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8D: Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties

SUMMARY

This document presents a Draft Decision concerning the adoption of nine “boundary clarifications”, i.e. clarifications of the delimitations of properties at the time of their inscription on the World Heritage List by the States Parties.

The boundary clarifications have been prepared in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory of nomination dossiers of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List in the period 1978-1998, as well as for properties inscribed after 1998 in the framework of the Periodic Reporting.

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I. RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY

1. The Retrospective Inventory, an in-depth examination of the nomination dossiers available at the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN, was initiated in 2004 and endorsed by the World Heritage Committee at its 7th Extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004), Decision **7 EXT.COM 7.1**.
2. The objective of the Retrospective Inventory is the identification and collection of data such as information on boundaries, serial components and areas of properties for early inscribed World Heritage properties where the available information is missing or not adequate. This data plays a key role in different statutory processes, such as reactive monitoring, modification of boundaries and Periodic Reporting of World Heritage properties.
3. Thus, through the Retrospective Inventory all documentation on properties inscribed from 1978 until 1998 available in the archives of the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN was analysed and inventoried.

II. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY AND PERIODIC REPORTING

4. In the framework of the Retrospective Inventory, all maps provided in the nomination dossiers and in the evaluations of the Advisory Bodies were examined to check whether they included the delimitations of the World Heritage property as inscribed. Cases where the delimitations were not included or were not clear, were communicated to the States Parties concerned in order for them to provide the missing information on the delimitation of the properties at the time of their inscription.
5. Since 2004, the Retrospective Inventory process has dealt with more than four hundred properties inscribed on the World Heritage List during the period 1978-1998.
6. In parallel, in the course of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting and in reply to Question 1.4 (Maps) of the questionnaire (Section II), some States Parties have also provided technically improved maps of inscribed properties. These maps were submitted by States Parties in cases where the cartographic information provided in the nomination dossier at the time of their inscription did not fulfil the current technical requirements as established in paragraph 132 and Section 1.e of Annex 5 of the *Operational Guidelines*.
7. Consequently, the present document presents information related to maps of properties inscribed before 1998, and which fall within the Retrospective Inventory process, as well as properties inscribed after 1998, as a result of the Periodic Reporting exercise.

III. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN 2018

8. Boundary clarifications are considered satisfactory only if: a) they are consistent with the information provided in the nomination dossier, with the evaluation of the concerned Advisory Body(ies) and with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription; b) they meet the current technical requirements, i.e.:
 - are provided on topographic or cadastral maps at the largest available scale (the choice between a topographic or cadastral map depends on the size as well as the type of the property);
 - are provided on maps that:

- a) show a clearly labelled coordinate grid (or coordinate references of at least four points on the map);
 - b) include a bar scale;
 - c) display a legend in English or French clearly referring to the “boundaries of the World Heritage property” and/or to the “buffer zone of the World Heritage property”, if applicable.
9. At its 41st session (Krakow, 2017), the World Heritage Committee requested States Parties concerned to submit all requested boundary clarifications by **1 December 2017** (Decision **41 COM 8D**). Out of the received boundary clarifications, 9 were considered satisfactory. They are presented to the World Heritage Committee in the Annex of this document. They are presented in alphabetical order by region and by State Party.
10. The list of the World Heritage properties concerned is included in Paragraph 11. The Annex of this document presents detailed information on boundary clarifications for each concerned property and provides the following elements:
- a table indicating the name of the property, its date of inscription, its identification number and its area in hectares as well as the area in hectares of its buffer zone, whenever applicable;
 - a technical summary providing further details and explanations;
 - for serial properties, a table listing the serial components and the areas in hectares as well as the area in hectares of their buffer zone(s), whenever applicable;
 - the maps are available at the following website <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/42COM/documents/>.
11. Boundary clarifications for the following properties are presented:

ARAB STATES

- Libya, Archaeological Site of Cyrene
- Libya, Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna
- Libya, Archaeological Site of Sabratha
- Libya, Old Town of Ghadamès
- Libya, Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus

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- Netherlands, Defence Line of Amsterdam
- Spain, Ibiza, Biodiversity and Culture

