

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

I.01. Introduction

Year of adhesion to the Convention: 2002

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

- Ministry of Culture (Direction General of Cultural Heritage)

I.02. Identification of Cultural and Natural Properties

Status of national inventories

- Inventories are established at national and local levels and have been used for selecting World Heritage sites

I.03. The Tentative List

- The first Tentative List was submitted in 2004 (based on the Protected Monuments Register adopted by Parliament's Decision of 1993 and on the List of Protected Natural Surfaces of 1998)

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

Nominations

- Central Government (Ministry of Culture) prepares the nominations to the World Heritage List
- Motivations for nomination: site in danger, conservation of a site, increased funding
- Difficulties encountered: lack of national/local cooperation, inadequate staffing, and lack of funding
- Nomination of the serial transnational sites including *Struve Geodetic Arc Station "Rudi"* (cultural site) will be examined at the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2005¹

Inscriptions

- N/A

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

Specific legislations

- Law "on the protection of monuments" (1993), Law "on the protection of environment" (1993), Law "on the fund of protected natural surfaces" (1998), Law "on principles of urbanism spatial planning" (1996), Law "on the natural resources" 1997)

Other Conventions

Hague Convention 1954, Protocol to the Hague Convention 1954, Granada Convention 1985, Valetta Convention 1992, Florence Convention 2002, Ramsar Convention 1971, CITES 1973, Bonn Convention 1979, Bern Convention 1979, Basel Convention 1989, Convention on Biological Diversity 1992

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

Organisations, local communities participating in protection and conservation

- Ministry of Culture
- Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

I.07. Scientific, Technical Studies and Research

Nesterov T. Orheiul Vechi : monumente de arhitectură. Chisinau. *Epigraf.* 2003; Ciobanu C. Biserica « Adormirea Maicii Domnului » din Căușeni. Chisinau. *Știința.* 1997; « Patrimoniul cultural al județului Tighina ». Chisinau. 2002; Șlapac M. Cetăți medievale din Moldova. Chisinau. 2002

I.08. Financial Resources

National resources and international financial assistance, fund raising

- World Heritage activities are funded by the State central and local/regional Budgets
- Fundraising, NGOs and private sector
- Moldova has not made any additional contribution to the World Heritage Fund

I.09. Training

Professional and Institutional training

- There is a training need for institutions and individuals concerned with the protection and conservation of world Heritage sites

I.10. International Co-operation

- Moldova has cooperated with other States Parties for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of the World Heritage located on their territories
- Moldova has not twinned sites at national or international levels

¹ This transnational serial site was inscribed on the World Heritage List during the 29th session (2005).

I.11. Information, Awareness Building and Education

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

- Moldova presents and promotes its heritage sites at national, regional and local levels by producing specific publications, films, postcards, web pages and by undertaking media campaigns
- In general, the awareness about the World Heritage Convention in Moldova is not adequate

I.12. Conclusions and Recommended Action

Conclusion and proposed actions

- Strength: Ratification of the World Heritage Convention has positive impact on the heritage protection system in Moldova
- Weaknesses: No general State policies were defined in the field of heritage protection; lack of funding; absence of training opportunities

Proposed Actions:

- Establishment of a specific institution responsible for the heritage identification, research, protection, conservation and presentation
- Training of specialist involved in the heritage protection and management
- Establishment of adequate Tentative List
- Preparation of the nomination dossier and management plan for "Orheiul Vechi" site to be nominated for the World Heritage List
- Revision of existing inventories, and creation of digital database