

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Wachau Cultural Landscape

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Austria

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

970

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2000

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Wachau Cultural Landscape	48.364 / 15.434	18387	2942	21329	2000
Total (ha)		18387	2942	21329	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Wachau Cultural Landscape - inscribed property	02/12/2000	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Bruno Maldoner
Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Michael Schimek
Arbeitskreis Wachau
Manager, DI

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Kulturlandschaft Wachau \(Bundesdenkmalamt Österreich\) \(only in German\)](#)

Comment

Please remove both existing URL's and replace them with:
<http://www.arbeitskreis-wachau.at>

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

Comment

Parts of the site are Natura 2000 areas. There is a nature park. The whole site is a Landscape Protection Area according to the Lower Austrian Nature Protection Law. Awarded with the European Diploma for Protected Areas by the Council of Europe until 2019.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The revised version has been agreed upon the site's responsible and the public authorities in charge of the World Heritage in Austria and has been submitted by the State Party to the World Heritage Center.

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

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2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

It doesn't need to be revised compared to the version submitted to the World Heritage Center in 2012.

2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact						Origin	
3.1	Buildings and Development								
3.1.1	Housing								
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities								
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure								
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure								
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure								
3.3	Services Infrastructures								
3.3.1	Water infrastructure								
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities								
3.3.5	Major linear utilities								
3.4	Pollution								
3.4.6	Input of excess energy								
3.5	Biological resource use/modification								
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals								
3.5.5	Crop production								
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production								
3.6	Physical resource extraction								
3.6.2	Quarrying								
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric								
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)								
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage								
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage								
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system								
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community								
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation								
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events								
3.10.2	Flooding								
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species								
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species								
3.13	Management and institutional factors								
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities								
3.13.3	Management activities								
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside			

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.1	Water infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	high capacity	static
3.5	Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals	localised	on-going	minor	low capacity	static
3.6	Physical resource extraction					
3.6.2	Quarrying	restricted	one off or rare	minor	no capacity and / or resources	static
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.12.2 Invasive/alien terrestrial species	widespread	frequent	minor	low capacity	static

3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value **but they could be improved**

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **are known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

The preservation of the historic cultural landscape of the Wachau encompasses a number of overlapping levels of protection:

- Federal laws

The first level of protection is afforded by the 1923 Monument Protection Act. It focuses on outstanding historic monuments (of which there are currently some 1000 in the nominated area). Protection covers both the building material and the traditional appearance. The historic, artistic, or other cultural significance and public interest in the conservation of a property is determined in the first instance by the Bundesdenkmalamt (Federal Office of Historic Monuments) as the authority responsible for the protection of monuments.

For monuments owned by the federal or a provincial government or certain other corporations under public law, institutions, funds, or legally recognized churches or religious communities, public interest is taken for granted. Thus in the Wachau cultural landscape, all important monumental buildings and other monuments are in public ownership, and all ecclesiastical monuments (churches, monasteries, etc) are listed for preservation. Monuments in private ownership are only listed for preservation if public interest in their conservation is declared as such by notice of the Bundesdenkmalamt.

Other federal laws that contribute to the protection of the Wachau are the following: Act on Water Law 1959 (as amended in 1997); measure for the privatization of the waterways board and establishment of the public limited company Österreichische Donau-Betriebs-Aktiengesellschaft, 1992; Hydraulic Construction Promotion Act 1985; Hydrography Act 1979; Forestry Act 1975 (as amended in 1995); Environmental Impact Assessment Act 1993 (as amended in 1996).

- Federal regulations

The following regulations are applicable in the Wachau: Waterways Regulation 1985; Regulation of the Federal Minister of Public Economics and Transport concerning traffic regulations for waterways 1993.

- International agreements

The Convention on the Regulation of Navigation on the Danube 1960 and the Inland Navigation Memorandum of the Federal Government 1992 (on occasion of Eastern opening and the completion of the Main-Danube Canal) apply to the Wachau.–

- Provincial laws (Lower Austria)

Nature Conservation Act; Environmental Planning Law 1976; Building Code 1996; Provincial Roads Act; Act on Affairs of Power Supply in Lower Austria; Hunting Law 1974; Fishing Law 1988; Camping and Youth Camps Act.

- Regulations of the Lower Austrian Provincial Government Regulation on Natural Preserves; Regulation on a regional environmental planning programme, Lower Austrian Central Area.

- Additional protective measures Conservation areas: Nature Conservation Area Wachau and surroundings (c 46,300ha); Nature Conservation Area Göttweig Hill and Surroundings (c 225ha) Nature Reserve Jauerling-Wachau (c 3600 ha). In addition to the nature conservation areas, a large number of natural monuments are protected by notices issued by the regional administrative authority. European Diploma Wachau: On 5 September 1994 the Wachau was inscribed on the list of properties coming within the scope of the "Natura 2000" network of European sites initiated by the European Union. This imposes constraints on development within the designated areas.

Comment

There is a huge number of national and federal state laws dealing with protection and conservation (Monument Protection, Nature Protection, Planning, Building, Winegrowing, ...). They are enforced by the responsible authorities. In addition to that, projects and best practices in how to use legislation are jointly developed by state authorities and local stakeholders. Granting schemes in relevant areas support the effect of legislation.

