005**

ICCROM was invited by the UNESCO Iraq office, located temporarily in Amman, Jordan, to teach on a course sponsored by JICA and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities of Jordan. ICCROM made three presentations on basic conservation concepts (including an introduction to the World Heritage and Hague conventions) and provided information on its ATHAR programme. *(Travel expenses were covered by the UNESCO Iraq Office in Amman, Jordan.)*

#### **7.5 African World Heritage Experts Meeting for the development of the “African Position Paper”, Somerset West, South Africa, 14 - 20 March 2005**

The main focus of the meeting was to consider the conservation and management issues of World Heritage properties on the African continent and suggest a plan of action to improve the situation. The action plan also focused on the issue of ensuring the long-term sustainability. These discussions formed the basis for the Position Paper presented to the World Heritage Committee in Durban. ICCROM acted as the rapporteur of the meeting and presented a paper on *World Heritage, Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication*. ICCROM continued to remain active in the initiative following the meeting. *(Travel expenses were covered by the organizers.)*

### **8. INVOLVEMENT IN PERIODIC REPORTING**

#### **8.1 World Heritage Sub Regional Workshop for the Follow-up on the 2003 Periodic Reporting Exercise for the South Asian Region, Lahore, Pakistan, 11 - 16 April 2005**

ICCROM was requested to make available an international resource person to moderate and participate in the Sub-regional workshop, develop and organize a two day session on site management, and assist in the identification of future actions and strategies for the implementation of the Convention in the South Asia sub-region. ICCROM made 4 presentations that dealt with the Global Strategy and management of World Heritage sites. The workshop concluded with the drafting of an action plan for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in South Asia. *(Travel expenses were covered under contract # 4500023105 - sub-regional workshop in Lahore Pakistan).*

#### **8.2 The International Workshop on the Preparation of Section II Periodic Reports for Central and South Eastern Europe, Levoca, Slovakia, 14 -17 April 2005**

ICCROM was asked to take part in a Working Group for the World Heritage Periodic Reporting in Europe. The participation in this process offers ICCROM valuable information on the implementation of the Convention, a dialogue with the States Parties, and feedback on current monitoring and management needs. Katri Lisitzin (ICCROM

consultant) took part and acted as rapporteur for some of the sessions. *(Fees were covered under contract # 4500024605 – ICCROM WH Service contract).*

### **8.3 World Heritage Periodic Reporting in Europe: Towards an Action Plan and World Heritage Periodic Reporting Reflection Year, Berlin, Germany, 8 - 11 November 2005**

The objectives for ICCROM participation in the symposium were to identify training and capacity building needs and options, support international coordination and best-practice dissemination, and update recent developments in heritage management in Europe. Following the Periodic Reporting meeting, ICCROM (Katri Lisitzin) took part in the World Heritage Periodic Reporting Reflection Year meeting. The meeting reviewed lessons learnt from the first cycle of Periodic Reporting process and identified elements to be explored for the future. *(Fees were covered under contract # 4500024605 – ICCROM WH Service contract).*

### **8.4 Regional Meeting on the follow-up to the Periodic Reporting in the Arab States and Information Management, Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), 4 - 8 December 2005**

At this meeting on the follow-up to periodic reporting for the Arab Region, ICCROM presented the ten modules mentioned in section 5.2 above, and its ongoing work capacity building in the region. The ATHAR programme was presented and was recognized as an important tool. *(Travel expenses were covered by the World Heritage Centre.)*

### **8.5 UNESCO Workshop for the follow-up on the 2003 Periodic Reporting Exercise in North-east and South-east Asia, Malacca, Malaysia, 12 - 16 December**

The UNESCO Workshop for the follow-up on the 2003 Periodic Reporting Exercise in Northeast and South-east Asia was held in Malaysia from 12 - 16 December 2005 with representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, DPR of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, UNESCO, ICOMOS and ICCROM. There was also a large representation of professionals and academics from different regions and institutions of Malaysia as observers. ICCROM made a presentation on “Capacity Building for World Cultural Heritage Conservation” and also acted as a facilitator for one of the three groups together with Richard Engelhardt of UNESCO Bangkok Office. *(Travel expenses were covered under contract # 4500024605 – ICCROM WH Service contract).*