

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Malta

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

14/11/1978

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

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
UNESCO National Commission
World Heritage property managers/coordinators
ICOMOS national / regional
Others

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

- MariaElena Zammit
National Museum of Archaeology
Curator
- Joe Vella Gauci
Permanent Delegation of Malta to UNESCO
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (designate)

Comment

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1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

- Kenneth Gambin
Chief Executive Officer
Heritage Malta
Domain: cultural
- Anthony Pace
Superintendent
Superintendence of Cultural Heritage
Domain: cultural
- Vincent Cassar
Chairman
Malta Environment and Planning Authority
Domain: cultural and natural
- Mireille Fsadni
Head
Rehabilitation Projects Office
Domain: cultural
- Norbert Gatt
Director
Restoration Directorate
Domain: cultural

1.6 - Comments

1.3.12 - National World Heritage Sites Technical Committee - This is a committee which has been set up in quarter 4 of 2013, to discuss and co-ordinate issues relating to World Heritage in the Maltese Islands.

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 completed or continually updated
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 frequently 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 not actively used for the identification of properties for inclusion on the Tentative List.

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

2.3: Inventories of cultural heritage include only tangible and immovable elements of cultural heritage; they do not cater for intangible and movable heritage.

3. Tentative List

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

Mdina (Città Vecchia) / / /
Cittadella (Victoria - Gozo) / / /

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)	Good
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Poor
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor
Local communities / residents	No involvement
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	No involvement
Local industries	No involvement
Non Governmental Organization(s)	No involvement
Consultants / experts	No involvement
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?

Ministry of Foreign Affairs /

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

Yes

3.7 - Comments

3.4.2: Individuals/committee listed in question 1.4 did not have their current role when the Tentative List was drawn up. 3.5: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the time.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Underground Hypogee of Hal Salfieni at Paola	1979-07-30	
Hal Salfieni Hypogeum	1979-11-13	inscribed
City of Valletta	1979-11-13	inscribed
The Harbour Fortifications of Malta	1998-06-19	deferred
Temples of Ggantija	1979-11-13	inscribed
Megalithic Temples of Malta	1991-05-20	inscribed

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Not applicable
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Poor
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	No involvement
Local communities / residents	No involvement
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable

Landowners	No involvement
Local industries	No involvement
Non Governmental Organization(s)	No involvement
Consultants / experts	Not applicable
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)	Some benefit
Enhanced conservation practices	High benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	Limited benefit
Improved presentation of sites	High benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	High benefit
Increased funding	High benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	Limited benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	Limited benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	High 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

Comment

Cultural Heritage Act (2002 and subsequent amendments)
Environment and Development Planning Act (2010 and subsequent amendments)

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

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5.3 - Comment

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

Valletta 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 effective cooperation between principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

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

There is limited cooperation between other government agencies and the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

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 adequate capacity within services to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties.

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 a comprehensive research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

- Archaeological Heritage Conservation Project / 2010-2015
local
both
<http://heritagemalta.org/projects/eu-funded-projects/erdf-032/>
biological survey, hydrological survey, environmental monitoring, archaeological excavations and LAC at

Tarxien Temples, & structural study at Ġgantija Temples

- MT0014 Conservation of Ħal Saflieni Hypogeum WHS / 2008-2012
local
cultural
<http://heritagemalta.org/projects/other-projects/project-mt0014-conservation-of-hal-saflieni-hypogeum-world-heritage-site/>
environmental monitoring
- Maltese Temples Landscape Project / 2010 -2013
local
both
/
Investigation of the evolution of the landscape context of Skorba since prehistory.
- Med.Archeo.Sites: Study and Valorisation of Archaeological Sites of the Mediterranean Area - Interreg IIIB Archimed / 2008
local
cultural
<http://heritagemalta.org/projects/eu-funded-projects/med-archo-sites-study-and-valorisation-of-archaeological-sites-of-the-mediterranean-area-interreg-iiib-archimed/>
The project including studies about Ta" Ħaġrat and Skorba Temples, including GPR surveys, LAC study and archival research.

7.3 - Comments

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Sources of funding

National government funds	Major source of sustained funding
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Minor source of sustained funding
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Minor source of fixed term funding
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Major source of fixed term funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Major source of fixed term funding
NGOs (international and / or national)	Minor source of sustained funding
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 sufficient but further funding would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

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 but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

8.6 - Comments

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- University of Malta / national / cultural
There are no courses specifically dedicated to World Heritage but it is discussed as part of graduate and post-graduate courses in archaeology, conservation and cultural heritage management.

9.2 - Training needs

Conservation	Medium priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	Medium priority
Interpretation	Low priority
Administration	Medium priority
Visitor management	Low priority
Community outreach	Medium priority
Risk preparedness	High priority
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High priority
Other	

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 but nonetheless this is being done on an ad hoc basis.

9.4 - Comments

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

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

Yes

10.3 - Comments

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Local

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
Awareness Raising
International
National

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Information
International
National

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Information
Awareness Raising
National

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

Information
Education

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 but nonetheless this is being done on an ad hoc basis.

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

Private Sector	Poor
Youth	Poor
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Fair
Tourism industry	Good
Decision makers and public officials	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not Applicable
General public	Poor

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	Regularly
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Occasionally
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 not actively used for the identification of properties for inclusion on the Tentative List.

12.1.2 - National Inventories

National Inventories
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable
National : Process completed or continually updated
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: No involvement
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: No involvement
Local communities / residents: No involvement
Indigenous peoples: Not applicable
Landowners: No involvement

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 a comprehensive research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

12.1.10 - Financial status

Financial status
The available budget is sufficient but further funding would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

12.1.11 - Human resources

Human resources
Human resources are adequate but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

12.1.12 - Training

Training
Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.

12.1.13 - International cooperation

International cooperation
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 : Poor
Youth : Poor
Communities living in/around heritage sites : Fair

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

5 General Policy Development						
		Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
5.7	There is adequate coordination and integration.	Since 2013, a National Committee has been set up to discuss and coordinate issues and work related to world heritage.	The Committee is chaired by Malta's Permanent Delegate, and includes site managers, the superintendent of cultural heritage and representatives from the National Commission and ICOMOS Malta. The committee meets on a regular basis.	National Technical Committee for UNESCO World Heritage Sites	ongoing	No
6 Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation						
6.2	There is limited capacity to adequately conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage and significant deficiencies remain.	The State Party will continue to make the best use of its resources, and to source funds for required actions.	Government investment in heritage is significant, however the density of sites on the islands is high. Increased financial investment is therefore difficult. Nonetheless, efforts will continue to be made to source funds from other sources.	Superintendence of Cultural Heritage, Heritage Malta	ongoing	International Assistance has been requested for the Megalithic Temples, and may be required again in the future.
9 Training						
9.3	Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.	Further training of professionals by the University of Malta	Research Agendas for respective WH sites will continue to be communicated to the relevant departments in the University of Malta, so that the required research can be conducted.	University of Malta, Heritage Malta, Scientific Committee for the Conservation of the Megalithic Temples, Superintendence of Cultural Heritage, Hypogeum Environmental Management Investigation Group.	ongoing, to be strengthened	Possibly.

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

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:

Space for comments is sometimes too limited.

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

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

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

Most 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	Good
Advisory Bodies	Fair
State Party	Good
Site Managers	Good

13.6 - Comments

14. Thank you