



Summary State of Conservation Report 2015 Churches of Chiloé, Chile (C 971)

Regarding the protection of the Churches of Chiloé and their setting, the State Party reports:

- Progress in the establishment of a Ministry of Culture, the implementation of the new National Urban Development Policy and the design of a National Programme for World Heritage Sites.
- Restoration of Churches Dalcahue and Chelín, with funding of the Programme Value Enhancement of Heritage of the Regional Development Department of the Ministry of Interior.
- Development of guidelines and inputs for the Comprehensive Management Plan for the sixteen churches, including the update of the document on restoration criteria and procedures.
- Continuity and progress in the implementation of the “Comprehensive plan to protect the churches’ settings as Typical Zones”: at present, the settings of 6 churches count with official protection as Typical Zone, and it is planned that 3 more will be protected by the end of 2015. The State Party will soon submit a request for a minor boundary modification to inscribe these new buffer zones.
- Study for protection through territorial planning tools in buffer zones, led by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the municipalities: in this framework, the Municipal Council of Castro approved the development of a study to modify the Local Regulatory Plan of Castro in the surroundings of the San Francisco de Castro Church, with funding of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.
- The construction of Castro’s Shopping Mall has been completed, counting with municipal permits in accordance with the national legislation in force.
- Implementation of a Transport Plan, developed by the Transport Department of the Castro town, in order to improve the transit management, accessibility and relieve traffic pressures on the town, complemented by the implementation of traffic lights. The traffic pressure on the center of Castro will diminish with the construction of a By Pass of the route crossing the town next to the church, which is currently in the process of being allotted and will be finished by 2018. Finally, the Shopping Mall Castro was requested to submit an analysis of voluntary traffic mitigation measures.