

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Lithuania

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

31/03/1992

1.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Reporting

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage

1.4 - Primary government authorities responsible for the implementation of the Convention

- Ruta Baskyte
The State Service for Protected Areas under the Ministry of Environment, the National Coordinator for Natural Heritage of Lithuania
Director
- Algimantas Degutis
Department of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture; National Coordinator for Cultural Heritage of Lithuania
Deputy Director

1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

- Algimantas Degutis
Deputy director
Department of Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture
Domain: Cultural
- Vidmantas Bezaras
Director of landscape and protected aries department
Ministry of Environment
Domain: Natural

1.6 - Comments

2. Inventories / lists / registers for cultural and natural heritage

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Not applicable
Local	Not applicable
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state	Not applicable
Local	Not applicable
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.3 - Are inventories/lists/registers adequate to capture the diversity of cultural and natural heritage in the State Party?

Inventories / lists / registers capture the full diversity of cultural and natural heritage.

2.4 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified cultural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the protection of cultural heritage.

2.5 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified natural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are not actively used for the protection of natural heritage.

2.6 - Are inventories / lists / registers used for the identification of properties for the Tentative List?

Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

2.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to inventories / lists / registers of cultural and natural heritage (questions 2.1 to 2.6)

3. Tentative List

3.1 - Potential future nominations (Property name / anticipated year of nomination)

Trakai Historical National Park / 2019 /
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3.2 - Tools used for a preliminary assessment of the potential Outstanding Universal Value

None of the above

3.3 - Level of involvement in the preparation of the Tentative List

National government institution(s)	Poor
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Poor
Other government departments	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Not applicable
Local communities / residents	Not applicable
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
Local industries	Not applicable
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Not applicable
Consultants / experts	Not applicable
Site manager / coordinator(s)	Not applicable

3.4 - Was the authority(ies) listed in question 1.4 responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?

No

3.5 - If not, what authority(ies) is responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?

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3.6 - Do you intend to update your Tentative List within the next six years?

Yes

3.7 - Comments

For the moment Lithuania just started consultation with Belarus and Ukraine on the preparation of the possible joint nomination.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Vilnius Historic Centre	1989-10-17	inscribed
Vilnius Historic Centre	2007-12-17	not inscribed
Kernavė Archaeological Site (Cultural Reserve of Kernavė)	2003-01-23	inscribed
Trakai Historical National Park	2004-01-09	withdrawn
Struve Geodetic Arc	2004-01-28	inscribed
Curonian Spit	1999-06-30	inscribed

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Fair
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Poor
Other government departments	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Poor
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Not applicable
Local communities / residents	Not applicable
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
Local industries	Not applicable
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Not applicable
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator	Not applicable


4.3 - Perceived benefits of inscribing properties on the World Heritage List













Strengthened protection of sites (legislative, regulatory, institutional and / or traditional)	High benefit
Enhanced conservation practices	Low benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	Some benefit
Improved presentation of sites	Some benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	Some benefit
Increased funding	Low benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	Some benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	Limited benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	Some benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	Low benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Title	Year	Link to source
Resolution 1424 on the approval of the Regulations for the export of movable cultural property and antiques from the Republic of Lithuania and the List of movable cultural property and antiques the export whereof from the Republic of Lithuania requires a permit issued by the Department of Cultural Heritage Protection under the Ministry of Culture (no more valid)	2004	

Title	Year	Link to source
RESOLUTION 1107 ON THE PROCEDURE OF RETURN OF CULTURAL OBJECTS UNLAWFULLY REMOVED FROM THE TERRITORY OF A MEMBER STATE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION	2004	
Law I-1179 on Protection of Movable Cultural Property (no more valid)	1996	
Law I - 733 on Protection of Immovable cultural Properties (no more valid)	1994	
Resolution N.750 on movable items of cultural heritage and antiques (not valid since 01.06.2002)	1996	
Resolution N.1480 of 27 November 2003 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the approval of the regulation of antiques trade (updated since 09.05.2005)	2003	
Resolution N.1572 of 9 December 2003 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the approval of the procedure to certificate (issue licence for) the antiques trade (updated since 10.08.2005)	2003	
Resolution N.433 of 8 April 2003 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the approval of obligation of Government's of the Republic of Lithuania for procedure of movable cultural properties temporary importation to territory of Republic of Lithuania from foreign countries (updated since 01.04.2004)	2003	
Resolution N.393 of 27 March 1996 of the Government of Lithuania on the approval of arrangement regulations of auctions of movable cultural property, antiques and pieces of contemporary art (update since 09.05.2001)	1996	
Resolution N.1424 on the approval of the Regulation for the export of movable cultural property and antiques from the Republic of Lithuania and the List of movable cultural property and antiques from the Republic of Lithuania (updated since 30.08.2005)	2004	
Law X-1682 of the Amendment on Protection of Movable Cultural Property (valid from 07.01.2009)	2009	
Law I-1179 on Protection of Movable Cultural Property (23.01.1996; as last amended on 04.11.2004- IX-2534 valid until 30.06.2009)	1996	
Law I-733 amending the Law on protection of Immovable Cultural Heritage (22.12.1994) (updated version of 8 May 2008)	1994	

Comment

New Resolution : Resolution No.544 of 19 May 2010 of the Government of Lithuania on appointment of institutions responsible for protection of the UNESCO World Heritage sites in Lithuania.

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

Resolution No.544 of 19 May 2010 of the Government of Lithuania on appointment of institutions responsible for protection of the UNESCO World Heritage sites in Lithuania. / 2010 / National / Cultural / www.lrs.lt

5.3 - Comment

Necessary legal framework for identification, conservation and protection of the cultural and natural heritage is in place. Only one national level for identification, conservation and protection exists in Lithuania. There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the properties but it could be improved.

