



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Organisation
des Nations Unies
pour l'éducation,
la science et la culture

World Heritage

34 COM

Distribution Limited

WHC-10/34.COM/INF.15
Paris, 31 May 2010
Original: English/French

**UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF
THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Thirty-fourth session

Brasilia, Brazil
25 July – 3 August 2010

Item 15 of the Provisional Agenda: International Assistance

SUMMARY

This document contains under Part I the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and International Assistance requests processed by the World Heritage Centre from 1st January to 31 May 2010, and under Part II the final list of International Assistance requests approved during the previous biennium (2008-2009).

I. International Assistance requests processed by the World Heritage Centre in 2010-2011

A. International Assistance Budget 2010-2011 as of 31 May 2010

	Total budget 2010-2011	Total approved 2010-2011			Available for approval in 2010
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE AND CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE		Preparatory assistance	Conservation & Management assistance	Total	
Cultural heritage (65% as per Committee's decision)	520,000	5,000 <i>(1 request)</i>	31,285 <i>(2 requests)</i>	36,285 <i>(3 requests)</i>	478,715
Natural heritage (35% as per Committee's decision)	280,000	0	30,000 <i>(1 request)</i>	30,000 <i>(1 request)</i>	245,000
Mixed heritage (half culture, half nature)		0	10,000 <i>(2 requests)</i>	10,000 <i>(2 requests)</i>	
Sub-totals	800,000	5,000	71,285	76,285	723,715

Note: all figures are in USD

	Total budget 2010-2011	Total approved 2010-2011		Available for approval in 2010
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	400,000	0		400,000
Cultural heritage	<i>no earmarking</i>	0		
Natural heritage	<i>no earmarking</i>	0		
Mixed heritage (half culture, half nature)		0		

B. SIX INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2010-2011 (as of 31 May 2010)

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (1 request)				5,000		
Culture (1 request)				5,000		
AFR	Malawi	Research to develop a Tentative List	n.a.	5,000	01 April 2010	n.a.
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (5 requests)				71,285		
Culture (2 requests)				31,285		
EUR	Latvia	4th Baltic Sea Region Cultural Heritage Forum "Cultural Heritage - Contemporary Challenge"	n.a.	5,000	30 March 2010	n.a.
LAC	Bolivia	Technical assistance for the preservation of the Cerro Ricco of Potosí	City of Potosí (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1987</i>)	26,285	02 March 2010	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.1, C.11, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, C.17, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35
Nature (1 request)				30,000		
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	International bipartite workshop on sustainable management of massifs in the transboundary zone of Mount Nimba	Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1981, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1992</i>)	30,000	02 March 2010	A.1, A.2, A.3, B.4, B.5, C.10, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.37
Mixed (2 requests)				10,000		
EUR	Slovenia	First South-East Europe (SEE) World Heritage Youth Forum - World Heritage education as a factor for rebuilding trust and reconciliation	n.a.	5,000	11 March 2010	n.a.

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
EUR	Croatia	First South-East Europe (SEE) World Heritage Youth Forum - World Heritage education as a factor for rebuilding trust and reconciliation	n.a.	5,000	11 March 2010	n.a.
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (0 request)				0		