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

- Haiti, National History Park – Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers
- Mexico, Pre-Hispanic Town of Uxmal

IV. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 42 COM 8D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/18/42.COM/8D,
2. Recalling Decision **41 COM 8D**, adopted at its 41st session (Krakow, 2017),
3. Acknowledges the excellent work accomplished by States Parties in the clarification of the boundaries of their World Heritage properties and commends them for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List;
4. Recalls that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies are not able to examine proposals for minor or significant modifications to boundaries of World Heritage properties whenever the delimitations of such properties as inscribed remain unclear;
5. Takes note of the clarifications of property boundaries and areas provided by the States Parties as presented in the Annex of Document WHC/18/42.COM/8D:

ARAB STATES

- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Cyrene*
- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna*
- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Sabratha*
- *Libya, Old Town of Ghadamès*
- *Libya, Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus*

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- *Netherlands, Defence Line of Amsterdam*
- *Spain, Ibiza, Biodiversity and Culture*

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- *Haiti, National History Park – Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers*
- *Mexico, Pre-Hispanic Town of Uxmal;*

6. Requests the States Parties which have not yet answered the questions raised in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory to provide all clarifications and documentation as soon as possible, and by **1 December 2018** at the latest, for their subsequent examination, if the technical requirements are met, by the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee in 2019.

ANNEX

The boundary clarification maps for the concerned properties can be found at: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/42COM/documents/>. All the maps presented are consistent with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of the inscription, and/or the evaluation of the relevant Advisory Body(ies) and/or the nomination dossier.

ARAB STATES

LIBYA

Property	Archaeological Site of Cyrene
Identification number	190
Date of inscription	1982
Area of the inscribed property	131.675 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

LIBYA

Property	Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna
Identification number	183
Date of inscription	1982
Area of the inscribed property	387.485 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

LIBYA

Property	Archaeological Site of Sabratha
Identification number	184
Date of inscription	1982
Area of the inscribed property	90.534 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

LIBYA

Property	Old Town of Ghadamès
Identification number	362
Date of inscription	1986
Area of the inscribed property	38.40 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

LIBYA

Property	Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus
Identification number	287
Date of inscription	1985
Area of the inscribed property	3923961 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

NETHERLANDS

Property	Defence Line of Amsterdam
Identification number	759
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	17576 ha

Serial ID	Name of site component	Area (ha)
759-001	The Defense Line of Amsterdam	17554.365
759-002	Coastal Fort near IJmuiden	6.299
759-003	Fort near Heemstede	1.728
759-004	Advanced fort near Vijfhuizen	2.668
759-005	Works along the IJ before Diemerdam	2.336
759-006	Fort along the Pampus	4.095
759-007	Works along the IJ before Durgerdam	1.814
759-008	Fort Kijkuit	2.695
TOTAL		17576

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the property, displaying the boundaries of all the inscribed components.

SPAIN

Property	Ibiza, Biodiversity and Culture
Identification number	417 Rev
Date of inscription	1999
Area of the inscribed property	9020.30 ha
Area of the buffer zone	7567.63 ha

Serial ID	Name of site component	Area (ha)	Buffer Zone (ha)
417rev-001	Natural site	9000.69	7421.73
417rev-002	Poblado de sa Caleta	3.73	
417rev-003	Dalt Vila y murallas	10.38	145.90
417rev-004	Necropolis Puig des Molins	5.50	
TOTAL		9020.30	7567.63

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

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HAITI

Property	National History Park – Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers
Identification number	180
Date of inscription	1982
Area of the inscribed property	25285.59 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

MEXICO

Property	Pre-Hispanic Town of Uxmal
Identification number	791
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	2059.8 ha
Area of the buffer zone	3758.64 ha

Serial ID	Name of site component	Area (ha)	Buffer Zone (ha)
791-001	Uxmal	87.45	3758.64
791-002	Sayil	286.21	--
791-003	Kabah	949.76	--
791-004	Labná	736.38	--
TOTAL		2059.8	3758.64

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the serial property, displaying the boundaries of the four components of the property.