5.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage?

The legal framework is adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

5.5 - Can the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) for the identification, conservation and

protection of the State Party’s cultural and natural heritage be enforced?

Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened.

5.6 - Other International Conventions adhered

Comment

The Convention for The Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. European convention on The Protection of The Archeological Heritage. Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage 2001. The UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects. Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible CH. Convention for the Protection of The Architectural Heritage. European Landscape Convention.

5.7 - Implementation of International Conventions into national policies

There is adequate coordination and integration.

5.8 - States Party’s policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities

There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

5.9 - Integration of heritage into comprehensive / larger scale planning programmes

There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

5.10 - Comments

6. Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

6.1 - To what degree do the principal agencies / institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of this heritage?

There is some cooperation between the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but improvements are possible.

6.2 - To what degree do other government agencies cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of natural and cultural heritage?

In general, cooperation exists between other government agencies and the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

6.3 - To what degree do different levels of government cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?

In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

6.4 - Are the services provided by the agencies / institutions adequate for the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage properties in your country?

There is some capacity to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties but significant deficiencies remain.

6.5 - Comments

7. Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

7.1 - Is there a research programme or project specifically for the benefit of World Heritage properties?

There is no research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

- none / none
- none
- both
- no
- no

7.3 - Comments

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Sources of funding

National government funds	Major source of fixed term funding
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Minor source of fixed term funding
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Not applicable
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Minor source of fixed term funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Not applicable
NGOs (international and / or national)	Not applicable
Private sector funds	Minor source of fixed term funding
Other (Please specify in 8.6)	Not applicable

8.2 - Involvement of State Party in the establishment of foundations or associations for raising funds and donation for the protection of World Heritage

No

8.3 - National policies for the allocation of site revenues for conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage

Yes

8.4 - Is the current budget sufficient to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?

The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to conserve and protect cultural and natural heritage.

8.5 - Are available human resources adequate to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?

Human resources are adequate to meet the current needs of cultural and natural heritage conservation, protection and presentation.

8.6 - Comments

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- none / none / both
no

9.2 - Training needs

Conservation	High priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	Medium priority
Interpretation	High priority
Administration	Medium priority
Visitor management	Low priority
Community outreach	Medium priority
Risk preparedness	Medium priority
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Very low priority
Other	Not applicable

9.3 - Does the State Party have a national training/ educational strategy to strengthen capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation?

There is no national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation.

9.4 - Comments

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others

No

10.3 - Comments

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Information
International
National
Local

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Education

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
National
Local

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
National

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

National

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Not applicable

11.1.7 - Translation and diffusion of publications made available by the World Heritage Centre

Not applicable

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Not applicable

11.1.9 - Comments

11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders

There are no strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage.

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

Private Sector	No awareness
Youth	Poor
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Poor
Tourism industry	Poor
Decision makers and public officials	No awareness
Indigenous peoples	No awareness
General public	No awareness

11.2.3 - Does the State Party participate in UNESCO's World Heritage in Young Hands programme?

The State Party does not participate in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme*.

11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities

Courses for teachers for the use of the <i>World Heritage in Young Hands Kit</i>	Never
Courses/activities for students within the school programmes	Never
Youth Forums	Never
Skills-training courses for students	Never
Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites	Never
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Never
Other (comment below)	Never

11.2.5 - Comments

12. Conclusions and Recommended Actions

12.1. State Party's implementation of the World Heritage Convention

12.1.1 - Identification of heritage

Identification of heritage
Inventories / lists / registers capture the full diversity of cultural and natural heritage.
Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

12.1.2 - National Inventories

National Inventories
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable
National : Process well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable

12.1.3 - Tentative List

Tentative List
Yes

12.1.4 - Legal framework

Legal framework
Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened.

12.1.5 - Implementation of international conventions within national policies

Implementation of international conventions within national policies

12.1.6 - Communities

Communities
Local communities / residents: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Not applicable
Local communities / residents: Not applicable

Communities
Indigenous peoples: Not applicable
Landowners: Not applicable

12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

Larger-scale planning
There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation
In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

12.1.9 - Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

Scientific and Technical Studies and Research
There is no research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

12.1.10 - Financial status

Financial status
The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to conserve and protect cultural and natural heritage.

12.1.11 - Human resources

Human resources
Human resources are adequate to meet the current needs of cultural and natural heritage conservation, protection and presentation.

12.1.12 - Training

Training
No national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.

12.1.13 - International cooperation

International cooperation
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

Education, Information and awareness building
Private Sector : No awareness
Youth : Poor
Communities living in/around heritage sites : Poor

12.2. Actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention (identified from table 12.1).

12.2.1 - Please select the top issues (up to six)

Please refer to question 5.2

12.3. Priority Actions Assessment

12.3.2 - Priority actions assessment

9 Training					
	Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
9.3	No national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.	National Cultural Heritage Protection Political Guidelines(Order of the Minister of Culture, 20/11/2012, No.IV-811). For the moment Ministry of Culture just started consultation with authorities on the preparation of the training action plan.	Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Interior	2015-2017	no

12.3.3 - Additional actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention

Special plans are in progress at the national level to set heritage protection requirements for Vilnius Historic Centre and Curonian Spit.

13. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

13.1 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?

Yes

13.2 - Please provide suggestions for improvement:

13.3 - Please rate the level of support from the following entities for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire

World Heritage Centre	Fair
UNESCO (other sectors)	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM	Not applicable
ICOMOS national / regional	Not applicable
IUCN national / regional	Not applicable

13.4 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

All required information was accessible

13.5 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from the previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Not applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not applicable
State Party	Not applicable
Site Managers	Not applicable

13.6 - Comments