**15 International Assistance requests examined in 2010-2011 and still pending
(as of 31 May 2010)**

Region	Country / Title of request	Date of panel meeting	Amount requested (USD)	Status
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE REQUESTS			92,386	
Cultural heritage			79,886	
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire: Preparation of a nomination file for the Historic City of Grand Bassam	15 January 2010	29,999	The panel recommended to seek clarifications from the State Party on the respective roles of the local institutions and the external experts, as well as on the purpose of the mission to Praia. If the clarifications are fine with the Advisory Bodies, the request will be submitted to the Chairperson for approval for US\$ 22,702 (=US\$ 29,999 reduced by US\$ 7,297 for equipment) without going back to the panel. Reply from the State Party pending.
AFR	Sierra Leone: Preparation of the Tentative List for cultural heritage sites suitable for inscription on the World Heritage List	15 January 2010	19,900	The panel recommended to seek clarifications from the State Party on the budget as well as on the profile and background of the expert who will work on the cultural side of the Tentative List. It is also recommended to include a natural heritage expert, thus increasing the budget. When all this is done and fine with the Advisory Bodies, the request will be submitted to the Chairperson for approval without going back to the panel. A revised version was received on 23 April 2010 and sent to the Advisory Bodies for comments. They requested to go back again to the State Party, which was done on 26 April 2010. The State Party replied on 19 May 2010; comments from the Advisory Bodies pending.
APA	Kyrgyzstan: 6th Sub-regional Workshop on the Serial World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads	15 January 2010	29,987	The panel recommended that the request be sent back to the State Party to be reformulated and objectives of the meeting revised, for submission to a next panel. No revised request received so far.

Region	Country / Title of request	Date of panel meeting	Amount requested (USD)	Status
Mixed heritage			12,500	
APA	Cook Islands: Prepare Tentative List for the Cook Islands	09 April 2010	12,500	The panel recommended to see with the State Party whether it would be possible to include in the request 2 international experts (one for cultural heritage and one for natural heritage), knowing that the budget increase can go up to the ceiling of Preparatory Assistance (US\$30,000). If the revised budget is fine with the Advisory Bodies, the request will be submitted to the Chairperson for approval without going back to the panel. The revised budget was received on 27 April 2010 and sent to the Advisory Bodies on the same day; reply from the Advisory Bodies pending.
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE REQUESTS			165,451	
Cultural heritage			79,900	
AFR	Kenya: Lamu Old Town. Action plans scheme projects and methods to support the management plan	09 April 2010	10,000	The panel recommended to wait for the results of the reactive monitoring mission that will take place beginning of May, and to submit the request to the next panel for a final recommendation.
ARB	Iraq: Travelling exhibition "UNESCO post-conflict response - protection of Iraqi World Heritage"	15 January 2010	10,000	The panel recommended that the request be sent back to the State Party to be reformulated and submitted to a next panel. The State Party replied on 25 May 2010; comments from the Advisory Bodies pending.
APA	Uzbekistan: Development of a management / conservation plan for World Heritage site of Samarkand - Cross-road of culture	09 April 2010	30,000	The panel recommended that the request be revised to concentrate on the follow-up actions to be taken after the high-level meeting. It should also exclude the cost of the coordination of the Board of Museums from the budget requested from World Heritage Fund. The revised request will be submitted to a next panel. No revised request received so far.

Region	Country / Title of request	Date of panel meeting	Amount requested (USD)	Status
EUR	Ukraine: International Seminar: "Role of Religious Communities in the Management of World Heritage Properties"	09 April 2010	29,900	The panel recommended that the request be submitted to the Chairperson for approval for US\$ 29,900. The request was sent for the Chairperson's decision on 21 April 2010; pending decision.
Natural heritage			85,551	
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire: Improvement of the protection system of the Mount Nimba Strict Reserve through a series of panels	15 January 2010	15,255	The panel recommended that the budgets be refined by the State Party, and then the requests can be submitted to the Chairperson for approval of US\$ 15,255 and US\$ 10,000. The World Heritage Centre will ensure they are implemented into one single contract. Reply from the State Party pending.
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire: Project for raising awareness of the local populations of the Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve		10,000	
ARB	Egypt: Exploring and displaying Eocene Whale (Basilosaurus) Evolution for conservation of Wadi El-Hitan World Heritage Site in Egypt	09 April 2010	30,300	The panel recommended that the request be submitted to a next panel once a fully filled in and signed version is received by the World Heritage Centre and commented on by IUCN. No signed complete version of the request received so far.
APA	Philippines: 2011 State of Conservation Report	09 April 2010	29,996	The panel recommended that priorities be clearly established by the State Party in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, and that the budget be clarified (especially on the travel part). If the clarifications are fine with IUCN, the request will be submitted to the Chairperson for approval without going back to the panel. A revised request was received by the Centre on 25 May 2010 and has to be commented by IUCN.
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REQUESTS			371,567	
Cultural heritage			196,667	
AFR	Uganda: Strategic plan for the reconstruction of the burnt Kasubi Tombs	n.a.	71,500	Request received on 25 May 2010, sent to the Advisory Bodies for comments on the same day; Advisory Bodies' comments to come.
ARB	Jordan: Urgent Investigation of the Rock Stability in the Siq in Petra	n.a.	67,579	It was felt by the Advisory Bodies that this request did not correspond to the current definition of Emergency Assistance. It will be therefore submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval under Conservation & Management assistance.

