



Retrospective Statements of OUV
for World Heritage Properties:
Authenticity & Integrity

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Brief Synthesis

- Should try and evoke the property for those who do not know it
 - Its meaning and associations
- Say why it is of OUV
- Summarise attributes that convey OUV

- Essential that SoOUV is linked to tangible and relevant intangible attributes of the site
- So that there is a clear understanding of the link between OUV and the property's attributes
- Attributes of OUV essential for considering authenticity and integrity
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Authenticity & Integrity

- Integrity
 - Applies to both natural and cultural properties
 - But only to cultural properties since 2005
- Authenticity
 - does not apply to natural properties

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- For many properties, we do not have information about authenticity and integrity at time of inscription
- Cannot write retrospective statements of authenticity and integrity
- Such statements must be written for the property as it is **today**

There is sometimes:

- Confusion between the two concepts of authenticity and integrity
- An apparent lack of clarity as to ways in which authenticity and integrity may be defined and are evaluated

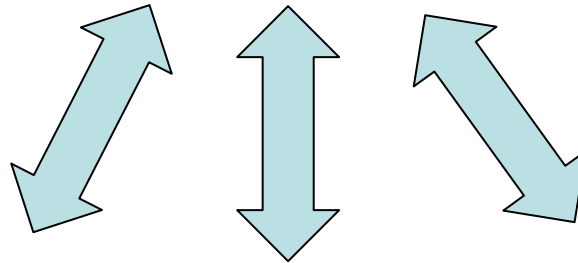
OUV / Attributes

- Attributes are those elements of the property that carry OUV
- **Authenticity = Link between attributes and OUV**
- **Integrity = completeness/intactness of the attributes needed to carry OUV**

Authenticity

- Authenticity = link between attributes and outstanding universal value

OUV



Attributes

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Link must be truthfully and credibly expressed

Before 2005:
The '**test of authenticity**'

Referred to four **attributes**:

- **Design**
- **Material**
- **Workmanship**
- **Setting**

– only tangible aspects of the heritage

- *Conservation of cultural heritage in all its forms and historical periods is rooted in the values attributed to the heritage*
- ***Our ability to understand these values depends on the degree to which information sources about these values may be ... credible or truthful***
- *Knowledge and understanding of these sources of information..... and their meaning is a requisite basis for assessing all aspects of authenticity (par. 9)*

Conditions of authenticity:

- Depending on the type of cultural heritage, and its cultural context
- Properties may thus be understood to meet the conditions of authenticity if their **cultural values**
 - (as recognized in the nomination criteria proposed)
- **are truthfully and credibly expressed through a variety of attributes, including ...**

- **Form and design**
- **Materials and substance**
- **Use and function**
- **Traditions, techniques and management systems**
- **Location and setting**
- **Language and other forms of intangible heritage**
- **Spirit and feeling**
 - other forms of **intangible** heritage

Showing a much broader recognition of the different attributes that might carry OUV

- Attributes listed in Op Guidelines
 - Are **suggestions**
- For each property need to consider relevant aspects
- Not necessarily all the attributes suggested in Op Guidelines

Attributes of urban areas

OUV of urban areas might be 'carried' by the following attributes:

- Structures
- Spatial plans
- Traditions
- Living communities
 - socio-environmental 'whole', working collaboratively

Authenticity thus relates to

- How well attributes reflect OUV

Authenticity can be compromised

- If attributes weak,
 - communities cease to thrive, buildings collapse, traditions disappear etc

Archaeological sites

- If OUV is linked to the way the site reflects influences or interchange of ideas
- Attributes of the site need to manifest those ideas
- Archaeological remains must truthfully reflect their message
 - Reconstruction might hinder this process

Statement of Authenticity

- Authenticity is the ability of a property to convey its OUV
 - through the way its attributes convey truthfully (credibly, genuinely) that OUV
- **Statements needs to say briefly whether the attributes that carry OUV**
- **are thriving**
- **and convey their message credibly and truthfully**

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Op Guidelines

*Integrity is a measure of the **wholeness and intactness** of the natural and/or cultural heritage and its **attributes**.*

Examining the conditions of integrity, therefore requires

assessing the extent to which the property:

- *a) **includes all elements necessary** to express its outstanding universal value*
- *b) **is of adequate size** to ensure the complete representation of the features and processes which convey the property's significance*
- *c) [does not] **suffer from adverse effects of development and/or neglect***

Integrity

- Wholeness = all the necessary attributes are within the property
- Intactness = all the necessary attributes are still present – none eroded
- Absence of threats = none of the attributes are threatened
 - by development or neglect

Statement of Integrity

- Needs to say whether the collection of attributes that convey OUV are all contained within the boundaries
- That the property does not have parts that have lost these attributes
- That the attributes are not threatened

- Defining statements of Integrity and Authenticity
- Will often identify vulnerabilities in terms of attributes, boundaries, setting etc

- Next part of SoOUV on
Management and protection necessary to sustain OUV
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- Needs to ensure that these vulnerabilities are acknowledged and addressed



Thank you

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