

# AZERBAIJAN

## I.01. Introduction

**Year of adhesion to the Convention: 1993**

**Organisation(s) or institution(s) responsible for preparation of report**

- Ministry of Culture (Department for Protection of Monuments and Sites)

## I.02. Identification of Cultural and Natural Properties

**Status of national inventories**

- Inventories are established at national level (in 1968-1988 and revised in 2001) and they have been used for selecting World Heritage sites

## I.03. The Tentative List

- Original Tentative List has been prepared at national level (State Committee for Protection, Restoration and Use of Monuments and Sites and Academy of Sciences) in 1998 and revised in 2001

## I.04. Nomination of Cultural and Natural Properties for the World Heritage List

**Nominations**

- Central government (Ministry of Culture) in co-operation with site managers prepares the nominations to the World Heritage List
- Key motivations: conservation of site, working in partnership, site in danger
- Two cultural sites have been nominated

**Inscriptions**

- 1 cultural site: *Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower* (2000)
- Inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2003

**Benefits of inscription**

- Conservation of site, working in partnership, endangered site protection

## I.05. General Policy and Legislation for the Protection, Conservation and Presentation of the Cultural and Natural Heritage

**Specific legislations**

- The Law of Azerbaijan Republic "on the protection of cultural and historic monuments and sites" (1988)

- The Decree of President of Azerbaijan Republic "on the protection of historic and architectural preserve Icheri Sheher" (component of the Walled City of Baku)

**Other Conventions**

UNESCO Convention (1970), *Signed*: Hague Convention (1954), Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954, Delphi Convention (1985), Valetta Convention (1992), Rome Convention (1995), Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 (1999), Ramsar Convention (1971), CITES (1973), Bern Convention (1979), Basel Convention (1989), Alpine Convention (1991), Convention on Biological Diversity (1992)

## I.06. Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

**Organisations, local communities participating in protection and conservation**

- National level: Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Academy of Sciences
- Private sector and NGOs are also participating in the heritage protection/conservation and presentation activities

## I.07. Scientific, Technical Studies and Research

N/A

## I.08. Financial Resources

**National resources and international financial assistance, fund raising**

- World Heritage sites are funded by the State (central) and local/regional budgets
- Azerbaijan has not made any additional contribution to the World Heritage Fund

## I.09. Training

**Professional and Institutional training**

- There is urgent need for training for institutions and individuals concerned with the protection and conservation of World Heritage sites at all levels

## I.10. International Co-operation

- Azerbaijan has not co-operated with other States Parties for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of the World Heritage located on their territory
- Azerbaijan has no twinned sites at national or international levels

### **I.11. Information, Awareness Building and Education**

#### **Information and awareness raising on local, regional national or international level**

- State Party promotes its World Heritage site at national, regional and local levels by producing different publications and by undertaking media campaigns

### **I.12. Conclusions and Recommended Action**

#### **Conclusion and proposed actions**

The State Party did not provide any conclusions or proposals for future actions