Region	Country / Title of request	Date of panel meeting	Amount requested (USD)	Status
LAC	Haiti: Post earthquake technical assistance for the assessment of the National History Park – Citadelle, Sans Souci, Ramiers, and the Tentative List site – Historic centre of Jacmel	n.a.	57,588	Request received on 12 May 2010, sent to the Advisory Bodies for comments on the same day; ICCROM replied on 28 May 2010 and ICOMOS on 31 May 2010.
Natural heritage			174,900	
AFR	Madagascar: Forêts humides de l'Atsinanana	n.a.	99,900	Submitted to the World Heritage Committee , since the amount is above the ceilings of the Chairperson's approval
LAC	Panama: Coiba Island cattle removal project	n.a.	75,000	Received by WHC on 10 March 2010, sent to IUCN for comments on 12 March 2010. It was suggested to ask the State Party to revise this request for a lower amount (US\$ 30,000) under Conservation & Management Assistance, since IUCN and the World Heritage Centre agreed that this request did not correspond to the definition of Emergency Assistance in para. 241 of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> , but fell in the Conservation & Management category. No revised request received so far.

II. 36 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2008-2009

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (9 requests)				218,912		
Culture (5 requests)				105,300		
AFR	Angola	Preparation of the nomination file for inscription of the historic city of M'banza Kongo on the World Heritage List (Revised)	Ruin of M'banza Kongo (on Tentative List since 1996)	30,000	26 June 2008	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.14, C.15, D.18, D.20, E.24, E.27, E.28
AFR	Cameroon	Proposal for the inscription of the Chutes de la Lobé cultural landscape on the World Heritage List	Les chutes de la Lobé (on Tentative List since 2006)	25,300	27 October 2009	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.13, C.15, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
APA	Fiji	Development of legislative protection for the conservation of heritage in Levuka and development of a Management Plan for Levuka	Levuka (on Tentative List since 1999)	15,000	25 March 2008	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.11, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.27, E.28
APA	Dem. Rep. of Korea	Preparation of a nomination file and management plan for the historical monuments and sites in Kaesong.	Historical Relics in Kaesong (on Tentative List since 2000)	25,000	16 February 2009	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.14, C.15, D.18, D.20, E.24, E.25, E.27, E.28
EUR	Ukraine	Preparation of the nomination file for inscription on the World Heritage List of the Complex of the Sudak Fortress Monuments of the 6th- 16th c.	Complex of the Sudak Fortress Monuments of the 6th - 16th c. (on Tentative List since 2007)	10,000	3 June 2008	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.14, C.15, D.18, D.20, E.24, E.25, E.27, E.28
Nature (3 requests)				83,712		
AFR	Guinea-Bissau	Elaboration of the nomination file for the Bijagos Archipelago on the World Heritage List	Réserve de Biosphère de l'Archipel des Bijagos (on Tentative List since 2006)	23,712	30 May 2008	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.14, C.15, D.18, E.24, E.27, E.28

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
APA	Kazakhstan	Preparatory work for Transboundary Nomination of "Western Tien-Shan": Sub-regional Meeting and preparation of the nomination of the Western Tien-Shan as transboundary natural heritage site (including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan)	Mountains of the Western Tien Shan (Transboundary nomination of Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan) "Chatkal Sate Biosphere Reserve" (on Uzbekistan's Tentative List since 2008)	30,000	25 June 2008	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.14, C.15, D.18, E.24, E.27, E.28
LAC	Colombia	Seaflower Marine Protected Area, Colombia: Nomination of a natural property	Seaflower Marine Protected Area (on Tentative List since 2007)	30,000	27 June 2008	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.14, C.15, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27, E.28
Mixed (1 request)				29,900		
ARB	Egypt	First International Seminar on serial nomination of properties connected with Astronomy	n.a.	29,900	14 April 2009	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, E.30
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (20 requests)				512,013		
Culture (10 requests)				238,652		
AFR	Ethiopia	The development of architectural and urban projects in the Historical City of Harar and its surroundings (buffer zone) for a better preservation of the integrity and authenticity of the property	Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historic Town (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	4,950	25 July 2008	n.a.
ARB	Jordan	Investigations for the restoration of the Stylite Tower at Um er-Rasas	Um er-Rasas (on the World Heritage List since 2004)	18,750	16 February 2009	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.15, C.16, C.17, D.18, E.34, E.35

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
APA	India	Follow up on the Periodic Reporting for World Heritage Sites in India; Workshop for exchange and capacity building of Indian World Heritage site managers	n.a.	30,000	28 May 2008	A.1, A.2, B.5, B.6, B.8, C.10, C.14, D.18, D.20, E.37, E.39
APA	Turkmenistan	Technical assistance for conserving AK-Kala fortress and strengthening the top of Kutlug Timur minaret	Kunya-Urgench (on the World Heritage List since 2005)	29,992	1 July 2008	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.15, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35
APA	Cambodia	Conservation and Management of the Preah Vihear Temple	Temple of Preah Vihear (on the World Heritage List since 2008)	30,000	3 February 2009	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.12, C.13, C.15, D.18, E.34, E.35
APA	Vanuatu	Buffer zone land-use planning and heritage management project for Chief Roi Mata's Domain	Chief Roi Mata's Domain (on the World Heritage List since 2008)	30,000	16 February 2009	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.34, E.35
EUR	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Establishment of a monitoring system for the Old Bridge of Mostar	Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar (on the World Heritage List since 2005)	29,960	16 February 2009	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.15, D.18, E.34, E.35, E.36
EUR	Ukraine	Organization at the St. Sophia Cathedral of Kiev of the National Centre for Education, Information and Awareness Raising of the Cultural Heritage Management and Protection	n.a.	5,000	04 May 2009	n.a.
LAC	Mexico	Conservation and restoration of the mural paintings and stone decorated facade of the Dean's House in Puebla	Historic Centre of Puebla (on the World Heritage List since 1987)	30,000	16 February 2009	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.15, D.18, D.20, E.34
LAC	Uruguay	Colonia del Sacramento Historic Quarter Management improvement	Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento (on the World Heritage List since 1995)	30,000	27 October 2009	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.15, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
Nature (7 requests)				203,361		
AFR	Ethiopia	Opening Arkuasiye Critical Wildlife Corridor by facilitating voluntarily the relocation of villagers	Simien National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1978, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1996)	30,000	27 June 2008	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, D.20, E.34, E.35
AFR	Seychelles	Enhancing marine biodiversity monitoring, surveillance and conservation on Aldabra Atoll	Aldabra Atoll (on the World Heritage List since 2002)	30,000	16 February 2009	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.15, C.17, D.18, D.20, E.34, E.35
AFR	Tanzania (United Rep. of)	Implementing Management Effectiveness Evaluations into two World Heritage Sites in Tanzania	Ngorongoro Conservation Area (on the World Heritage List since 1979) Kilimanjaro National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1987)	29,920	27 October 2009	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, B.7, B.8, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.37, E.38, E.39, E.40, E.41, E.43, E.44
LAC	Argentina	Update of the Management Plan of Península Valdes	Península Valdés (on the World Heritage List since 1999)	29,441	18 June 2009	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, D.18, E.34
LAC	Bolivia	Participation of 12 rangers from World Heritage sites of South America in the 6th World Congress for Park Rangers in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia	n.a.	30,000	14 April 2009	A.1, A.2, B.5, B.8, B.9, C.10, C.11, C.12, D.18, D.19, E.39

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	Colombia	Threats mitigation over the outstanding universal values of Los Katíos National Park and Natural World Heritage site, in coordination with relevant authorities and local communities	Los Katíos National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1994, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2009)	30,000	27 October 2009	A.1, A.2, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34 E.35
LAC	Costa Rica	"CATIE´s XXXth International Protected Areas Course: Ecosystem Management of Buffer Zones and Biological Corridors at the Landscape scale"	n.a.	24,000	15 October 2008	A.1, A.2, B.7, B.8, C.10, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.37, E.39, E.40, E.41, E.42, E.43
Mixed (3 requests)				70,000		
AFR	Senegal	Organization of the meeting for the official launch of the Periodic Reporting for the Africa Region	n.a.	30,000	27 October 2009	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, B.6, B.8, B.9, C.10, C.11, D.18, D.19, E.37, E.39, E.42
APA	Sri Lanka	Translation and publication of the "World Heritage in Young Hands - an Educational Kit for teachers" into Sinhala and Tamil languages	n.a.	10,000	27 October 2009	A.1, A.2, B.5, B.8, B.9, C.10, C.11, C.14, C.15, C.17, D.18, D.19, E.47, E.48, E.50, E.51
LAC	Dominican Republic	Assistance for the Training of Dominican Experts in the Application of the World Heritage Convention (conservation and management)	n.a.	30,000	4 June 2008	A.1, A.2, B.8, C.10, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.37, E.39, E.40, E.42, E.43

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (7 requests)				384 918		
Culture (5 requests)				269,918		
AFR	Tanzania (United Rep. of)	Restoration of supporting wall for funerary mosque, Songo Mnara	Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (on the World Heritage List since 1981, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2004)	4,970	30 June 2009	n.a.
AFR	Mozambique	Structural repair and reconstruction of collapsed defensive walls and foundations of the Saint Sebastian Fortress on Island of Mozambique	Island of Mozambique (on the World Heritage List since 1991)	75,000	30 June 2009	A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.15, D.18, E.21, E.22
APA	China	Post earthquake assistance for Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System (Revised request)	Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System (on the World Heritage List since 2000)	40,000	17 June 2008	A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.15, D.18, E.21, E.22, E.23
LAC	Cuba	Recovery of the Historic Urban Centre of the city of Camaguey from the damage occasioned as a consequence of the hurricane Ike.	Historic Urban Centre of Camaguey (on the World Heritage List since 2008)	74,948	3 February 2009	A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.15, D.18, E.21, E.22, E.23
LAC	Cuba	Instrumentation of aid of emergency for the recovery of the Valley of Viñales, World Heritage site affected by hurricanes Gustav and Ike	Viñales Valley (on the World Heritage List since 1999)	75,000	3 February 2009	A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.15, D.18, E.21, E.22, E.23
Nature (2 requests)				115,000		
APA	Bangladesh	Re-establishing essential management capacity in the Sundarbans WH site following the passage of cyclone Sidr	The Sundarbans (on the World Heritage List since 1997)	75,000	9 April 2008	A.2, B.3, B.5, B.8, E.21, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, C.15, C.16, C.17, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.23

Region	State Party	Title	Name of properties	Amount approved (in USD)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
APA	China	Post earthquake assistance for the field investigation and rehabilitation of the Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries (Revised request)	Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2006</i>)	40,000	17 June 2008	A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.15, D.18, E.21, E.22, E.23