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or

Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The open countryside of the Wachau is largely privately owned and consists of small lots. Much of the forest is owned by farmers, and the remainder by farmers' associations, the Austrian Federal Forests, or the church or local communities. The historic cultural landscape of the Wachau in the nominated area comprises some 5000 monuments. The majority of these are privately owned, mostly by families who have been residents of the region for many generations. Their awareness of traditional values ensures full preservation of these buildings. This is also true of numerous buildings owned by the Republic of Austria, the Land of Lower Austria, and other corporations under public law and the recognized churches. Overall professional responsibility for the conservation of the historic cultural landscape of the Wachau is vested in the Bundesdenkmalamt (Federal Office of Historic Monuments) and the Landeskonservatorat für Niederösterreich, both based in Vienna. The former maintains a complete inventory of historic monuments in the Wachau. For the protected areas (nature conservation areas, nature reserves, natural monuments) responsibility for overall management rests with the Amt der NÖ Landesregierung, Abteilung Naturschutz (Office of the Lower Austrian Provincial Government, Nature Protection Department) based in St Pölten. This body also has overall responsibility for the European Diploma Area; at local authority level this is handled by the Arbeitskreis zum Schutz der Wachau (Working Party for the Protection of the Wachau), located in Dürnstein.

Comment

In a cultural landscape, most of the site is privately owned. The behaviour of private stakeholders is limited by federal and state laws, which are enforced by the Austrian state. Site management is situated at a voluntary association comprising all municipalities of the site as well as other stakeholders for the main businesses and concerns. Site management mainly deals with projects enhancing the site and helping the locals to keep it up, and ensuring sufficient conservation and restoration.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

A comprehensive management plan will be worked out during 2013. So far, site management follows a huge number of integrative and sectoral strategies in all relevant fields (nature protection, landscape and townscape protection, wine and fruit growing, tourism, arts and culture, renewable energy, regional politics, ...), which themselves give legitimation to a wide range of financing tools, such as European grants, Austrian and Lower Austrian grants, and contributions from private businesses.

4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?

There is **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work / action plan exists and **most or all activities** are being implemented and monitored

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Fair
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Not applicable

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities directly **participate** in all relevant decisions relating to management, i.e. co-management

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4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Indigenous peoples directly contribute to **some decisions** relating to management but their involvement could be improved

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

A comprehensive management plan will be drafted during 2013. It will deal both with conservation and development of the site, taking into account the various projects, plans, and institutions involved in managing a cultural landscape with 30,000 inhabitants.

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report

Local management staff supported by the local communities has been created.

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	35%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	5%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	50%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	10%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Comment

Nothing received.

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

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4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	80%
Part-time	20%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	100%
Seasonal	0%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Not applicable
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Good
Interpretation	Not applicable
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Not applicable
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	High
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Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Not applicable
Interpretation	Not applicable
Education	Medium
Visitor management	High
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	Not applicable
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

Staff for managing the site is sufficient, but on the lower edge in terms of numbers. Training and capacity building are difficult to manage when have about 10 people dealing with all aspects of a cultural landscape and who are employed by different stakeholders. The best training is the continuous work out there - formal training can help but is no prerequisite for proper site management in a cultural landscape.

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared with local participants and some national agencies**

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4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In many locations and easily visible to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Excellent
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Excellent
Site museum	Not needed
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Poor
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

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4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Tourism management is done jointly by the regional management association and the regional tourism board, which employs about 15 people of staff. They are following region-wide strategies (regional tourism strategy, special programme Wachau 2010 plus, federal state tourism strategy) and are in constant touch with visitor facilities, sights, points of interest and the tourism enterprises and industry.

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is **excellent co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected, and makes **some contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or

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improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **small amount** of monitoring, but it is not planned

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Average
Industry	Average
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.3	Services Infrastructures						
3.3.1	Water infrastructure	SOC	flood protection systems: several parts of the protections system are under construction currently, others are foreseen	undertaken by cooperation of different bodies	on-going	cooperation of State offices, offices of the Federal Province and Municipalities	since the floods in 2002 huge efforts have been undertaken to protect settlements against flooding
3.5	Biological resource use/modification						
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals	SOC - Loss of grassland caused by abolishing of farms for cattle-breeding.	n/a	n/a	n/a	observations are made by the management of the property	n/a
3.6	Physical resource extraction						
3.6.2	Quarrying	There works a quarry near Spitz	it is necessary to operate the quarry in the next years.	Regularly monitoring by staff of the district-administration.	n/a	District-adminstration Krems	n/a
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	Impact on biological diversity	n/a	takes place	n/a	Local stakeholders	n/a

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building							
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	Education projects for children in schools. In general this point has not been and will not be that much in focus of the site management compared to specific projects. Some projects and action were / will be undertaken.	n/a	different stakeholders	n/a		
4.8 Monitoring							
4.8.1	Some monitoring, but it is not planned	Monitoring is undertaken. Very difficult to be undertaken in a cultural landscapes with so many different challenges and stakeholders present. In addition to that, it would be extremely costly, and the immediate effects would be uncertain	n/a	local stakeholders, management of the property	n/a		

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	No impact
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Not applicable
Other (please specify)	Very positive

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

It had no impact on changes in legislation, but the WH status has helped to create a huge number of policies adopted by the local and regional communities and supported by the state authorities and supranational institutions in an informal and voluntary way.

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Non Governmental Organization

Local community
External experts

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

It has a lot of focus on single-thematic sites (archaeological sites, monuments, ...) but is sometimes difficult to apply to complex situations like a cultural landscape.

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

UNESCO	Fair
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Very poor

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

Most of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

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

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

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

• **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise